

The Orders and Medals of the Mongolian People's Republic (1924-1992) , Khuujii Urnukh, 2010, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

Softcover. In English.

272 pp., large 8 1/4" x 11 3/8" format, about 350 color and b/w photographs, many charts and quotations from the original regulations. Wonderful, detailed photographs of the obverses and reverses. There are lists of many awardees' names and the serial numbers on the orders and/or medals that they received. For those collectors who want to better understand the time frames of when the awards they've collected were presented or when specific design changes were initiated, this book provides many of the answers. Particularly helpful is the listing of observed serial numbers for each variety of the orders. Those collectors fortunate to have acquired Mongolian orders with documentation will find the photographs of all nine order booklets used between 1940 and 1992 particularly valuable.

The focus of this book is on the orders and medals of the Mongolian People's Republic. For information about the huge scope of badges presented and worn during the Republic's 68 years, you will still want to rely on the earlier work by Dr. Achitsaikhan Battushig, Mongolian Orders, Medals & Badges, published in 2005.

For those of you familiar with the superb books on Soviet and North Korean awards co-authored by Paul McDaniel, you will perhaps understand how impressive we find Urnukh's work when we say that this seems like a book that McDaniel could have produced. We feel safe in predicting that collectors of Mongolian orders and medals will soon come to view this book as their Bible.

The clarity of both the photographs and the text will introduce a whole new generation of collectors to the challenges and satisfactions of collecting Mongolian orders and medals! Highly recommended!

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