No bibliography of this, or any other branch of numismatics can pretend to comprehensiveness. Two extremely useful resources are:

*Numismatic Literature*, first a quarterly, then a semiannual bibliography published by the American Numismatic Society since 1947. Much of it is now available (starting backward from the current issue and forward from 1947) on the World Wide Web at http://www.amnumsoc.org.

The *Surveys of Numismatic Research* have been published regularly by the International Numismatic Commission in connection with the septennial Congresses. These are

- Paris 1953
- Rome 1961
- Copenhagen 1967
- New York/Washington 1973
- Madrid 2003
- Berne 1979
- London 1986
- Brussels 1991
- Berlin 1997
- Glasgow 2009

Finally there are the *Dictionary Catalogue of the Library of the American Numismatic Society* and the *Dictionary and Auction Catalogues of the Library of the American Numismatic Society* (Boston, 1962-76 including supplements). Like other dictionary catalogues, these are no more than a photographic copy of the ANS Library’s card catalogue at the date of publication. Though obviously outdated now, they preserve permanent information regarding older literature, and are particularly useful as the library analyzes periodical publications, so that a search under the appropriate subject heading produces a comprehensive bibliography of works on the subject.

**I. Introductions**


**II. Handbooks**

There are two beautiful presentations of Greek coins, mainly archaic and classical:
C. M. Kraay and M. Hirmer, *Greek Coins* (London and New York, 1966). Contains the same plates as Franke/Hirmer, with different text.

III. Aids


Additionally, there is a growing number of cooperative online projects that aim to provide resources for research in ancient Greek numismatics, e.g.:

Cypriot Numismatic Project: http://www.shc.ed.ac.uk/projects/cnp/
Digital Coin Hoards: http://nomisma.org/

IV. Major Collections

Publications of individual collections are too numerous and too variable in quality to permit detailed listing. Most of the most important ones were published long ago. Degree of illustration, in general, varies inversely with age of publication:


These traditional catalogues, with more text than illustration, have been largely superseded, since the 1930s, by catalogues in “Sylloge” format, with large folio or quarto plates accompanied by a minimum of description. The Sylloge Nummorum Graecorum series conforms to international standards and embraces both public and private collections. Over 20 countries from Britain to Israel have works in progress. The major ones are:

- Cambridge: SNG IV.1-12 including various named collections.
- Copenhagen: SNGCopenhagen. 43 fascicules. Complete.
- New York: SNG-ANS (American Numismatic Society) (8 fascicules to date) and SNGBerry (2 fascicules)
- Munich: SNGMunich. 11 fascicules to date, mainly western mints.
- Tübingen: SNGTübingen. 5 fascicules to date.
- von Aulock: SNGvonAulock. The collection of Hans von Aulock; over 8000 coins of Asia Minor. The collection is now dispersed, though a major portion is in the British Museum.

With the increasing popularity and efficiency of the internet, the printed Sylloge Nummorum Graecorum series will likely come to a halt; the ANS, for example, has no plans to produce future volumes. Instead, catalogues of collections are now being produced for the internet as searchable, illustrated databases. For example:

- ANS: [http://numismatics.org/collection/acenum/list](http://numismatics.org/collection/acenum/list)
- Fitzwilliam (Cambridge): [http://www.cm.fitzmuseum.cam.ac.uk/coins/sng/](http://www.cm.fitzmuseum.cam.ac.uk/coins/sng/)

The percentage of ancient coins in major collections gets progressively smaller with new discoveries and the inability of these collections to compete in the marketplace, whether for financial or ethical reasons. The illustrated sale literature is therefore an important source of information; a useful bibliography of sale catalogues can be found in:


See also the online List of Numismatic Auction Catalogues and Fixed Price Lists:


Some dealers and other interested parties also maintain searchable, archived websites:

- [http://www.acsearch.info/index.html](http://www.acsearch.info/index.html)

**V. Hoards**

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*Coin Hoards* 1-10 (1975-2010). A periodical published by the Royal Numismatic Society and now the American Numismatic Society.

See also: [http://nomisma.org](http://nomisma.org)
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VII. Coins and Texts


VIII. Coinage in Fiscal and Monetary Systems

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D. Schaps, The invention of coinage and the monetization of ancient Greece (Ann Arbor, 2004).

See also the various articles in *Revue Belge Numismatique* vol. 155 (2009): “From mints to markets: the mechanisms of coin transformation in ancient times.”

**IX. The Beginning of Coinage and its Ramifications**


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**The Emergence of Gold and Silver Coinages**


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**XIV. Monetary Systems and Coin Circulation in the Third and Second Centuries B.C.**


**XV. Roman Provincial (formerly “Greek Imperial”) Coinage**

An online version of the on-going *Roman Provincial Coinage* project, with an overview of the ten planned and published volumes can be found here: http://rpc.ashmus.ox.ac.uk/


See also the Roman Provincialis Bibliography.

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