**Lots and Lots of Coins**, by Margarette S. Reid. Illustrated by True Kelley.

I enjoyed this book because it is a non-fiction book, yet it tells the history of coins. It begins with talking about the very first type of barter that the Indians used. The author, through her storytelling, explains the definition of “Struck at the mint” being where coins are made.

This story is told through the eyes of a young boy and his father. The boy talks of collecting and the difference in his collection to his fathers’. They discuss the value of certain coins and their color.

Interesting facts are included throughout the book, such as:

* The United States Mint produces over a thousand pennies a second.
* The penny was issued in 1909 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln’s birth.
* The dime is the smallest coin we use today and President Franklin Roosevelt is on one side of the dime.
* George Washington did not want his face on a coin. He thought it would make him look like a king. Therefore, he is on the quarter.

*~ Booktalk by Gail Goldberg*

Additional information:

I believe this is a fun book to read. It can be used in a classroom to explore the characteristics of different coins, their worth and significance. Inside the book are game suggestions that can be used to help demonstrate the values of each coin. This book can be used for math as well as history.

The author, Ms. Reid, has been an avid coin collector since the age of eight. She says “A coin is a piece of history you can hold in your hand.”