

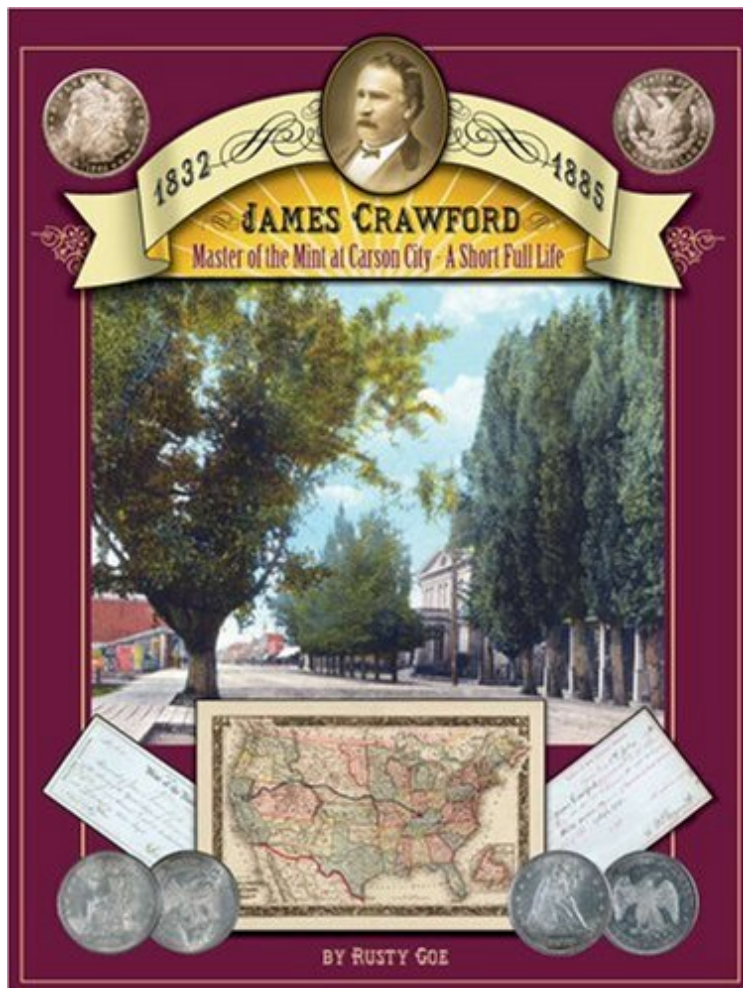
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here."By Michael D. ParrottI just finished reading "James Crawford, Master of the Mint at Carson City - A Short Full Life" and have come to one of two conclusions; 1.) The author did an extremely thorough job of research, or; 2.) He has a time machine. Simply stated, there is no other book I have ever read or heard about that minutely details those lives times of that particular era like this book does. "Attention Hollywood...there's a great movie here."Although the story revolves around the remarkable James Crawford, everyone from mint workers, journalists, politicians, stage coach drivers and even U.S. presidents are included as Rusty Goe captures that special window in history like no one else has. Within the pages of this book you will share all the disappointments tragedies as well as all the triumphs victories of James, his family friends and a multitude of others locally, nationally and internationally who made those times what they were.The first section of the book chronicles James' birth in Kentucky and childhood in rural Illinois, his adventuresome trip out west as a young man, his early "character building" years in the California gold rush towns of the western Sierra Mountains and his early years in Lyon County Nevada. The second section chronicles James' Carson City years (1874-1885). Rusty carefully crafts the short but all important first section much like a 5-star chef finely prepares a savory multi-course meal in order that the ultimate feast (the "Carson City Years" section) can be enjoyed to its fullest.The most important aspect of the book is how Rusty captures the very essence of an "unsung hero" James Crawford. His strength and courage in the face of adversity is the stuff legends are made of. He was tenacious yet gentle, caring, loving and jovial. His honesty and integrity were above reproach as Rusty's book so aptly reveals. James is the ideal role model for modern day politicians and businessmen. Today's world thirsts for people of such character. Month by month, year by year, you will taste the food, feel the sting of the winter snow and the heat of those mid-summer days, enjoy wonderful springtime, hear the music and share in the mirth laughter from the many grand gala's and balls. Read on and you will hear the freshly made coins clanging into their bins, smell the acrid fumes from the mint smokestack. You will share day to day experiences of the mint workers. You will go hunting, fishing, competition rifle shooting, you will undergo courtroom dramas, suffer political frustrations, you will laugh, you will cry, you will virtually relive that time in astonishing clarity as if actually there. In this regard, Rusty's book is unique as the famous 1873-CC without arrows liberty seated dime! Perhaps Rusty does indeed have a time machine."Wanna go for a ride?.....read this book!"4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A Master StorytellerBy M. LaughlinI've just finished reading this spellbinding tale of James Crawford, and I must tell you how fortunate I feel to be able to "sit at the feet" of Rusty Goe as he expands on his wonderful book, "The Mint on Carson Street." Because this second volume is not a follow-up, but rather an expansion of that first tome. I doubt if there is a man alive today who knows as much about the Carson City Mint and the period which these two books cover. If you are interested in coin collecting, these books will tell you all you need to know about one of the most desirable and profitable niches of the hobby you can explore. If you are interested in politics, these books will allow you entry into the backroom deals and squabbles that dominated the era. If you are interested in the monetary history of the United States during the twenty years following the Civil War, these books will lay the groundwork for any study of money and the emergence of the Western States. And if you are interested in the social history of the people of the West, their concerns, their personalities, and their way of life, this book about James Crawford will take you inside that world in a way that will amaze you.This is a book that invites you to give yourself over to the customs and mores of the times, while leaving you with a desire to read every chapter with a notebook by your side. It is that packed with detail. You could become more versed in this era than many others if you were to do nothing other than read and study the original source documents Rusty Goe reproduces in this life of Mr. Crawford. But there is really so much more in this book. Be prepared to enter the world of a romantic and exciting bygone era, because Mr. Goe has steeped himself in it and writes the story as an oral historian would--there are lots of detours and meanderings in these pages, but all are there in order to flesh out the person of James Crawford and Carson City and the Mint and the mood and details of a person and a time that we could never be able to experience in today's world.How Mr. Goe completed this book in three years is hard to understand--there is so much in it. Although I've just finished it, I'm already going back through it and re-reading sections of chapters in order to take in the details once again.If you are interested in any of the areas I've mentioned, or if you just want to spend time with the master storyteller of this era, do yourself a favor and read "James Crawford: Master of the Mint at Carson City: A Short Full Life." To travel through these times with such an engaging and genial guide is a treasure the equal of the rarest of any coin minted at Carson City. And that's saying something! Thank you, Mr. Goe!

Book by Goe, Rusty

From the PublisherEven readers that are unfamiliar with James Crawford, or the mint at which he served, will enjoy the experience of learning about how some of the most famous coins in history were produced; and about how political chicanery affected the monetary system of the United States. Yet aside from coin making and political rascality, readers will appreciate the many human-interest stories scattered throughout the pages of this enchanting biography. James Crawford loved life and certainly lived it to its fullest measure. Whether out in the woods on a hunting expedition, participating in a sporting tournament, attending a masquerade ball, vacationing at beautiful Lake Tahoe, escorting a dignitary around town, presenting a speech at a Republican rally, or playing a practical joke on a

friend, Crawford always found himself at the center of attention. And, just as those who were close to him admired, respected and loved him, readers will also become enamored with him by the time they have turned to the last page in this exhaustive volume. Complementing the absorbing narrative is a virtual visual-feast of images, including dozens of coins from the Carson City Mint, and numerous pictures of persons, places, and old newspaper clippings. Rusty Goe spiced up his first major work, "The Mint on Carson Street," which won Book of the Year honors from two prestigious numismatic organizations (PNG and NLG) in 2004, with a similarly profuse presentation of images, and he has not detoured from this award-winning style in this new biography on James Crawford. Adding an authoritative edge to this prodigious work are the 2,250 footnotes incorporated into the book. This riveting book will appeal to a diversified readership, including lovers of Nevada history, Old West history, U.S. monetary system history, U.S. Mint history, and biographies of famous Americans. It provides an extensive history of the Carson Mint. It gives background information on Morgan silver dollars and the short-lived twenty-cent pieces, as well as all of the other gold and silver coins produced at the Carson City Mint. It is an essential companion resource to Rusty Goe's 2004 Book-of-the-Year title, "The Mint on Carson Street." It is filled with over 650 pages of meticulously researched information. No other book comes even close to this book in describing behind-the-scenes activity at a U.S. mint. The book features an abundant assortment of images (Approximately 300), some of which are appearing in print for the first time. It is by far the most comprehensive biography of any figure related to numismatics to date. From the Back Cover For ten years- from 1874 through 1885-James Crawford supervised the production of approximately 48 million coins with a face value of nearly \$33 million at the legendary Carson City Mint. While collectors are all-too- familiar with these pieces of silver and gold money with the "CC" mintmark, unfortunately there is little known about the men and women involved in creating them. In "James Crawford: Master of the Mint at Carson City, a Short Full Life," the author has brought life to one of the most extraordinary figures in the annals of Nevada's coin factory. This instructive and illuminating volume provides an insider's grasp into the life and times of James Crawford. From his early years in Kentucky and Illinois to his pursuit of riches in California's Gold Rush Country, to his initial entry into Nevada, to his ascendancy to the superintendency of the Carson City Mint, this book traces one man's journey through the corridors of history. Drawing heavily from hundreds of newspaper articles spanning a period of three decades, this unique learning experience will reveal everything you always wanted to know as well as everything you ought to know about a truly exemplary individual. The pages of this book are spiced with stories of investigations conducted by the Treasury Department into charges of embezzlement and misconduct at the San Francisco and Carson City Mints, as well as accounts of a tragic accident that almost ruined James Crawford's life. Extensive information about coinage from the Carson City Mint is provided, including statistics about a twenty-cent piece valued in 2007 at \$500,000, and details about the celebrated "CC" silver dollars sold by the U. S. government during the 1970s. From cover to cover, this gripping, definitive work on the man who served as superintendent at the Carson Mint longer than any other will unlock secrets to the coining process, and at the same time familiarize you with a person you will surely come to admire and respect. Whether you have ever heard of James Crawford, or not, this touching tribute will draw you closer to him in a way that will cause you to never forget him or the mint where he fulfilled his destiny. About the Author Rusty Goe started dealing in rare coins in 1981. He married his wife Marie in 1983. During the 1980s, Rusty worked for two prestigious numismatic firms. In 1990, Rusty and Marie purchased Las Vegas Rare Coin Gallery. The Goes closed their store in Las Vegas in 2001 at which time Rusty fulfilled a longtime ambition by opening a new store in Reno, Nevada called Southgate Coins. Business quickly eclipsed that of the most successful years in Las Vegas as the Goes added a website as well as an expansive showroom to their operation. While in Reno, Rusty fulfilled another long-term goal when he published The Mint on Carson Street, a book about the Carson City Mint and the many fascinating coins produced there. Two of the most prestigious organizations in the field of coin collecting, the Professional Numismatists Guild and the Numismatic Literary Guild honored Rusty by presenting him with Book of the Year awards in 2004 for The Mint on Carson Street. Rusty Goe has written numerous articles that have appeared in such publications as The Coin Dealer Newsletter and Currys Chronicle. He is the president and founder of the Carson City Coin Collectors of America and has lectured on many occasions at such venues as the Nevada State Museum, the monthly meetings of the Lions Club and the Carson City Historical Society.