

Philatelic Literature: **New From Gibbons**

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A batch of new catalogues has arrived from Stanley Gibbons in the United Kingdom. As always, the catalogues are nicely designed and printed on quality paper in full color. Each catalogue is produced in the 6.75 x

9.5 inch format and perfectbound.

The new Part 5 **Czech Republic, Slovakia & Poland** catalogue is its seventh edition. It is the only comprehensive, single-volume catalogue of the stamps of the Czech Republic as well as Czechoslovakia, Slovakia and Poland in the English language. All known varieties are included in the listings, notably perforation, watermark and shade variations, overprint types and major errors.

The catalogue also includes a number of other areas of interest such as the Czechoslovak Army in Siberia, East Silesia, Bohemia and Moravia, German Occupation of Poland, Polish Military Post and Polish Post Offices Abroad.

This is the first edition of the catalogue in a decade, and prices have been fully revised to reflect current trends. Notable price increases are found in early Poland as well as early Bohemia and Moravia, and Polish Military Post prices are up across all stamps.

A useful guide to stamp entries has been included for the first time, and there are new design indexes for Czechoslovakia, Czech Republic and Slovakia. There is also a revised version of the International Philatelic Glossary in English, French, German, Spanish, and Italian. The catalogue is priced at £28.95 (about \$46.50US).

The first edition of a new **Central and Southern Africa** catalogue also is now available. It contains priced listings of the stamps of present-day Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique (from 1995), Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe.



It also includes the earlier stamps of Basutoland, Bechuanaland, British Central Africa, British South Africa Company, Cape of Good Hope, Griqualand West, Natal, Northern Rhodesia, Nyasaland, Orange Free State, Rhodesia, Rhodesia and Nyasaland, South West Africa, Southern Rhodesia, Stellaland, Transvaal, and Zululand. Also included are the Boer War provisional issues for Mafeking and other towns and the Homelands of Bophuthatswana, Ciskei, Transkei and Venda. In addition, there are priced listings of Transvaal Republic stamps used in Swaziland and British stamps used by the army in South Africa as well as on cover “multipliers” for all stamps to 1945.

Watermark varieties, shades, plate flaws, major errors, postage due stamps and booklets are all listed and priced. This catalogue is priced at £29.95 (about \$48.25US).

Finally, the new **Leeward Islands** catalogue features hundreds of price changes in its second edition, primarily due to the enduring popularity of British West Indies stamps. There are a number of editorial improvements in the new edition as well as a huge number of price increases since the previous edition in 2007.

Listings and prices are given for Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, British Virgin Islands, Leeward Islands, Montserrat, St. Kitts and Nevis. As with other catalogues, there are postal history notes, guides on assessing the value of covers up to 1940, watermark varieties, shades, plate flaws, major errors and booklets. A number of new watermark varieties have also been listed as well as new plate flaws not previously catalogued. The catalogue is priced at £27.95, or about \$44.95US).

Each of these catalogues can be purchased from local stamp dealers or from Stanley Gibbons, 7 Parkside, Christchurch Road, Ringwood, Hampshire BH24 3SH United Kingdom. You may also email to orders@stanleygibbons.com for additional information. There is also a website at www.stanleygibbons.com.

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