

ONE ROOSEVELT GAVE THEM LIFE.
ANOTHER SENTENCED THEM TO DEATH.
TODAY, ONLY A PRECIOUS FEW SURVIVE.

AMERICA'S 1907-1933 INDIAN SERIES GOLD COINS



The Last Gold Coins Minted for
General Circulation in the United States

Rare ★ Historic ★ Incomparably Beautiful

The signature coins that celebrate America's
dramatic transformation into the leading power of the 20th century



Own a Piece of American History: *The Treasured Indian Series Gold Coins*

America in the early days of the 20th century was a rapidly growing political and economic power. And one man, perhaps like no other, came to symbolize America's dramatic emergence as a leader on the world stage: Theodore Roosevelt.

Born to privilege, yet forever driven in his fight for the common man, "TR" spent his life in the service of his country. As a statesman, author, historian, conservationist and life-long civil servant, Theodore Roosevelt fought for a "square deal" for business, labor and the public at large. He was first and foremost an ardent champion of America, and believed his country's prestige and greatness had to be reflected in one of America's most important and precious assets, its coinage.

Commenting that America's coinage at the time was "artistically of atrocious hideousness," Roosevelt sought out the widely-acclaimed artist and sculptor who had created Roosevelt's 1905 presidential inauguration medallion, Augustus Saint-Gaudens, and asked him to redesign America's gold coinage. The result of that effort were two breakthrough designs for both the "Eagle" (the \$10 face value gold coin) and the "Double Eagle" (the



\$20 gold coin), both of which were introduced with great fanfare in 1907. Unfortunately, Saint-Gaudens passed away before he was able to complete the designs for the balance of America's gold coinage.

Roosevelt then commissioned one of Saint-Gaudens's former students, Bela Lyon Pratt, to develop designs for both the "Half Eagle" (the \$5 gold coin) and the "Quarter Eagle" (the \$2.50 gold coin). The novel design Pratt developed for these coins was both innovative and a somewhat shocking departure from all earlier U.S. coinage, an incuse design where the coin's devices (its designs and lettering) were recessed into the surface of the coin rather than raised above the coin's field. To this day, no other U.S. coins have ever been minted in this manner.

As a group, the Indian Series gold coins are remarkable for a number of important reasons, not the least of which is the fact that they were America's last gold coins produced for general circulation. In addition, over the course of time, production of the various Indian Series gold coins was suspended several times, most notably during the period of the First World War. And finally,



Saint-Gaudens Double Eagle

Designer Augustus Saint-Gaudens
Face value \$20.00
Pure gold content .9675 oz.
Diameter 34mm
Mints Philadelphia, Denver, San Francisco



Years minted: 1907-1916 and 1920-1933

Indian Eagle

Designer Augustus Saint-Gaudens
Face value \$10.00
Pure gold content .48375 oz.
Diameter 27mm
Mints Philadelphia, Denver, San Francisco



Years minted: 1907-1916; 1920, 1926, 1930, 1932, 1933

these coins are exceptionally noteworthy because of their unique designs and their sheer, exquisite beauty.

The Saint-Gauden's Double Eagle, for example, is widely acclaimed as one of the most beautiful and stunning coins ever minted. It portrays Miss Liberty on the obverse, striding into the dawn of a new day, wielding an olive branch symbolizing peace in one hand, and in the other hand, the torch of Liberty. On the coin's reverse, an American eagle soars through the rays of the sun. Around the edge, the U.S. Motto, E PLURIBUS UNUM (from many one) appears raised, with stars between the words.



On the \$10 Eagle coin, the obverse of the coin features the profile of Miss Liberty crowned in an Indian headdress. On the reverse, the majestic American eagle stands on an olive branch while holding arrows in its claws, representing peace and war. Raised stars encircle the coin's edge 46 stars on 1907 through 1911 coins, and 48 stars beginning in 1912 signifying the number of states in the Union at the time.

On both the Half Eagle and Quarter Eagle coins, a proud Native American chief in full headdress dominates the obverse, and he is surrounded by 13 stars representing the original 13 states of the Union. On the reverse, an American eagle rests atop a bundle of arrows and an olive branch, the symbols of war and peace. With the exception of the mint marks, all devices lie below the plane of the coin surface. The edges of the coins are reeded.

Despite their beauty and popularity, the vast majority of Indian Series gold coins—along with most other U.S. gold coins (with the exception of some uncirculated and/or numismatically-valuable coins considered “collectibles”)—were deemed illegal to own as a result of Executive Order 6102, issued by Theodore Roosevelt's distant cousin, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, in April of 1933. It is estimated that 90% or more of all gold coins in existence at that time were melted into gold bullion bars and placed into government vaults where it is said they remain to this day.

There are, however, a relatively small number of Indian Series gold coins that still exist today, although finding high-quality examples of these coins in investment-grade condition is becoming increasingly difficult. As more and more investors and collectors enter the market, the growing demand for the small remaining population of coins—not to mention today's skyrocketing gold prices—is putting upward pressure on prices for these treasured rarities, and many of these coins, especially those in highly-preferred investment grades, are very difficult (and some dates almost impossible) to find, at any price.



Indian Half Eagle

Designer Bela Lyon Pratt

Face value \$5.00

Pure gold content .24187 oz.

Diameter 21.6mm

Mints Philadelphia, Denver, San Francisco, New Orleans



Years minted: 1908-1916 and 1929

Indian Quarter Eagle

Designer Bela Lyon Pratt

Face value \$2.50

Pure gold content .12094 oz.

Diameter 20.5mm

Mints Philadelphia and Denver



Years minted: 1908-1915 and 1925-1929

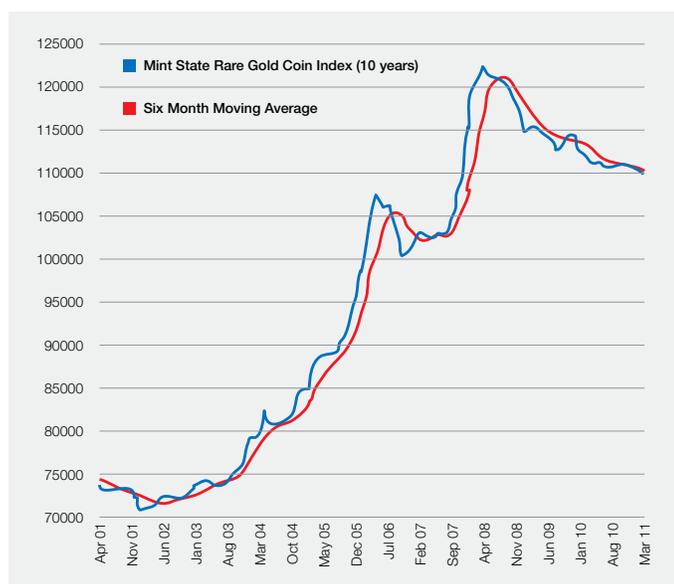
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