

BOOK REVIEW: THE CONFIDENT CARSON CITY COIN COLLECTOR

Bruce Thayer submitted this review of Rusty Goe's new book to E-sylum, April 18, 2021. Thanks! – Wayne Homren, Editor



Dear friends and Carson City coin enthusiasts, Fifteen years ago, I telephoned a coin dealer in Nevada to enquire about an 1878-CC quarter for sale on the dealer's website. I was a total *numis-novice* at the time and was considering the coin for a U.S. coin type set that I had recently started. The lady answering the phone asked me to wait a moment while she sought someone named "Rusty," who would answer my questions. Little did I realize that "Rusty," who patiently answered my neophyte questions, was among the world's leading authorities on Carson City coins. That single phone call ultimately enriched my life and opened the door to the fascinating subject of Carson City-minted coins and their important place in American history.

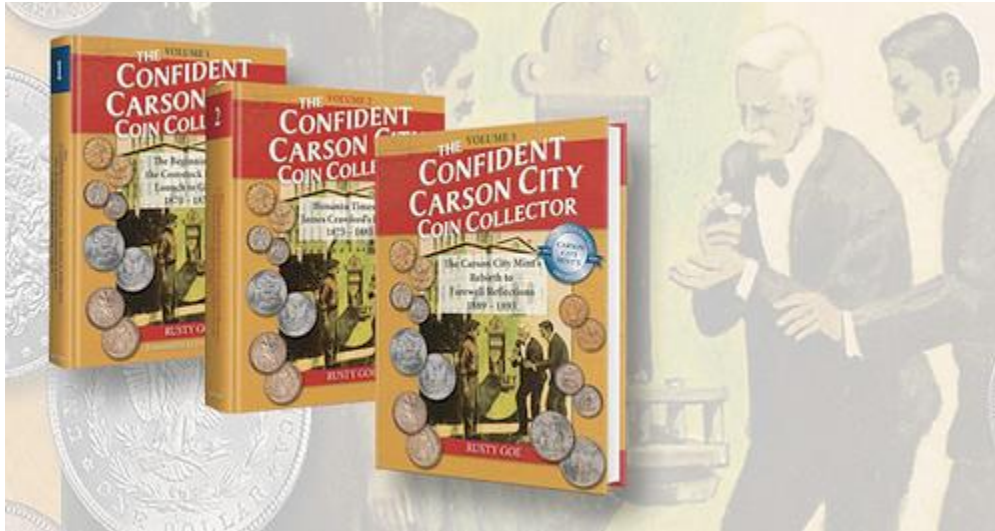
Over the past 15 years, I have had the honor of working closely with Rusty Goe who has helped me patiently select and acquire every one of the

96 different date-denominations (AU-53 Avg.) in my collection, utilizing Rusty's extremely high, quality standards, regardless of the grade.

I'm writing to let everyone know that after ten years of research and hands-on analysis of hundreds, if not thousands of individual coins, Rusty Goe has finally completed the long-awaited update of his popular book, *The Mint on Carson Street*. Rusty's 2,500-page, three-volume masterwork is entitled, *The Confident Carson City Coin Collector*. This is easily the most comprehensive historical review ever completed about the region, its people, the Carson City Mint itself, and the fabulous coins stamped with a bold "CC."

Organized and presented in a unique and interesting way, *The Confident Carson City Coin Collector* ultimately reads like a story, while delivering comprehensive facts, information, and insights to serve even the most detailed numismatist. David Bowers wrote:

"I have never seen a more exhaustive study of coins (of any kind) presented. I am greatly impressed with *The Confident Carson City Coin Collector*."



The word is out in the numismatic community that Rusty's book has finally been completed and is available for sale. When I called to congratulate Rusty, I learned that 1,024 sets had been printed, of which 60% are sold already. No more will be printed. Several big numismatic organizations, such as Heritage Auctions, have purchased multiple sets, which I'm guessing they will give to their top clients. I bought two sets myself, one for my home and one for my office library.

The full, three-volume, 2,500-page set is selling for \$299, which is *less than used copies of the 536-page, The Mint on Carson Street sells for on Amazon*, or about the same as one would pay for a heavily worn, semi-key-date, CC Morgan silver dollar!

The Confident Carson City Coin Collector can be purchased at the below site,

[The Confident Carson City Coin Collector On Southgate Coins](#) or on [Amazon.com](#).

I have absolutely no financial interest in this publication and Rusty Goe has not asked me to write this letter. I'm merely reaching out to fellow Carson City coin enthusiasts with this recommendation to buy a copy of this important three-volume reference before they are gone. I have no doubt the price to acquire *The Confident Carson City Coin Collector* will double or triple once the remaining sets are gone.

By Bruce Thayer