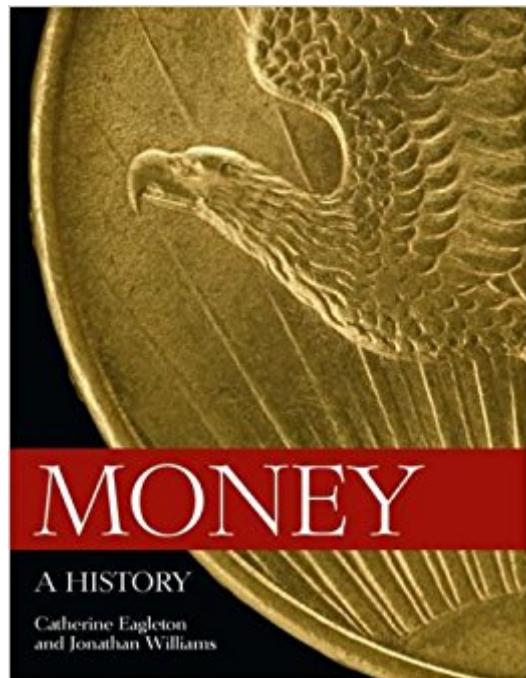


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# Money: A History



## **Synopsis**

The book begins by tracing the growth and development of monetary systems, from the ancient civilisations of Mesopotamia and Egypt to the establishment of coinage in the Greek and Roman world. The following chapters develop a broader world view, exploring the monetary systems of Europe during the Middle Ages, the Islamic world, India and China. In the final part of the book the focus is on the processes by which money has become a global phenomenon, with chapters looking at the expanding role of money in early modern Europe and the Americas and the introduction of paper money and banking, the effect of European contacts on the local payment systems of Africa and Oceania, and concluding with an examination of the increasing impact of economic thought on monetary affairs.

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An untold number of books have chronicled--and even pictured--the history of money. These range from scholarly economic treatises to lavishly illustrated works to John Kenneth Galbraith's sweeping *Money: Whence It Came, Where It Went* (1975). This new look at the growth and development of ancient monetary systems and the origins of coinage occupies a niche somewhere in between.

Williams is a curator in the Department of Coins and Medals at the British Museum and a specialist in Roman and Iron Age coins. In the context of today's increasingly "cashless society," this is a fascinating survey of the roles played by various cultures in the concept and evolution of money and exchange. Williams traces the rise and diversity of various mediums of exchange and coinage in

Mesopotamia, ancient Greece and Egypt, the Roman world, medieval Europe, Islamic lands, and Asia, Africa, and Oceania. The text is superbly enhanced by more than 500 illustrations, more than 200 of which will be in color. David Rouse --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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A good read.

Great book!

Nice Copy

I recommend this book for anyone who is interested in coin collecting. It provides a great foundation to build on as your collecting progresses. Even if you aren't interested in collecting, this book is a very interesting read not only on the history of money but on history in general.

Interesting book and written in a not scientific language.

We were in the British Museum and my sons wanted me to buy it for them. It must have been close to \$40 and I didn't know how good the book would be and I didn't want to add to our luggage. So I used my mobile app and ordered it to get sent back home in the US while we were still in the museum. It was waiting for us when we returned and my husband says it is a very good book.

The authors, curators at the British Museum, present a broad review of the history of money that explores the creation, use, and evolution of money from the beginnings of recorded history to the present. While doing so, the authors provide interesting and thoughtful observations about the economic, political, social, religious, and moral aspects of money and its uses around the world throughout history. The book is abundantly illustrated with numerous images of coins and paper money, maps, and artwork that supplement the text very well. This book is an excellent reference work that is well written and easy to follow. It can be used as a starting point for further research, with an annotated Further Reading section and a guide to money museums around the world. Apart

from its utility as a reference work and research resource, the book can be read on its own by any reader interested in taking a look at the history of money. This would be a useful reference book in any community, high school, or college library. The book was reissued in 2007, on the tenth anniversary of its original publication.

The book is well written and quality paper, and is full of pictures and maps. This is a broad overview of the history of money that is heavily focused on currency in its different forms, especially coins. On page 252, the authors note that banking and credit are much older than coins but banking is only treated in a limited way and mostly in relation to the issuance of paper currency toward the end of the book (they do mention the role of bills of exchange and letters of credit in passing during the middle ages but do not develop much).

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