The late Roman gold and silver coins from the Hoxne Treasure


Abstract

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Hoxne's silver coins are part of a treasure discovered in 1992, the Hoxne Treasure is perhaps the richest cache of gold and silver coins, jewellery and tableware from the entire Roman world. The core of this volume is the catalogue of the 15,000 late 4th- and early 5th-century gold and silver coins, together with an in-depth discussion of the production and supply of late Roman coinage. The value of the Hoxne Treasure in shedding light on an otherwise dark period of British history also calls for a broader, non-numismatic perspective, and the volume includes an important chapter dealing with the social significance of precious metals in the later Roman empire, particularly their role in the gift-exchange networks that defined and maintained late Roman imperial society. ...more. Lawes didn't find the hammer, but he did discover something else: spoons, coins and silver and gold jewellery. Lawes and Whatling immediately notified Suffolk County Council, who owned the field on which Whatling was a tenant farmer, and a team of professional archaeologists descended on the site. They discovered the rest of what became known as the Hoxne Hoard: the largest find of late-Roman artefacts ever made in Britain. Real-life detectorists: Metal hunters seeking treasure and glory. The Hoxne Hoard, the largest ever find of late-Roman artefacts in Britain, was valued at around £1.75m. CM Dixon/Getty. Real-life detectorists: Metal hunters seeking treasure and glory. The gold and silver coins in the Hoxne hoard, found in Suffolk, date to the end of the Roman Empire in Britain at the start of the 5th century A.D. (British Museum). By Lorraine Boissoneault. smithsonianmag.com January 9, 2018. When Eric Lawes set off for a field in Hoxne village, Suffolk on November 16, 1992, it wasn’t on a treasure hunt. In The Hoxne Late Roman Treasure: Gold Jewelry and Silver Plate, archaeologist Catherine Johns speculates that the Roman family to whom the treasure belonged kept them as sentimental objects. This suggestion is possible thanks to an analysis of not just what was in the hoard, but also how it was hoarded. Surrounding the coins and gold objects were nails, hinges, locks, scraps of wood, bone and ivory. Collecting Historical Coins. Greek and Roman Coins. World and British Coins. Products and Services. A Guide to CNG's New Bidding Platform. Book List. 160 pages, 22 plates. Blue cloth with dust cover. A complete catalog and analysis of the 15,234 coins from the Hoxne Hoard of late Roman gold and silver coins. Near New condition. From the library of an American dealer. Home. Shop.