

## WHERE CAN YOU GO TO GET MORE INFORMATION ON TOPICAL STAMP COLLECTING ?

This question comes up very often and there are so many varied answers, depending on your individual circumstances that we have two alternate ways of providing that information to you. The first deals strictly with **Topical Collecting**. The ATA has a full-color 96-page handbook on the basics of this educational hobby: *Adventures in Topical Stamp Collecting*, written by *Topical Time* editor George Griffenhagen and ATA founder, Jerry Husak.

Areas of topical collecting that are covered in this book include:

*Topical vs. Thematic*

*Selecting a topic*

*Decisions*

*Philatelic Elements*

*Perfins*

*Errors, Freaks, Oddities (EFO's)*

*Covers (Postmarked Envelopes)*

*Cancellations and auxiliary markings*

*Meters*

*Putting it all together*

*Mounting*

*Title pages*

*Plan Page*

*Exhibit size*

*How did it all begin?*

*and societies*

*What topics are collected?*

*Philatelic information*

*Completeness*

*Postage Stamp types and definitions*

*Supplemental inscriptions*

*Fakes, Forgeries, Cinderellas*

*Postal Stationery*

*Autographs*

*Deluxe Sheets, Maximum Cards*

*Album pages*

*Presentation including Titles and*

*Philatelic exhibitions*

*Rewards of Topical Collecting*

*Listing of Handbooks, periodicals*

*Adventures in Topical Stamp Collecting,*

which normally sells for \$22, is on sale for just \$11, plus postage.

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<> Mention seeing this on our website and we will include, free, a copy of

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<> *Topical Collecting: A Universal Hobby for Seniors* ,

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which contains additional helpful information.



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Postage is \$2 in the US, \$3 in Canada and Mexico, and \$4 elsewhere.  
Include postage with your order to prevent delays.

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and **ask for the Combo offer of HB133 with HB 148.**

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**AND WHERE CAN YOU GO TO GET MORE  
INFORMATION ON  
ALL ASPECTS OF STAMP COLLECTING ?**

For a wide range of “general” philatelic information, we  
recommend: [www.askphil.org](http://www.askphil.org)

This site contains a wealth of good information on philately.  
Put your cursor on the blue address and click.  
You will be brought to this all-encompassing site immediately.  
There is no cost or obligation involved in this service site.  
This is **the best source of overall philatelic information on the web.**  
Take a look, but remember to come back here for all your topical  
needs.