

Small Categories Series

Hamburgers

Hmmmm! What's not to like about Hamburgers?! One of my favorite foods! Boy, over the decades, my culinary habits must have been responsible for the demise of vast herds of cattle...all for a great cause! (sorry, PETA!)

But, did you know that Hamburgers is actually a collecting Category? Granted, to my knowledge, not many collectors specialize, or even list, Hamburgers, as a want area...but there are at least a few. "Why?" you might well ask. Well...

As you can see from at least the middle two covers shown below, they can be very colorful and eye-appealing (that may at least off-set the absence of Fancies from this category). They're also almost all older, front-striker covers. That would be a plus for many collectors. But, for me, at least, the greatest attraction would be the prices shown on many of the covers. Just look at cover #3, below. 19¢ hamburgers! Now, I go into a McDonald's, Burger King, or the like, and I'm billed \$3, \$4, \$5...Just another example of 'the good 'ol days'!

I don't have any stats on what's out there or largest collection, but I'd guess one could put together a tidy little collection of at least several hundred of these mouth-watering beauties ("*Beauties*"? Well, OK. I suppose you'd have to be something of a hamburger connoisseur to see the beauty in these covers...but lest you guffaw at the thought...just remember...some cow gave up her life for that hamburger!)

