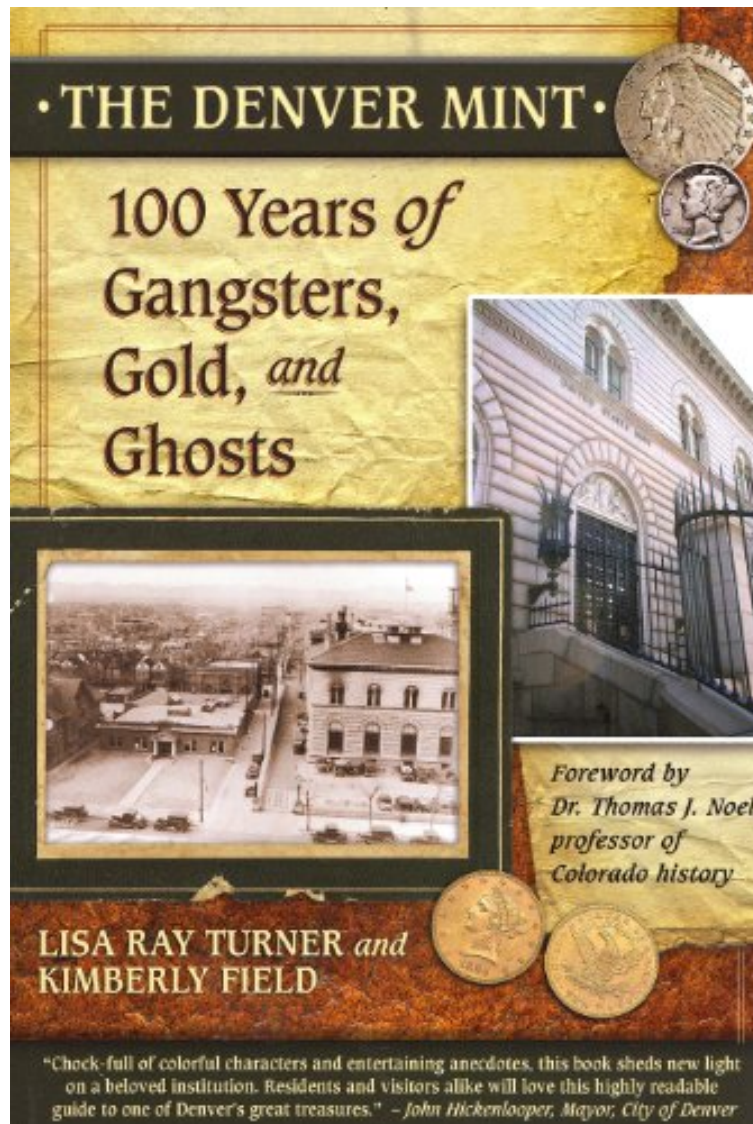


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This book takes readers from the days when gold dust was legal tender in the dusty frontier town of Denver to the present when the Mint is a world-class facility that makes most of our coins. History buffs will love the book's historical highlights while casual readers will enjoy seeing how the cultural events and trends influenced money and life at the Mint. The book provides a unique, behind-the-scenes look at the Mint-entertaining stories of colorful characters, controversial coins, and the creative artists behind the nation's coinage. It covers everything from workday life at the Mint to tales of gangsters and dramatic gold transfers. It goes beyond the basics, with well-researched slices of information, photos and interviews. Even money-oriented recipes are included (mint brownies, anyone?).

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