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2008 Commemorative Stamp Yearbook, Guide to U.S. Stamps, Make Great Holiday Gifts

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WASHINGTON, DC — If you're honing your holiday shopping list to please fans of music, movies, sports, African-American heritage, jazz, classic cars, science or a host of other topics, look no further. The Postal Service's 2008 Commemorative Stamp Yearbook (\$64.95) and updated 35th Edition Guide to U.S. Stamps (\$19.95) are terrific educational keepsakes that will be treasured for years. Purchase them together for \$75 and save \$9.90.

Filled with colorful artwork and behind–the–scenes stories, the 2008 Commemorative Stamp Yearbook is the ideal way to collect and display a full year of stamps. This stunning hardback includes all 68 stamps from 2008 valued at \$28.66, complete with mounts and places to affix them.

The 2008 program recognizes the influential design work of Charles and Ray Eames, the eloquence of authors Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings and Charles W. Chesnutt, and the lively rhythms of Latin jazz, Frank Sinatra and Bette Davis make cameo appearances, while the *Vintage Black Cinema* stamps recall the legacy of entertainment pioneers. Other commemoratives pay fitting tribute to diverse icons of American ingenuity, from the brave journalists who kept us informed (42–cent *American Journalists*) to the brilliant scientists who changed the way we looked at our world (41–cent *American Scientists*).

Other 2008 commemorative stamp subjects include:

- Minnesota Statehood
- "Take Me Out to the Ball Game"
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- The Art of Disney: Imagination
- Celebrating Lunar New Year: Year of the Rat
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- American Treasures: Albert Bierstadt
- Alzheimer's Awareness
- Nature of America: Great Lakes Dunes
- Olympic Games
- American Journalists
- Holiday Nutcrackers
- Christmas: Botticelli Virgin and Child

Updated 35th edition of The Postal Service Guide to U.S. Stamps

The only fully illustrated, four–color guide to U.S. stamps, this official publication provides the most comprehensive information available about the U.S. stamp program and its vivid history. Beginning with the first stamps issued in 1847, *The Postal Service Guide to U.S. Stamps* covers more than 4,000 stamps issued up to the present, as well as:

- An updated Stamp Series section that lists stamps categorized by their respective series, such as Legends of Hollywood, Black Heritage, and Nature of America.
- Every category of U.S. Stamps definitive, commemorative, airmail, duck stamps, stamped envelopes, and more all organized into easy—to—use, color—coded sections for quick access.
- Detailed listings for each stamp, with color illustrations, Scott catalog numbers, dates of issue, used and unused prices, quantities issued (when known), and separate listings for design variations.
- A complete guide to the 2008 commemorative stamp program.
- Advice on how to start your own stamp collection.
- A resource section, a glossary of important terms, and much more.

Save \$9.90 by purchasing the 2008 Commemorative Stamp Yearbook along with the 2008 Postal Service Guide to U.S. Stamps (item 990898) through this link:

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