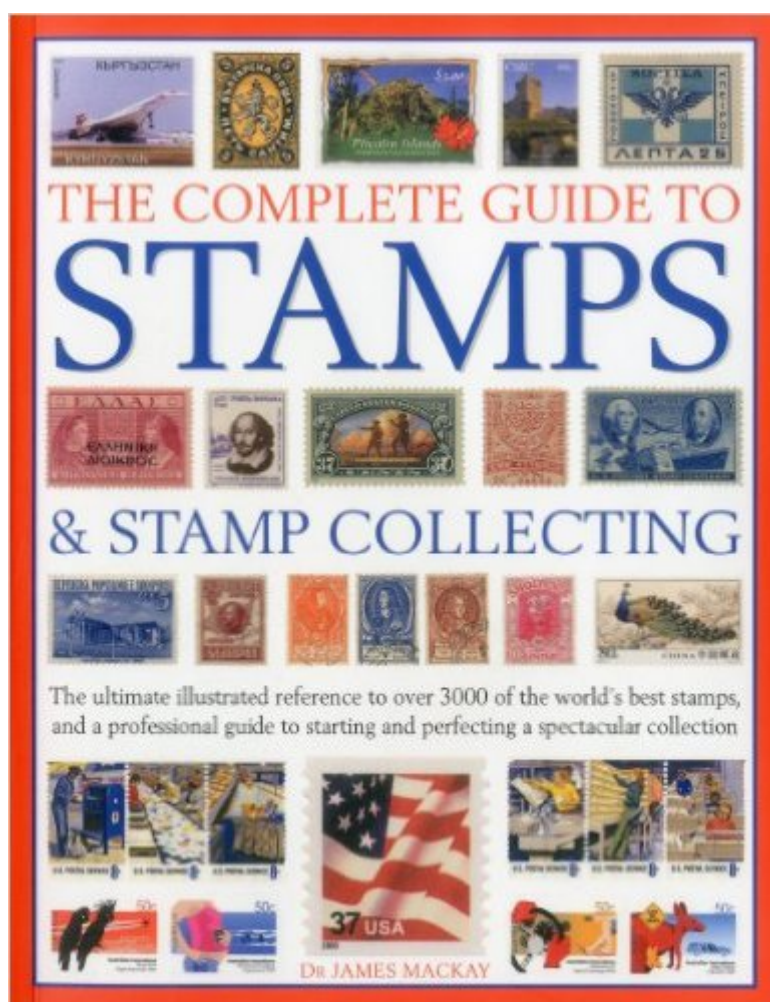


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# The Complete Guide To Stamps & Stamp Collecting: The Ultimate Illustrated Reference To Over 3000 Of The World's Best Stamps, And A Professional Guide ... And Perfecting A Spectacular Collection





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This was a fun trip down memory lane for me... The Complete Guide to Stamps & Stamp Collecting: The ultimate illustrated reference to over 3000 of the world's best stamps, and a professional guide ... and perfecting a spectacular collection by Dr. James Mackay. It may also be the longest title of any book I've ever read. I used to collect stamps as I was growing up, and I remember spending plenty of hours working on my collection, checking the latest offerings "on approval", counting the number of stamps I had... That was over 40 years ago... I'm old. Anyway, I saw this book and thought it might be nice to see how collecting has changed since then. While technology has made some things easier or different, it's still all about owning that little square of paper. Mackay does a nice job in bringing the history and the images to these pages. There's not much to dislike in this guide. The high-quality paper allows the colors of the various stamps and postal items to pop off the page. The page size is slightly smaller than what you'd see in a "normal"-sized book, yet the three column format of the images and text allows for much more information on each topic than I would have expected. After covering the history of postal organizations and the various areas and niches of collecting, Mackay then starts traveling the globe, devoting two facing pages to each country or time frame he covers. Reading through the guide is like reading history... how German stamps

changed during WWII, how overrun countries would have their stamps overwritten with the ruling power's name, and how countries come and go (and sometimes come back)... all told in little square pieces of gummed paper.

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