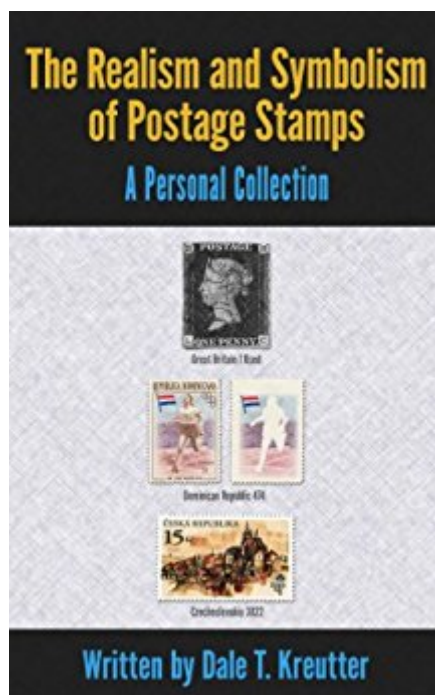


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Dale's various chapters are well put together and afford the reader the opportunity to pick and choose what subject should be chosen since they offer a variety of topics. Would recommend for readers young and old. Great introduction to collecting as well as an excellent reference work for the serious collector.

It's not a bad book at all. The author's collection is actually very interesting and well put together. The only thing is that it takes more than pictures and basic information to make this topic read well. More background information on the individual subjects, a bit of history or personal collecting stories would perk it right up. Without that this book basically turns in to a stamp gallery that doesn't really dive further than the surface of philately. One can find many such sites online for free that highlight collections or individual stamps in a much more in depth and interesting way.

An enjoyable read a life story through stamps. Opens up many possibilities as to how someone could start their own collection

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