
THE

CLASSIC EXPERT GUIDE

TO COLLECTING THE COINS THAT
HAVE MADE HISTORY







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Managing Consultant Alex Hanrahan shares his guide to collecting classic coins

Owning a Classic coin is just like owning a classic car. It is not simply that it is old that sets it apart. It's something more.

Its beauty. Its history. Its sense of panache.
It's a Jaguar E-Type, not a Morris Marina. **It's a classic now and forever.**

Owning a meaningful Classic Coin collection gives you and your family a miniature numismatic museum in your own home. A collection of truly historic pieces of established collector value, each one with its own history and story.

**The first modern Gold Sovereign design...
A Morgan Dollar traded in the saloon bars of
the Wild West... The Lucky Angels that fighter
pilots fear to fly without...**

They are the coins of history and you can hold them in the palm of your hand.



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How do you go about building a Classic Coin collection?

Like any Numismatic collection the key is to set out with a plan. Something that will hold your collection together and make the sum of the parts worth more than each individual coin.

Here are my **Top 3 Classic Coin collection recommendations:**

Collection 1 | *The Victorian Collection*

The Victorian era remains one of the most collectable periods for coins. A collection of Young Head, Jubilee Head and Old Head **Queen Victoria Silver Crowns** creates an affordable and interesting entry point, whilst the much rarer **Gothic Head Crown** is an achievable goal to complete your Crown collection.

Having secured the complete Silver Crown Set, I recommend looking at other historic issues from her reign, including the **Double Florin, Silver Maundy Set** and the four **Gold Sovereign** designs.



Queen Victoria, Young Head/Jubilee Head/Old Head

Collection 2 | *The American Collection*

From the very first time I went to an American coin show, I have loved the Morgan Dollar. It is the most collected classic coin in the States and I understand why. Issued between 1878 and 1921 its history conjures up images of the smoke-filled saloon bars of the Wild West.

From a collection perspective it is also a very affordable entry point to American collecting. Once you own the original Philadelphia Mint coin, you can quickly complete your set with the other four mints that struck Morgan Dollars – identified by their mint marks (CC – Carson City, S – San Francisco, D – Denver and O – New Orleans).

Whilst Morgan Dollars are the perfect starting point for an American collection the options to expand your collection are many. For gold collectors, the Indian and Liberty Head series enable you to either own a smaller gold example or complete the set of different weights and sizes.

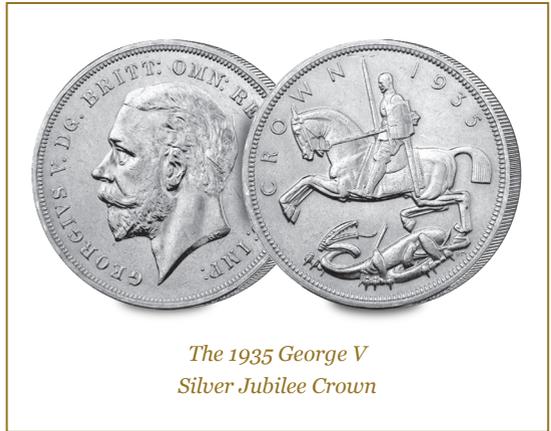
If you're simply looking to expand your Silver collection beyond Morgan Dollars, the fascinating stories behind the "Hot Lips" Morgan Dollar or the controversial Peace Dollar are just two of many great collection opportunities open to you.



The ultimate classic American coin - The Morgan Dollar

Collection 3 | Six of the Best

Of course, you might want to choose a selection of slightly more eclectic coins, each with its own fascinating story. Just the sort of thing that you **might pull out and share with your grandchildren in years to come.** So here's my "Six of the best" – three silver and three gold.



- 1. Britain's First-Ever Commemorative Crown.** Struck in 1935 to mark King George V's Silver Jubilee, the "Rocking Horse" Crown (as it became known) is Britain's first commemorative Crown and is also commonly recognised as one of the most beautiful British coins ever issued.
- 2. Queen Victoria Silver Maundy Money.** Dating back to Charles II, each Thursday before Easter the monarch distributes Maundy Money at a special Cathedral Service. The Maundy Money (which is made up to the age of the monarch) comprises 1d, 2d, 3d and 4d silver coins. Owning a set of these coins is a unique insight into a ceremony that has lasted over 350 years.
- 3. Canada's First Silver Dollar.** Issued in 1936, Canada's first ever silver dollar is now an international classic. Known as the "Voyageur" Dollar due to its traditional canoe design, it has been re-imagined on Canadian coinage many a time in the 80 years since its first issue.

4. **The 1817 Half Sovereign.** The Sovereign and Half-Sovereign, were reintroduced to British coinage in 1817 following the Great Recoinage the previous year. Whilst an original 1817 Sovereign can be difficult (and expensive) to source its little brother, the **Half Sovereign**, provides a slightly easier and less expensive alternative.

5. **The Last Circulating Guinea.** The Guinea, with a value of 105 pence, was Britain's key Gold coin until it was replaced by the Gold Sovereign. The last version, which was in general circulation between 1787 and 1799, became known as the **"Spade Guinea"** due to the shape of its shield design.

6. **The "Lucky Angel".** A similar size and weight to the Gold Sovereign, the **French 20 Franc Gold Angel** has passed into legend as the **"lucky" coin**. Allegedly Napoleon lost his Lucky Angel the day before defeat at Waterloo. French naval captains regularly kept the coin and the legend has spread across the world with US Fighter pilots still carrying them today.



The 'Lucky' Gold Angel Coin

Conclusion

So I have shared with you some of my favourite Classic Gold and Silver Coins. What holds them all together is that they have a **story or history that makes them stand out from the crowd**. Something that will ensure that future generations will find them as fascinating and collectable as you or I do today.

By helping you build your Classic Coin collections, we are not only able to recommend to you some of the most interesting coins of the last couple of centuries but **we're also able to guarantee them for quality and authenticity**.

Each Classic Coin is selected for the best balance of **quality and affordability**. Once checked it is placed in a tamper-proof numismatic capsule with its issue details and the CPM Security Hologram to **guarantee its provenance**.

Get in touch

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