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Die Deutschen Banknoten ab 1871 (German banknotes after 1871)

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The 17th edition of the 'bible' for German banknote collectors was issued in Autumn 2009. The previous edition has been completely reworked and expanded. Almost all illustrations are in colour and the design has been modernized and is clearly arranged. Many more illustrations have been added and varieties, such as the inflationary issues, have been summarized in groups if they have the same characteristics.

The book is split into the following groups: German Empire 1871-1945; allied occupation 1945-1948; Western occupation zones and Federal Republic of Germany from 1948 onwards; Soviet occupation zone and German Democratic Republic 1948-1989; German Army and occupation issues of WWI 1914-1918; German Armed Forces issues of WWII 1939-1945; German occupation issues of WWII 1939-1945; paper money like German bonds and vouchers; paper money of independent or occupied German territory; paper money of German colonies; foreign German banks; and German States issues 1871-1935.

For every group and sometimes subgroups a short historical introduction is given. It is, for example, explained what caused the issue of the notes listed afterwards and much more. For the collector who takes his 'bible' to shows or just wants to list at home what he has already in his collection, it is now possible to mark off the notes already in a collection. For users of Krause Publications' Standard Catalogs of World Paper Money the 'Pick' numbers have been given as a reference for the first time.

For the serious collector of German notes who have so far hesitated to buy the 'Rosenberg catalog' because of a language barrier, I can say that you will easily understand how this catalog works. Maybe with a small dictionary you will have even more fun enjoying this wonderful book.

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