

INTRODUCTION

As implied by its title, this sixth edition of my pocket-sized treasure-hunting field guide series is intended to acquaint hobbyists with the exciting possibilities offered by metal detecting in Europe. The coins and relics found virtually anywhere in Europe can literally date back hundreds or even thousands of years earlier than those items we are thrilled to recover in North America.

Due to the abbreviated nature of these small “how-to” reference books, we touch only briefly on the many great hunting opportunities that Europe affords today’s metal detectorists. As I write this introduction, however, the RAM Books team is in the final stages of editing a full-length *European Metal Detecting Journal*. The subjects we touch upon in this field guide will be covered in much greater detail in the larger volume which will be filled with hundreds of full-color photos of beautiful coins, caches, jewelry, artifacts, military relics and

assorted treasures found by me and many European metal detectorists.

During my years of testing metal detectors, I have had the pleasure of recovering treasures in England, Scotland, France, Spain, Germany and Italy. Finding my first Roman coin is an experience I shall never forget.

For our North American readers, don't think that metal detecting in Europe is out of your reach. Some detecting clubs organize annual trips overseas to hunt in prime areas of Europe. You can also contact European treasure hunting groups directly to express your interest in joining them in their searches.

I hope to see you in the field...

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