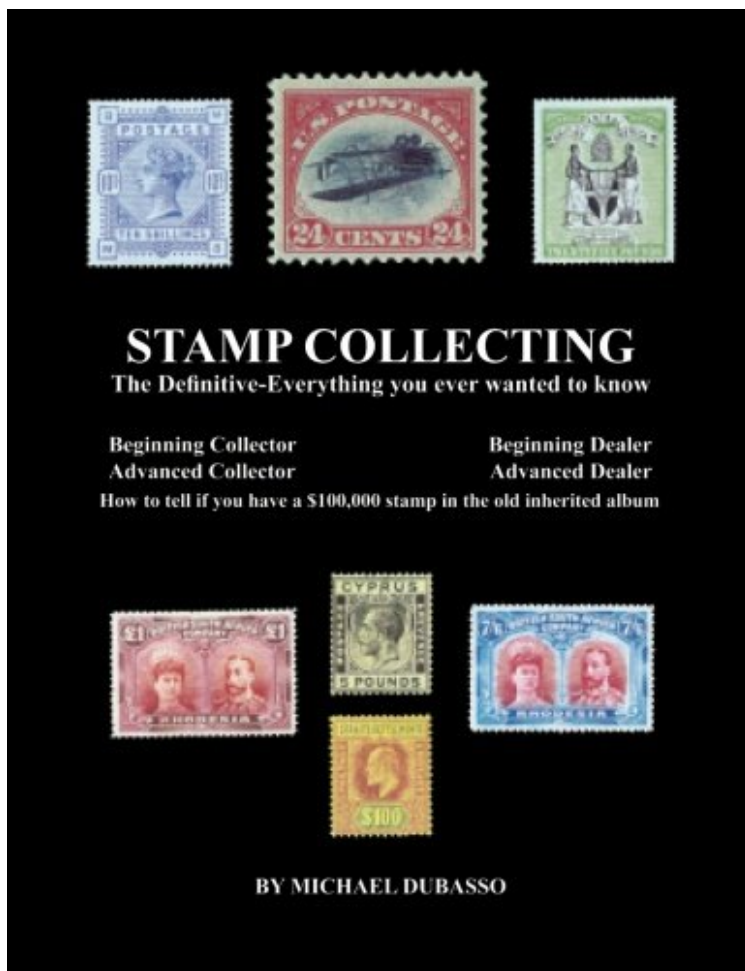


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back.2) There are numerous spelling and grammatical errors; again, this is due to it being a self-published/print-on-demand book.3) The book mentions on numerous occasions a list of suggested auction houses in the appendix; this was not included. Again, lack of editing due to not being handled by a publisher.4) With respect to the vast knowledge of the writer, much of the information/advice in the book will not come as a shock nor surprise to the experienced collector/dealer. The only truly useful information gleaned is in the section on auction houses, regarding their inner workings, and even then, the book fails to deliver on the list of auction houses it mentions.5) The book is short; it can easily be read in a couple of hours, at most.6) The anecdotes are few and far between; if you'd like a collection of truly entertaining and useful anecdotes, I would firmly suggest the books by Stephen Datz as an alternative. The book would definitely prove useful to the novice to intermediate collector, but I believe it's a bit pretentious in its affirmation of usefulness to the experienced collector/dealer. Consider it as a gift to someone early in their philatelic journey, but it's an easy pass for those late in the hobby.10 of 11 people found the following review helpful. Do not buy!By Nathan R. Vail IIIFirst, this book is terrible: illiterate, badly organized, and uninformative, bad reproductions; without being an expert or a dealer, I know enough to spot junk when I see it. Much of it is taken up with recounting his own coups in spotting a rare item in a collection. Which leads to,Second, I have just discovered that this man has had a judgment against him in California for fraud: mail fraud, counterfeiting and exchanging stamps he was supposed to be evaluating, and simply not paying up to the naive and ignorant clients who had found him online. I don't know if he served time or not; I suspect it's all still ongoing. His bogus foundation is a copycat name for the American Philatelic Society, a respected nation-wide institution, a stupid mistake I made myself.In short: DO NOT BUY THIS BOOK! I am sending a copy of this to of course, but who knows if they read their mail or even give a damn.NathanPS: here is the link I forgot to insert the other day, if you want to check out my allegations:[...]1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Very HelpfulBy paperladyThe book - as other reviews have said - is very helpful with lots of information. But some of the information (and definitions) I wanted wasn't there - but that didn't distract from the information there. What was distracting was the typos and grammar errors. And the strange fact that the book had no title / copyright page!!

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