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<p><b>One Little Coin</b> Teresa Schapansky Paperback <b>\$12.95</b></p>	<p><b>CRYPTOCURRENCY FOR BEGINNERS</b> Alex Burrows Kindle Edition <b>\$5.29</b></p>

**One Little Coin**, the latest book by Duncan, B.C.'s Teresa Schapansky, topped the Amazon Hot New Releases list for coins and medals this June. The Royal Canadian Numismatic Association (RCNA) published the digital version of the book in both English and French on June 22.

## RCNA children's book hits No. 1 on Amazon

By Jesse Robitaille

A new children's book published by the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association (RCNA) hit No. 1 on Amazon within a week of its release this June.

Written by best-selling author Teresa Schapansky and edited by RCNA national youth co-ordinator Cassidy Stroud, *One Little Coin* hit the digital shelves in both English and French on June 22. A few days later, Schapansky's 21st book reached the top spot on the Amazon Hot New Releases list for coins and medals. The book's in-person launch will take place at the RCNA Convention on July 22, the show's second of five days, when RCNA officials will

offer copies autographed by Schapansky and illustrator Elly Mossman, both of Duncan, B.C.

"It was a joy working with Teresa and Elly; they know what they're doing, and they're total professionals," said Stroud, who's also the first vice-president and editorial director of the Ontario Numismatic Association.

She will be selling the book at the convention's "Youth Booth," where they'll be offered alongside free coins, banknotes and other numismatic material sourced from donations and given to children aged 17 and under. Each book sold at the convention will also include a "numismatic gift that ties into the story," according to Stroud.

"The book is geared mainly to children, say under 12 or 13, but we're marketing it to the parents or family members of these young children to get them interested in coin collecting," said Stroud, who added Schapansky's writing style is "also great for children who might have reading struggles, so it could be appropriate for somebody a little bit older."

The book will also be available at the convention's Authors' Alley, a new book-fair-style event sponsored by the J. Douglas Ferguson Historical Research Foundation featuring more than half a dozen authors' recent work.

### ONE LITTLE COIN AN 'ENCHANTING TALE'

*One Little Coin* tells the story of a young girl who joins her school's coin club.

The book's blurb, found on the back cover, previews the story through one of the girl's journal entries: "I signed up for the coin club, because to be honest, I really like money.

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## ONA Convention comeback slated for fall Trajan show

By Jesse Robitaille

The Ontario Numismatic Association (ONA) has finalized its plans for its 60th anniversary convention, to be held in September in conjunction with Trajan Publishing's National Postage Stamp & Coin Show in Mississauga, Ont.

The partnership follows a three-year pandemic hiatus "due to circumstances beyond our control," according to ONA President Sean Sinclair. The ONA portion of this fall's show will feature "all of the usual" convention events,

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Ontario Numismatic Association (ONA) President Sean Sinclair (right) stands with past president Scott Douglas at a past convention. The numismatic duo will participate in this fall's convention, the ONA's first in-person gathering since 2019.

## Exclusive silver dollar celebrates Alexander Bell

By Jesse Robitaille

The Royal Canadian Mint has issued its July numismatic catalogue with four new issues, including a special-edition silver dollar proof set.

The set includes each Canadian circulation denomination – \$2, \$1 and 50-, 25-, 10- and five-cent coins – plus an exclusive silver dollar celebrating inventor Alexander Graham Bell and his "lifelong commitment to science, innovation and ingenuity," according to the Mint. Only available through the set, the special silver dollar marks the 175th anniversary of Bell's birth.

"Alexander Graham Bell combined a spirit of innovation with deep humanitarian instincts, from first conceiving the telephone in Brantford to helping build the first airplane in Canada and the world's fastest ship," said historian Ed

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Wasn't that what a coin club was about? Money? That, and how to get it, how much to keep and how much to spend?

"I glanced around the room, and easily saw that the class was made up of quite an assortment of kids – polar opposites, in my opinion.

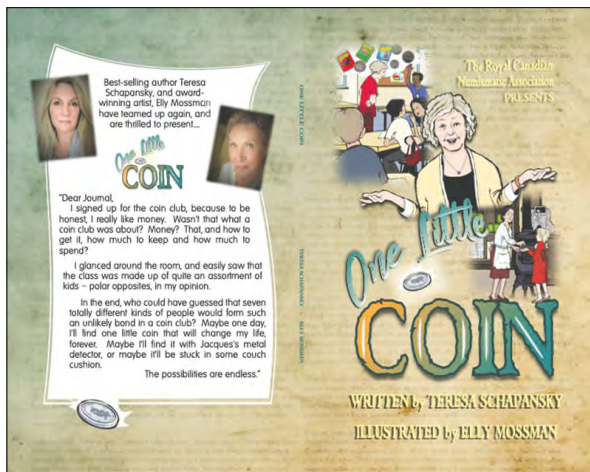
"In the end, who could have guessed that seven totally different kinds of people would form such an unlikely bond in a coin club? Maybe one day, I'll find one little coin that will change my life, forever. Maybe I'll find it with Jacques's metal detector, or maybe it'll be stuck in some couch cushion."

The journal entry ends with a phrase dear to most collectors' hearts: "The possibilities are endless."

Warren Goulding, a publisher, journalist and award-winning author from Saskatoon, Sask., called the book an "enchanting tale of compassion, personal growth and hope."

"*One Little Coin* nimbly melds several of life's important lessons within a storyline that resonates with readers of all ages," said Goulding, whose 2001 book *Just Another Indian* was named the best non-fiction book of that year at the Saskatchewan Book Awards.

"Imagine a single coin that can provide the catalyst for a yarn that speaks to the importance of sharing one's gifts with



**The RCNA will sell copies of *One Little Coin* signed by Schapansky and illustrator Elly Mossman at its upcoming convention in Ottawa.**

those less fortunate while bringing together a diverse group of youngsters who flourish while exploring a new avocation."

In addition to "engaging and captivating" storytelling, which former school superintendent Geoff Johnson called hallmarks of "the best children's books," *One Little Coin* offers some perspective on personal values.

"It should be in every school library," said Johnson, of Mill Bay, B.C., who worked in education for 35 years.

Another best-selling author from Cowichan Valley, B.C., of which Duncan is the capital, Allan Waddy read *One Little Coin* and then became "motivated to go hunting for all the universal coins that I've collected while traversing the globe during my naval service."

"This book knits together the diversity of our multi-cultured country and is an educational tool for all ages and every walk of life," said Waddy, a retired naval officer and former provincial peace officer who now works as a private investigator with his own security business. "The story is respectful, thought provoking, endearing and captures the essence of Canadian society."

Schapansky and RCNA officials both hope to see the book's story shared in schools across the country.

One long-time Cowichan Valley elementary school teacher with more than 30 years of experience in early childhood education has already said she will "look forward to sharing *One Little Coin* with my students and staff."

"As an elementary school teacher, I appreciate how honest and open the teacher is with her students – that's so important," said Rhonda MacDowell, who added the book covers a "great topic that the author has intensively researched, and I enjoyed the storyline as well as each character."

Mossman, an award-winning illustrator and retired newspaper cartoonist, also "did a fabulous job" with the book's art, according to Stroud.

In addition to the story, the 87-page book also includes "Miss Cassidy's Guidebook," a short technical guide and glossary highlighting money collecting for young readers.

"It's just a few pages at the back with really basic information – just enough to give students the first glimpse of what the hobby entails," Stroud said.

## 'HIT IT OFF IMMEDIATELY'

Last summer, Schapansky was invited to join the Manitoba Coin Club, and soon after, member Judy Blackman introduced the author to Stroud.

"Judy is affiliated with so many clubs across Canada and the world that the stars just aligned," said Stroud, who added she and Schapansky "hit it off immediately."

After a phone call, Stroud mentioned how she wanted to see the RCNA publish a children's book to generate interest in the hobby among young folks.

"I told her I was looking for an author who would be interested in doing this – and doing it as a volunteer as well – and she said she'd love to do it," said Stroud, who added their "main goal was to spark an interest in the coin hobby with our younger generation."

Schapansky began writing the book at the beginning of this year, and a few months later, she and Stroud moved onto the second stage, which included edit-

ing, proofreading and finalizing the digital publication via Amazon.

With Schapansky's help, Stroud was tasked with handling the technical matters, including applying for an international standard book number – or ISBN – used to uniquely identify each specific edition of a book.

"It was quite a learning experience because the behind-the-scenes work in creating a book was something that I've never even imagined," Stroud said.

About seven months after their work on the book began, it was ready for release.

"Teresa and Elly have done a brilliant job on *One Little Coin* and I hope that we plant the seed for our youth to become interested in the lifelong hobby of numismatics," Stroud added.

## 2022 RCNA CONVENTION

This year's RCNA Convention runs from July 20-24 in Ottawa ("RCNA Convention returns this summer in Ottawa," CCN Vol. 60 #5, June 7, 2022).

In addition to the book fair, the show will feature a bourse with about 70 dealer tables, an educational symposium with about a dozen presentations, a coin-grading workshop and several club meetings and social tours.

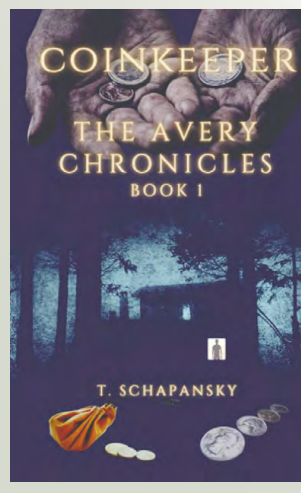
Other youth-focused convention activities include a free auction – open to all attendees aged 17 and under – while each youth registration kit includes "all kinds of numismatic goodies," Stroud said.

A copy of *One Little Coin* will be among the lots offered at the youth auction, which will see the young bidders use play money to place bids on numismatic material at no cost to them.

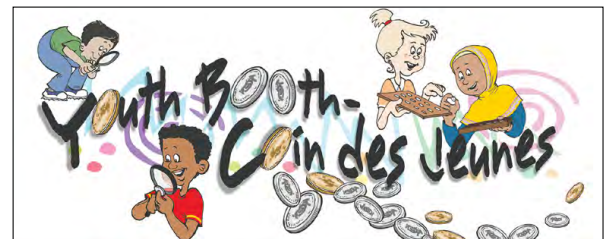
"Everything we do, including the booth and the auction, is by donation, and we're always looking for donations of cash or in-kind numismatic items for the kids," Stroud added. 🍁

## PAST WORK BY TERESA SCHAPANSKY

Long-time author Teresa Schapansky has more than 20 books to her name. A year ago, she earned recognition for her multi-part series *Coinkeeper: The Avery Chronicles*. A fictional fantasy adventure, *Coinkeeper* follows a grandfather and his grandson through time and space with the use of magic coins. The first book hit No. 1 on Amazon "overnight," with the second book following in quick order, Schapansky told the *Cowichan Valley Citizen* in 2021. "All of a sudden they were both best-sellers. I'm in disbelief." The third and fourth *Coinkeeper* books followed later that year, and this January, Schapansky told the *Vancouver Island Free Daily* she plans to continue the series in the future. As part of her research for the *Coinkeeper* series, Schapansky contacted the Bank of Canada Museum for historical information about the 1911 silver dollar plus Britain's Royal Mint Museum, the B.C.-based Sncweps Heritage Museum and the American Numismatic Society. Schapansky's past work also includes three juvenile fiction novels plus a family-friendly memoir based on the life of an immigrant from the earliest known Pakistani-origin family in Western Canada. Earlier this year, she and illustrator Elly Mossman, who also worked on *One Little Coin*, teamed up for the 12-volume series *Along the Way*, which the author described as "an educational and entertaining, cross-Canada road trip."



**Schapansky's earlier work includes the multi-part series *Coinkeeper: The Avery Chronicles*, whose first four books were published in 2021.**



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