

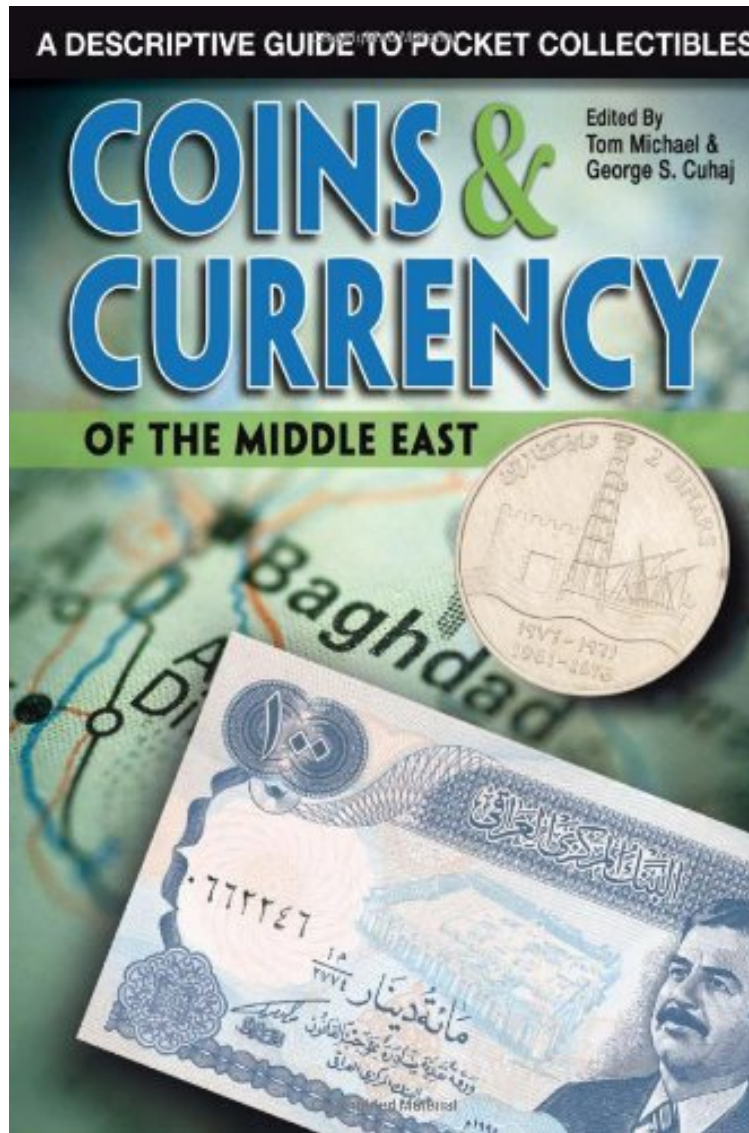
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World news and events of the last 25 years are helping create a popular new market in collecting. This one-of-a-kind guide supplies valuable answers to questions about currency from the Middle East in an easy-to-follow format. Coins Currency of the Middle East includes brief histories of various military operations, background about the over 20 affected countries and people and more than 300 colour illustrations of coins and paper money. Listings include contemporary and collectible coins, paper money, Safe Pass certificates, propaganda pieces and POGS. Each entry is arranged by country, complete with photo and caption and value (in US dollars), for easy and accurate identification. Whether soldier, collector, dealer, historian or a family member looking for details about new heirlooms, this is the absolute authority on Middle Eastern currency.

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