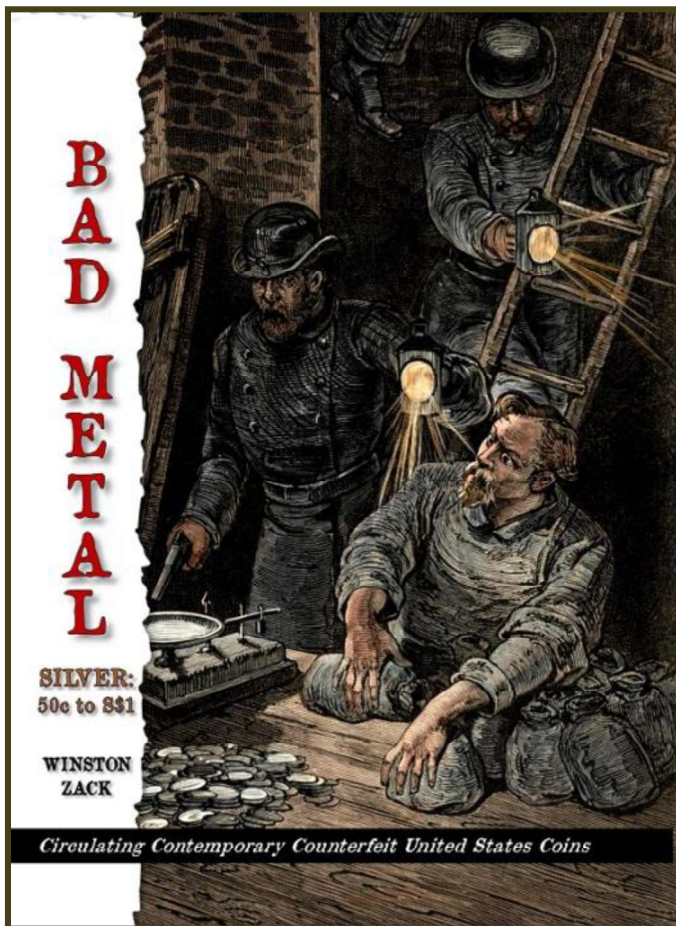


More Information about the Topic of Trade Dollars from Winston Zack, Author

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Circulating Contemporary Counterfeit United States Coins



On the subject of Trade dollars, 6 months ago I bought ~100 lbs of what were supposed to be mostly/all counterfeit coins (contemporary and modern) from a retiring dealer. I sorted those out, but didn't really look closely at the stuff I sorted as 'modern' - until today. Well, with the help of my XRF, I confirmed that 7 trade dollars turned out to be genuine (~200 others were modern). A couple of the 1875-S are AU/Unc, a couple mid-grade pieces from other dates and mints, and 3 problem coins.

On the subject of modern counterfeits, there were 3 or 4 VERY deceptive (and potentially unpublished) modern counterfeits made from 90% (+/-) silver with perfect weights, their obverse-reverse type combinations were correct, but some tiny die markers confirmed they are not genuine. In any case, I wasn't much of a Trade dollar expert until today and I learned so much in this process...maybe I'll start collecting these more seriously!

Thanks again for your interest! **Winston**

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