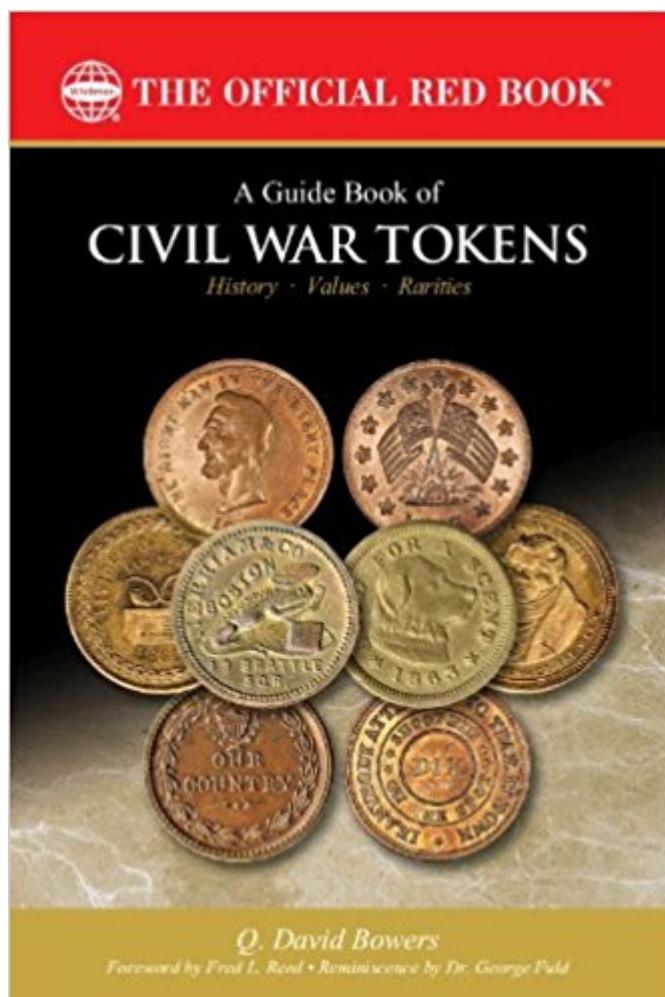


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# A Guide Book Of Civil War Tokens: Patriotic Tokens And Store Cards, 1861-1865 (Official Red Books)



## Synopsis

Civil War tokens are tangible reminders of this country's history. These small, cent-sized tokens served as emergency "money" during the small-change shortage of 1862-1865. Today they are highly collectible, and *A Guide Book of Civil War Tokens* elevates the collecting and study of these once-shunned imitation cents to a new level of scholarship and accessibility. Novice and experienced collectors alike, as well as history buffs and everyone interested in the Civil War, will find this volume a fascinating and indispensable reference. A wealth of information not in print in any other single source. Detailed historical background. Valuations. How to collect Civil War tokens and store cards. Nearly every known die illustrated and described. All known issuers discussed. Technical information. Legendary rarities. More than 2,000 full-color photos. Written by Q. David Bowers. Foreword by Fred L. Reed. Reminiscence by Dr. George Fuld. 448 Pages.

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A definitive work on this subject by arguably the finest numismatic scholar of the past century. The research is extensive, the text informative, and the color illustrations sharp and clear. Two definite thumbs up !

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Great Book!

This is a great backgrounder and guide to the various Civil War Tokens created during 1861 to 1865. Well researched and illustrated, it's a great guide for beginner and the advanced collectors. This is a field that could keep a collector engaged for a long period of time and still offer the odd surprise. Highly recommended addition to your reference library or just an entertaining read

I've always been interested in the Civil War, including battles and artifacts, and this book, by one of the greats, Q. David Bowers, is very informative as to how the economy suffered during the war. The pictures of the tokens are excellent, and it makes a great reference book. I highly recommend it

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