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► **Collectible Ike Varieties: Facts, Photos and Theories**, Rob Ezerman, with David Golan, Herbert Hicks, Gary Hoop, Andrew Oskam, Bill Sanders and Brian Vaile (ANA Library Catalog No. GB22.E9a).

Eisenhower dollars don't get nearly as much attention as their counterparts, but this new book shows there is plenty to like about Ikes. "The Ike Group," composed of seven Eisen-

hower collectors writing for Ike fans, presents its top collectable varieties with comprehensive illustrations, valuations, mintage figures and in-depth comments on each.

Designated Ike Varieties (DIVAs) include the 1971-D "Friendly Eagle," both the April and August release of 1972 Type 2 Ikes, Peg Legs, die clashes, doubled dies and more. The book's first section covers these DIVAs and what to look for as a collector.

The group's core research occupies an additional 18 chapters that make up the second section. Topics include the chaos of the early design years, challenges faced by Mint personnel, and long-lost hub and die records. Also covered are die states, the current Ike doubled-die scene, full-page photos of 1970 galvanos, and 1971-S prototype Ikes. Most interesting are Oskam's essay on metallurgy, Ezerman's

2008 Maynard Sundman Lecture on politics and the Ike reverse design and Sanders' alternative explanation for groups of similarly doubled Ike dies.

The 8½ x 11-inch resource is available in hardback, paperback, spiral-bound and e-book formats. Hardback, paperback and e-book editions have 499 pages of content, but the spiral-bound edition (470 pages) does not include the chapter on the two 1971-S prototypes. (It is, however, available on the group's website.)

The hardback edition retails for \$62; the paperback, \$37; the spiral-bound, \$41; and the e-book, \$14. Order the book from The Ike Group (www.ikegroup.org).

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