

Philatelic Literature: **New From Michel**

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The German catalogue publisher Michel has released a new edition of its popular catalogue covering the Arabian states and

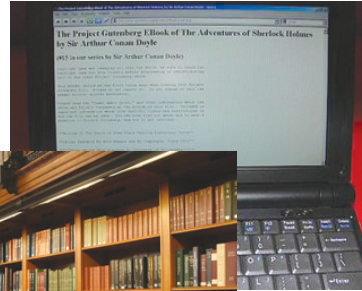
Iraq. Titled ***Michel Gulf States Catalogue 2013***, it is the first update for the catalogue since 2006.

The catalogue is published in English, and is available in a printed version, CD-ROM or as an “e-book.” There is considerable information on sets, blocks, miniature sheets and se-tenant stamp issues of the countries covered, which include Abu Dhabi, Aden, Aden Protectorates, Ajman, Ajman-Manama, Bahrain, Dubai, Fujeira, Iraq, Yemen (North, Kingdom, South, Republic), Kuwait, Oman (Sultanate), Qatar, Ras Al Khaimah, Saudi Arabia (with Hejaz and Nejd), Sharjah, Sharjah-Khor Fakkan, Federation of South Arabia, Trucial States, Umm al Qiwain, and the United Arab Emirates.

There are widespread price increases in the new catalogue, which might be expected since it’s the first update in seven years. Kuwait and Yemani states show especially strong increases. In total, there are 68,000 updated prices, and the catalogue has over 10,000 illustrations. The catalogue has 892 pages and is priced at 89 Euros (about \$119US) for the print edition, 79 Euros (about \$105US) for the CD-ROM, and 75 Euros (about \$100) for the e-book version.

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Michel has also released its second edition of ***Valuable Stamps of the World***, a 1,260 page book that covers more than 10,000 stamps of the world. This new edition has added about 1,000 new stamps to its list of “valuable.” New areas that have been included for the first time are Ascension, Laos and Timor.



To be among the 10,000 stamps listed, each issue has to have a value of 200 Euros (about \$266US) or higher, according to the publisher. The book is published in English and German, and is priced at 59.80 Euros (about \$78US).

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A new edition of Michel's **South East Europe Catalogue** is also available. This catalogue covers the Aegean Islands, Bulgaria, Crete, Cyprus, Eastern Rumelia, Epirus, Greece, Icaria, Autonomous Monastic State of the Holy Mountain (guess I need to learn about that one...), Ionian Islands, Romania, Samos, Thrace, Turkey, and Turkish Cyprus.

This catalogue has over 65,000 updated prices and about 15,500 color illustrations. The new edition features a new page layout, and information is provided for hard to identify stamps that are often a perplexing problem for collectors. The catalogue has 1,168 pages and is priced at 58 Euros (about \$77US).

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A new **Germany catalogue** is also available. It, too, has 1,168 pages and is a specialized catalogue for not only Germany itself, but also German States, North German Federation, German Empire, post offices abroad, occupation issues of World War I and II, plebiscite areas, Belgian military post in the Rhineland, Gdansk, Memel, Bohemia and Moravia, Sudetenland and more.

This book is priced at 44 Euros (about \$58US) for a printed edition. It is also available on DVD and in E-book format.

For information on these catalogues, contact philatelic literature dealers, or Michel directly. The address is Michel, Schwaneberger Verlag GmbH, Ohmstrabe 1, 85716 Unterschleibheim, Germany.

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