There are wonderful badges from all over America to be discovered in this book, the major cities of the east coast, and moving west to California, Hawaii and north to Alaska.

From the simple tin star to the elegant solid gold presentation badge, this pictorial book presents over 500 images of badges ranging from the basic to the grandest solid gold and sterling. In many cases their hand engraving is unique, the exceptional qualities are apparent at first glance. Others are very basic and plain in design. This book's large format presents most of these badges in exquisite close-ups.

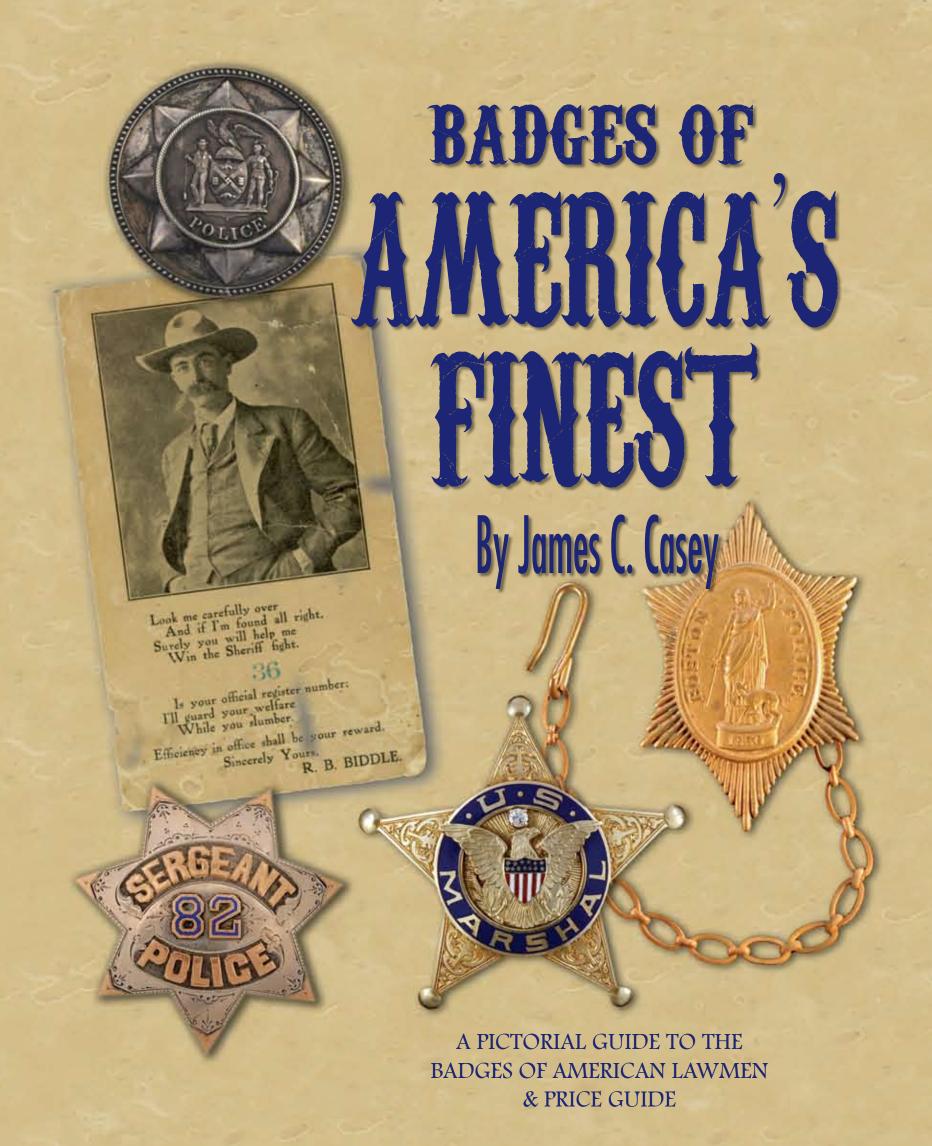
Immerse yourself in the fantastic world of America's Finest police badges.

Collectors, historians and the public from all over the world have been fascinated with images of early lawmen, identified not by uniform, but by the badge pinned to their chest and will find in this volume a fascinating photographic history, as well as a price and reference guide.

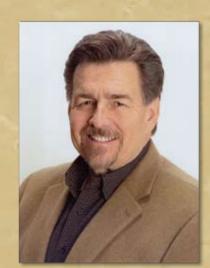


Above front and back: Interesting sterling silver Sergeant of Police #95 badge in hard fired blue enamel. This badge was originally a police officer rank on the reverse. Unknown city of origin, circa 1880. James Casey Photograph. Value B





## \* ABOUT THE AUTHOR \*



AMES C. CASEY

James Casey has been collecting and researching police memorabilia for nearly 30 years. As a child he was fascinated by his grandfather's badge and duty belt. Following in his grandfather's footsteps Jim would wear his own badge as a police officer, detective and police chief.

In an effort to share his passion for the history of law enforcement, especially the badge, Jim set up a mobile police museum display in the 1980's that he has shown from coast to coast at schools, service clubs, collector shows and law enforcement open house events. He also publishes a web site, www.policeguide.com and published a travel guide to police and fire museums. He has served as the department historian for both police and sheriff's offices and continues to collect and research badges.

AMERICAS FINEST COVER-DUST NONCOMM.indd 1 4/22/08 2:58:23 PM

CASEY

BADGES OF AMERICA'S FINEST