

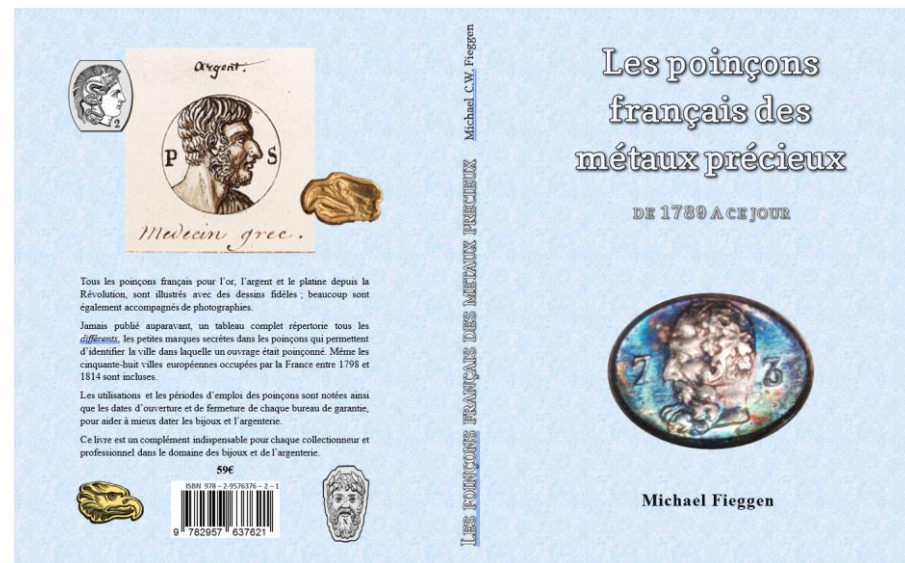
Following the success of the hallmarks chapter in the book *Traditional French Jewellery*, the author has continued his research and published a complete guide to all two hundred and seventy-six French hallmarks employed from 1789 to this day.

The hallmarks are illustrated with original drawings, each of which has been checked for accuracy against actual hallmarks and in most cases an additional photograph has been included. The dates when each hallmark was introduced and withdrawn have been carefully researched. Until now, such dates as were published were based upon the dates of the legislation, however examination of records in the French archives has revealed that some hallmarks were not actually employed until later or were withdrawn earlier than was believed. Numerous useful and interesting anecdotes can be found throughout this reference to help explain this rather complicated subject.

Convenient format of 14.8 x 21 cm (5.8" x 8.25"), 192 pages, hardcover and fully illustrated in colour, this book is the first truly complete reference on French post-1789 hallmarks and corrects the many errors and gaps observed in the other references.

In this book you will also find a unique list of all the secret assay office marks inside French hallmarks to enable you to identify the place of origin of jewels and silverware and date them better, thanks to a never before published list of the dates of establishment and closure of the hallmark offices. The French hallmarks and assay office marks used in the fifty-eight European cities occupied by France during the Napoleonic wars are also included in this book for the first time. The few references which until now have attempted to identify French assay office marks were all riddled with errors; in this book everything has been checked and corrected, thus avoiding errors in jewellery identification and dating.

This book is currently only available in French, however a page-by-page translation in English is supplied with it. Note that it is the only book on French hallmarks currently in print. This indispensable book will be shipped mid-February 2024.



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