## **Book Review**

Glenn Stephen Murray's book on coin production at the Spanish Colonial mints of Lima and Potosí with section on special made *Galanos* which are so-called "Royals" in numismatics. For US market contact Herman Blanton at hblanton@yahoo.com.

*Guía de las cantidades acuñadas, Cecas de Potosí y Lima, una síntesis y conversión matemática del trabajo de Carlos Lazo García, con sección especial galanos. En memoria de Carlos Lazo García* by Glenn Murray. [The title translates to "*Guide to the Quantities Struck, Potosí and Lima Mints. A synthesis and mathematical conversion of the work of Carlos Lazo García, with a special section on Galanos. In memory of Carlos Lazo García*".] Segovia: Friends of the Segovia Mint, 2016.



mints and coining machinery. In 2009 he won the European Heritage Europa Nostra Award for his herculean efforts to save and rebuild the world famous Segovia Mill Mint. Author of numerous articles and books on mints and coining this present volume on Potosí and Lima continues the series after those on Segovia and Madrid. [*Las acuñaciones de moneda en Segovia, desde 30 a.C. hasta 1869, en conmemoración de la obra de rehabilitación del Real Ingenio de la Moneda de Segovia* and *Casa de Moneda de Madrid, Cantidades acuñadas y Ensayadores 1614-1868, en conmemoración del 400 aniversario de su fundición en 1614.*]

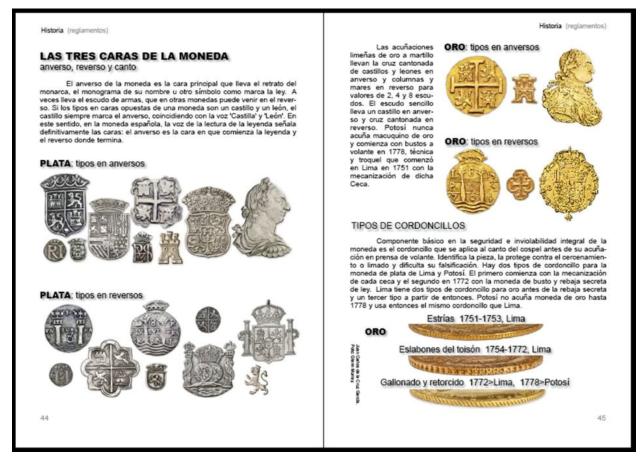
Murray is a recognized authority on historical Spanish

While **the book is in Spanish** it is very useable even for those who don't read Spanish. The plentiful use of data tables and color photos makes a valuable ready reference for dates, mints, assayers and quantities struck. Paper cover,  $150 \times 210$  mm [5-7/8 × 8-1/4 inch], 294 pp., hundreds of color photographs, over 75 pages include data tables.

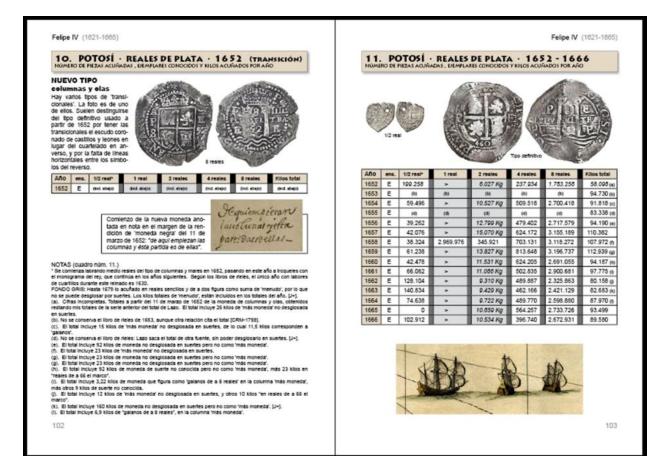
The presentation is arranged in 8 chapters.

## Chapter I: Introducción, pp. 7-10

Chapter II: *Historia, las Cecas Españolas en Indias*, pp. 11-66. Historical account, *plata corriente*, coinage law, weight tolerances, reduction of weight and fineness, coin design including assayer marks on cobs and milled coins, punches, edge designs, production methods of both cobs and milled coins. Also, tables of distribution by decade, 1680-1820, for each denomination by production and by availability in numismatic market. A thoroughly delightful chapter with its colorful photos.

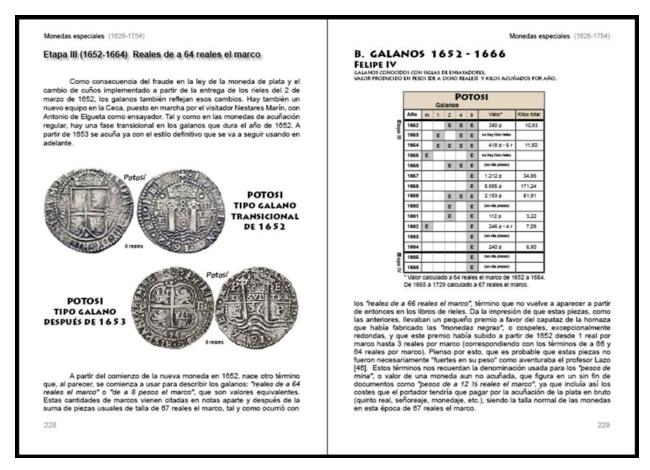


Chapter III: *Cantidades Acuñadas y Monedas Conocidas*, pp. 67-208. Quantities Struck and Known Coins. This is the core of the book and is organized by king from Philip II to Ferdinand VII, with coinage data for Potosí, La Plata, Lima and Cuzco. Important for collectors are the production tables that show quantities produced by denomination for specific years. For example, Lima gold production in the year 1713: 8 escudos 40,325 pcs, 4 escudos 447 pcs, 2 escudos 1725 pcs, 1 escudo 547 pcs.



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1763	JM	450.832	253.296	132.940	35.870	2.183.990	62.113	1775	MJ	513.120	443.960	294.472	96.916	4.275.857	121.465
1764	JM	213.104	196.928	124.540	36.634	2.745.713	76.676	1776	MJ	438.192	474.096	299.948	12.784	4.010.580	113.091
1765	JM	161.840	161.840	86.020	41.105	2.732.597	75.915	1777	MJ	359.984	298.384	481.236	41.004	4.032.391	114.563
1766	JM	163,200	163.200	81.600	40.868	3.014.924	83.530	1778	MJ	383.376	310.488	450.500	29.868	3.889.668	110.422
1767	JM	1.043.280	380.528	191.964	24.004	2.791.170	80.212	1779	MJ	600.704	374.744	347.988	38.182	3.434.272	98.101
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1770	JM	137.760	135.792	71.024	31.892	2.898.712	80.056	1781		206.176	130.352	216.988	38.504	4.064.198	112.774
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Chapter IV: *Monedas Especiales, Galanos y Corazones (1626-1754\*),* pp. 209-264. This section details the so-called "Royals" and the Heart and Animal shaped coins from Potosí and Lima. Long a mystery as to the purpose of these beautiful and special specimens, which have been promoted in the numismatic market as royal presentation pieces, but Murray's findings show them to be coins made to order by silver merchants and were used for their own purposes. The mint records at Potosí give the name "galano" to these coins. "Galano" in English means fancy, elegant or gallant and the coins themselves certainly are elegant. **Every owner of a galano "Royal" ought to own this book as a reference document to accompany their coin**.



Chapter V: *Guía de Ensayadores*, pp. 265-268. Guide to assayers has tables of assayer names / assayer marks / years worked for Lima, Cuzco, La Plata and Potosí.

Chapter VI: *Cuadros de Ley y Talla de la Moneda*, pp. 269-274. Table of fineness (purity) and weight of the coins.

Chapter VII: *Cuadro General de Kilos Acuñados por Año*, pp. 275-284. Product tables in kilograms, by year, for the various mints.

Chapter VIII: Bibliografia y Notas, pp. 285-294.