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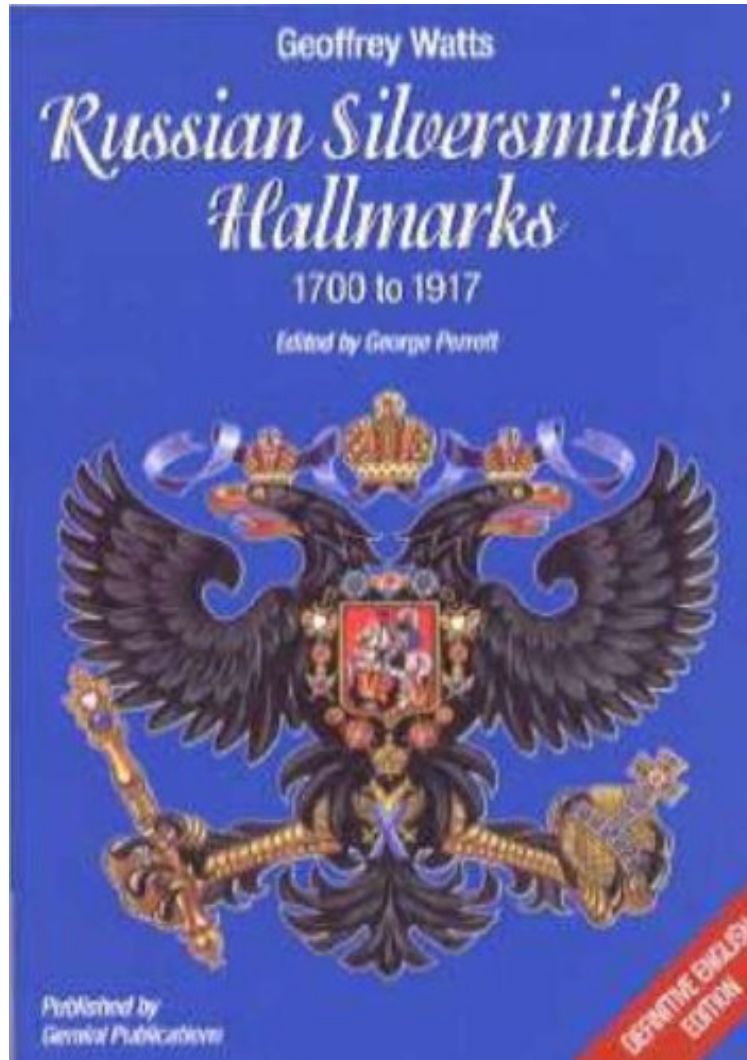


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6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Russian Silversmiths'Hallmarks 1700 to 1917 by G. WattsBy P. Van OelAlthough it is one of a few books about Russian Hallmarks in English, Watts has partly written uncontrolled/unrevised and unbelievable junk about the Russian assayers, misspelled their names, wrong location and town names as well as working years. Also lots of assayers are missing. At the other hand the list of makers' marks are not bad. I find it very odd that Watts has not bothered to make a list of sources he has used, among those of Postnikova.

With the fall of the Communist Regime and the freeing of travel restrictions to Russia, plus the growing wealth of

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