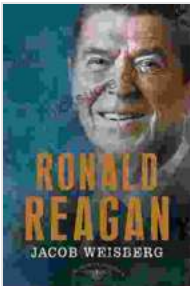


# The American Presidents Series: A Monument to American Leadership



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In the realm of numismatics, few collections have captured the imagination and inspired collectors like the American Presidents Series. Authorized by the Presidential \$1 Coin Act of 2005, this series celebrates the legacy of the United States' most influential leaders, one president at a time.

From the humble beginnings of the Sacagawea Golden Dollar to the intricate designs of the latest issues, the American Presidents Series has become a testament to American history, craftsmanship, and the enduring power of coinage.

## The Sacagawea Golden Dollar: A Pioneering Beginning

The American Presidents Series debuted in 2007 with the release of the Sacagawea Golden Dollar, featuring the iconic Native American guide who assisted the Lewis and Clark Expedition. This coin marked a departure

from traditional presidential coinage, introducing a new \$1 denomination and a design that departed from the familiar heads-or-tails format.

The Sacagawea Golden Dollar's obverse depicts Sacagawea carrying her infant son, Jean Baptiste, while the reverse features an American bald eagle in flight. Designed by Glenna Goodacre, this coin became an instant success among collectors and the general public alike.

### **The Presidential \$1 Coin Act of 2005: Setting the Stage**

The Presidential \$1 Coin Act of 2005 laid the foundation for the American Presidents Series. This legislation authorized the US Mint to issue a series of \$1 coins featuring the portraits of all the US presidents, beginning with George Washington and continuing in the order in which they served.

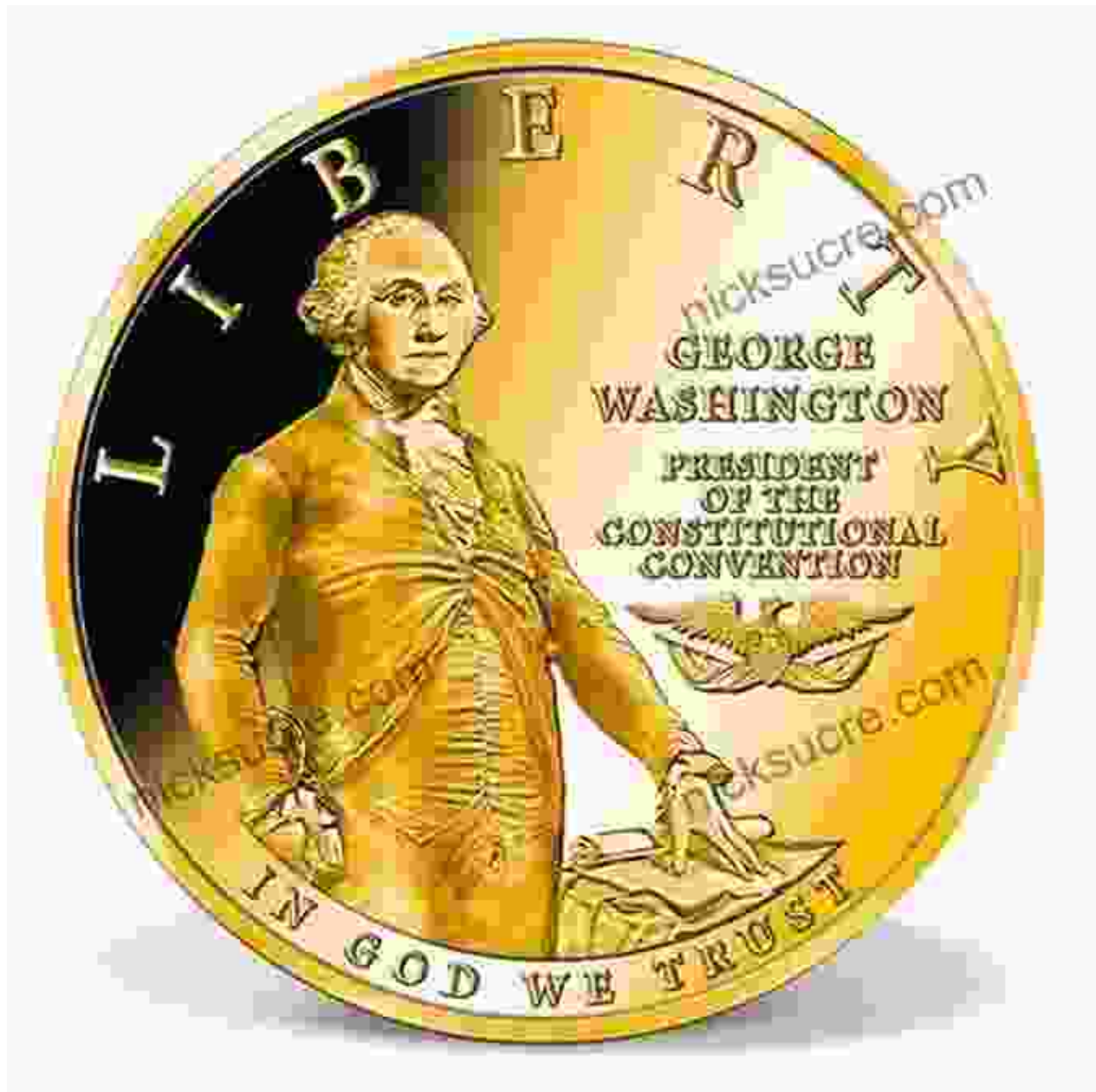
The act also specified that the coins would be struck in both gold and silver, with the gold coins having a face value of \$10 and the silver coins having a face value of \$1. The designs of the coins were to be approved by the Secretary of the Treasury and the Commission of Fine Arts.

### **The Designs: A Symphony of Artistic Expression**

The coins in the American Presidents Series are renowned for their exceptional designs, each one a unique artistic interpretation of the featured president.

The obverse of the coins typically features a portrait of the president, while the reverse depicts a scene or symbol that represents their presidency. The designs are meticulously crafted by some of the most talented engravers in the world, resulting in coins that are both visually stunning and historically significant.

## George Washington: The Father of the Nation



The George Washington \$1 coin features a majestic portrait of the first president, known as the "Father of the Nation." The reverse depicts Liberty seated on a rock, symbolizing the strength and resilience of the newly formed United States.

## Abraham Lincoln: The Great Emancipator



The Abraham Lincoln \$1 coin portrays Lincoln with a determined expression, reflecting his unwavering dedication to preserving the Union during the Civil War. The reverse features the Emancipation Proclamation, a pivotal document in American history.

### **Franklin D. Roosevelt: The Leader Through Crisis**



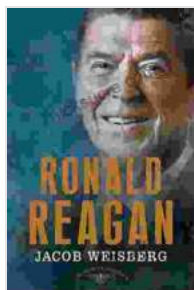
The Franklin D. Roosevelt \$1 coin captures Roosevelt's iconic wheelchair-bound pose, a testament to his resilience in the face of physical adversity. The reverse depicts the March of Dimes poster child, symbolizing Roosevelt's commitment to fighting polio.

### **The Legacy: A Numismatic Masterpiece**

The American Presidents Series has become more than just a collection of coins; it is a numismatic masterpiece that celebrates the legacy of American leadership.

Each coin tells a story, providing a glimpse into the lives and contributions of the men who shaped the United States. From the founding fathers to modern-day presidents, the American Presidents Series is a timeless tribute to American history.

The American Presidents Series is a remarkable numismatic achievement that captures the spirit of American history in a tangible and beautiful form. From the intricate designs to the historical significance, these coins are a testament to the enduring power of leadership and the lasting impact of those who have served our nation.



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