One Cent, Two Cents, Old Cent, New Cent: All About Money (Cat In The Hat's Learning Library)
THE CAT IN the Hat puts to rest any notion that money grows on trees in this super simple look at numismatics, the study of money and its history. Beginning with the ancient practice of bartering, the Cat explains various forms of money used in different cultures, from shells, feathers, leather, and jade to metal ingots to coins (including the smallest "the BB-like Indian fanam" and the largest "the 8-foot-wide, ship-sinking limestone ones from the Islands of Yap!), to the current king of currency, paper. Also included is a look at banking, from the use of temples as the first banks to the concept of gaining or paying interest, and a step-by-step guide to minting coins. A fascinating introduction is bound to change young reader’s appreciation for change!

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Customer Reviews
We love this whole series -- informative yet interesting to read over and over. This book, however, has one important flaw that I hope the author/publisher will correct. The US Mint does not (nor has it ever) made coins by melting the metal and pouring it into a mold as described (enumerated in step by step fashion in fact) in this book. Coin images are stamped onto blanks using a die press. I
cannot knowingly give my child a book to read that contains incorrect information.

We have many books from this series, and we love them, so I was excited to read one about money. But, it was just okay. I have noticed that I like the books by Tish Rabe better than by this author. I was hoping that this book would talk more about our current currency, but it was more about the history of money across the world.

This was a fun book about why we use money, about different coins and money trivia. It explained bartering and different types of currency that have been used. It was easy for young children to understand and the pictures held their attention.

Fun to read with the kids, even for the hundredth time. The illustrations are nice, and there are some obscure facts in here that I didn't know. One note - this is more about the history of physical forms of money - it doesn't have much, if anything, to teach children about managing money well, or taking care of it. The quality of the printing and cover is excellent, the same as any of the classic Dr. Seuss books.

My 5 year old son LOVES the Cat in the Hat Learning Library books. He has learned a ton from them, and in traditional Dr. Seuss fashion, the cadence of the story is captivating. The subject of this book could have been great, teaching kids about coin values, money, etc. Instead, it discusses the history of currency and trading... a great topic, but just not for this target age group. By the time he is ready to discuss the history of currencies, etc., he will probably not be connecting as much with the Cat in the Hat.

This book was packed full with so much more information than I expected. They really went back in time with where money came from back to when shells were used for currency. I was hoping they would talk more about counting and American currency (which they did towards the end). This was a bit too in depth for me, and my 3 year old did not completely follow along so I think it was a bit better suited for an older child. Nice to have in our collection and I expect her to be more interested in what it says when she gets a bit older.

My 3 year old son loves to read. He loves books. He calls this his "cat" book. What more can I say, the book was like new and it still is in great shape. This is still part of our reading selection.
Delivered in less than a week regular mail..Liked the option to order used book at a lesser price. Easy to read by child. Liked the way the book compared how money started and came to be what we use today.

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