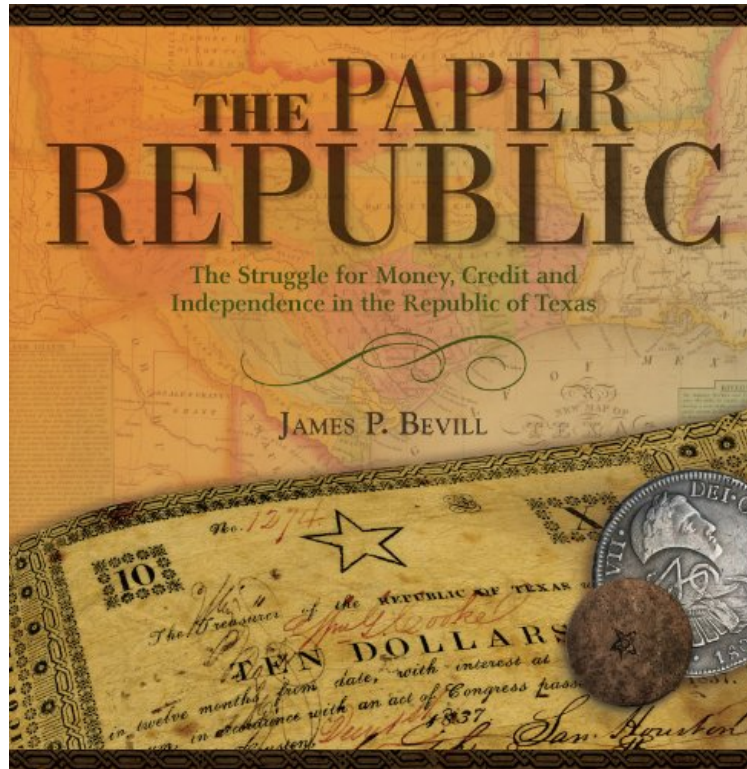


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7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. From the dust jacket of "The Paper Republic" By Jodie Bevill "THE PAPER REPUBLIC is first and foremost a visual feast. Jim Bevill has brought together countless high-quality images of original documents from private collections as well as government and university archives -- many of them never seen before by the public. Moreover, he has richly illustrated his fascinating story of the economic struggle in the Texas Republic with hundreds of photographs and engravings rarely seen today. These provide the historical backdrop to the incredibly complex financial history of a genuinely fragile republic that floated paper obligations for a decade on little more than faith, credit, and the heroic exertions of its officers and people." "Everyone who reads this book will learn much from it, whether they be seasoned collectors, historical scholars, or fascinated readers from the general public. One of the book's most interesting and hitherto least-appreciated revelations is that of the intertwined monetary histories of Hispanic and Anglo America, manifested in coins and currency by such familiar icons as the dollar sign and the lone star emblem of Texas. There are surprises on almost every page -- from gleaming images of the recently unearthed Mexican silver stash dropped by Santa Anna's soldiers at San Jacinto, to the amazing fact that the debts of the Texas Republic were not settled until the presidency of Theodore Roosevelt. This is a book to savor. It will be a valuable resource for generations to come." Dr. James E. Crisp, Department of History, North Carolina State University, and author of SLEUTHING THE ALAMO: DAVY CROCKETT'S LAST STAND AND OTHER MYSTERIES OF THE TEXAS REVOLUTION. 8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Marvelous new

publicationBy Richard LasterWith a great deal of excitement I was able to go to .com in order to acquire a copy of this wonderful new book. The Paper Republic deals in specific with the fiscal history of our great Texas. There is much to be found related in a general way to the formative years of Texas. In this labor of love Jim Bevill tells the story of the Republic of Texas, and of the years before and after, in a way never done before. Not only does he focus upon detail and information, some of which is fairly familiar, but he also is not afraid to present his own thoughts on new data resulting from his exhaustive research. The book is, please pardon the cliché, a "good read." I never found myself getting even the least bit bogged down by detail. A further point of enhancement is the use of oversized, vividly colored, photographs and plates. Simply put I recommend this book to the hardy researcher as well as to the casual reader. There is a mountain of information to be learned and at the same time much to entertain and enjoy. Congratulations to Jim Bevill for a job well done.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I might be a tad prejudicial when reviewing this bookBy Chief NerdJim is a friend of mine, he is a very bright fellow and a great speaker. I also have one of my coins featured in the book (Jola) and I am a lifelong numismatist and Texan.If you want to know more about Texas, politics, history this is a must have, you will gain a perspective and view that you have never been exposed to before. Jim looks at Texas through its money (all forms, checks, bills, coins, currency and more), in other words that receipt for shovels is not just for hardware, but the officer who was behind that piece of paper was ordering the shovel to bury his child who died in one of the monumental battles for Texas Independence. Of course that is not found on the paper but is what you find out when you examine the names, dates, and places. This is the unique perspective Jim brings to his writings and presentations so well.

Although the stirring story of the Texas revolution has been told many times from a military standpoint, now James Bevill deftly takes the reader on a tour of the financial instruments issued to fund the Texian war machine. He combines a detailed numismatic history of each piece of coin and currency used in the Republic with the stories of the colorful individuals and the creative credit schemes that made it possible for Texas to first survive and later flourish.As Bevill reveals the history of each piece of paper, he explores the personalities involved, clarifies the roles in the new government, and reveals the inner workings of a precarious financial system. The issuance of promissory notes kept the revolutionary government afloat until the dramatic funding of a lifesaving loan from land speculators in New Orleans in April 1836. The paper promises chronicled in The Paper Republic create a verifiable trail of many of the most significant people and events in Texas history: visionary kings, obsessive dictators, crooked politicians, counterfeiters, printers, Texas Presidents, treasury officials and forgotten heroes. The Paper Republic is the first book to tell the important story of the epic struggle for money, credit and independence in the Republic of Texas. For Texans, numismatists and everyone in the financial industry, it offers an essential understanding about the role money plays in government and history. The real story behind a legendary part of American history, The Paper Republic is the story of a debt crisis eerily similar to the headlines today.

"A handsomely designed and illustrated history of Texas . . . Bevill strikes a nice balance between the esoterica that only a numismatist such as himself could love and the more general information a casual reader desires."nbsp;mdash;Austin American Statesman