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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Buy the book before buying the coin By James Williams Just above everything you need to know about Dahlonega. Very good read 9 of 12 people found the following review helpful. Nepotism... A Bad Idea By Sebastian Melmoth There is much to like in this book. It is scholarly in its approach to population data condition, census data, and rarity estimates. It discusses well various die varieties, and the history surrounding the mint, although brief, is informative. It is in the area of photography that this book falls dismally flat. It is, after all, a book on gold coins, and one of the major appeals of gold has historically been its color. Yet there is not one single color photograph in the book. They are all black and white, almost thumbnail in size, grainy and lacking in detail. When photos are enlarged to show some detail, a D/D for example, they fail to adequately illustrate the variety they are meant to. Compare this to some other similar books, David Lange's "Complete Guide" series for example, and you will see what a disservice these photographs do to the rest of the book. The photographer is listed as Mary Winter, who I presume is related to the author, probably his wife. While it's a noble goal to offer employment to a family member, maybe some other task should have been offered her rather than make her the photographer on what otherwise would have been a fine book. Having said that, I am still glad I have it for the information it provides, ergo the three stars, that, with better photographs, would have been five. 6 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Complete and accurate By SageRad Doug Winter's updated reference on Dahlonega gold is a superb work and a vast improvement over the previous edition. The information on strike, color, surfaces, luster, and eye appeal are

complemented by interesting "personal observations" and updated information on die varieties. Of course, the condition census is a moving target but believed to be current at the time of publication. There has been some criticism of the photography. Actually, Mary Winter is a superb gold coin photographer, and I have seen color photographs of these same coins taken by her (they are available on the Heritage Auctions coin website if you search the auction archives for Green Pond Collection, FUN 2004). I believe that the publisher bungled the presentation of the images (too small and not enough contrast). This will undoubtedly be corrected in future editions. Overall, anyone with an interest in Dahlonega gold coins will find this to be a valuable and important reference.

Many collectors of branch mint gold will find great value in this updated edition, with revised condition census estimates and the latest auction and sale prices for Dahlonega gold dollars, quarter eagles, three dollar pieces and half eagles. And, the new edition is in full color!

Dr. Kagin makes a compelling and timely case for wealth preservation and appreciation through diversification in gold and rare coins. This is clearly one of the most comprehensive books for investors on why, how, and when to add these important assets to your portfolio. --Lou Gerken, Founder CEO of Gerken Capital Associates
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