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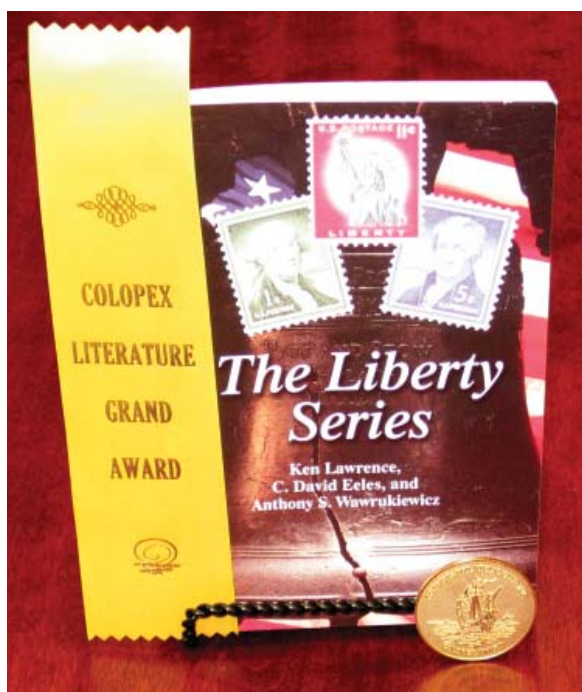
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The Liberty Series Wins Grand Award at COLOPEX



The Liberty Series, published last August by the American Philatelic Society, has won the Grand Award for Literature as well as a Gold Medal at COLOPEX 2008 February 1-3 in Columbus, Ohio. The annual exhibition and bourse of the 83-year-old Columbus Philatelic Club, Inc., this World Series of Philately-accredited exhibition has included a Literature Competition as part of its annual celebration of the stamp hobby since 1984.

Co-authored by Ken Lawrence, C. David Eeles, and Anthony S. Wawrukiewicz, *The Liberty Series* is a comprehensive guide to the long-running series of engraved United States definitives that began in 1954 and saw variants still in use as recently as 1988.

The 262-page book is richly detailed, covering the stamps, precancels, errors, freaks, oddities, booklets, panes, tagging varieties, postal stationery and important period postal history throughout, with nearly all its 505 images in full color. Included are practical illustrations of such well-known and important Liberty series variants as the wet and dry printings and large- and small-hole coil varieties, as will the stories of the rare tagged 3-cent Liberty coil variety used by *Look* magazine in 1967 and the 2-cent Jefferson sheet stamp printed on experimental Silkote paper in 1954.

Enhancing the value of the volume is a chapter on mail processing technology and its little-known collectible artifacts, a chapter on dummy

(test) stamps, a brilliant chapter on cover collecting and two indexes for readers to consult as they build their collections.

The book is supplemented by sidebars throughout the book, on subjects including rating a cover, tagging, postal card usages, and the end of the Liberty series. A color-coded six-page table shows plausible periods of use of the 3-cent stamp and its multiples to pay important contemporary rates, while a second table displays selected U.S. postal rates during the Liberty Series era — over 24 different changes and adjustments between February 1954 and March 2, 1974 — a boon to recent U.S. postal history buffs.

The Liberty Series is available for \$48 to APS members, a 20-percent discount from the nonmember's price of \$60. To order, send your remittance and your name and address (and your APS number for members' orders) to American Philatelic Society, 100 Match Factory Place, Bellefonte PA 16823-1367. To order this and other American Philatelic Society publications online, visit the APS Marketplace at http://www.stamps.org/Services/ser_marketplace.htm