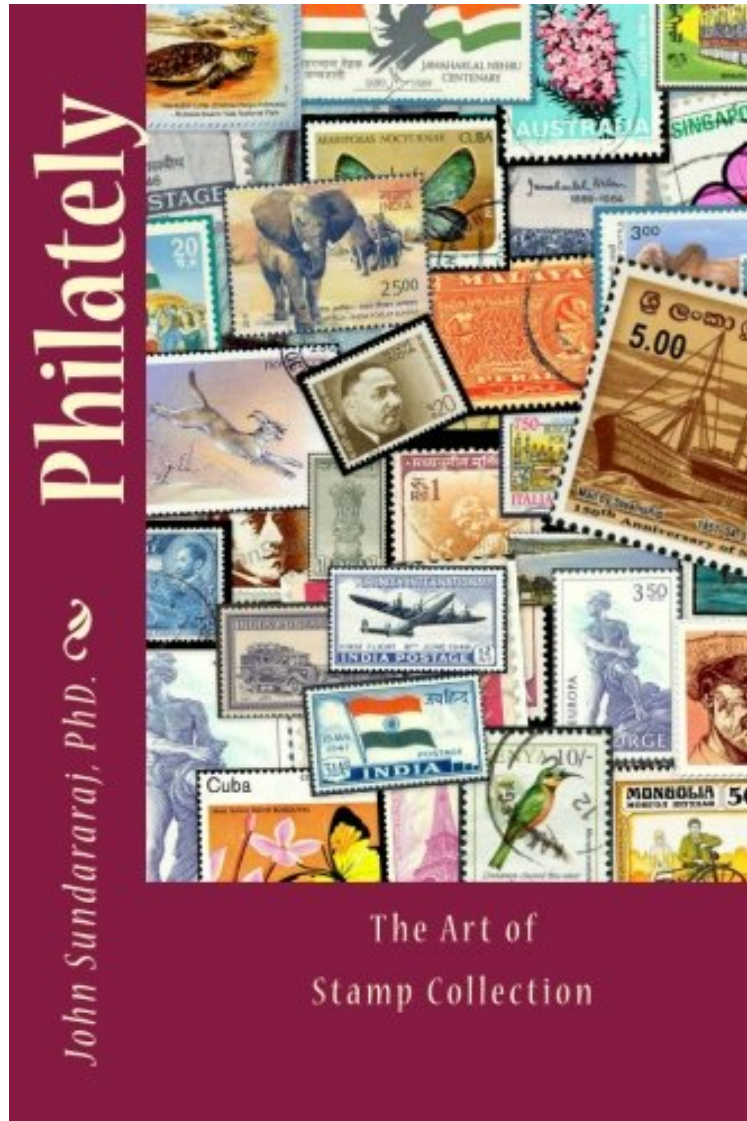


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**Dr John Sundararaj : Philately: The Art of Stamp Collection** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Philately: The Art of Stamp Collection:

I have been collecting stamps for about thirty years and I could not find a handbook, which can help me to understand how I must collect and what I must collect and how it should be presented in an exhibition etc. Since I have been involving myself with the department of posts in conducting workshops for the school children I thought it is of

paramount importance to have a handbook on philately, which could help everyone who collects, may get some preliminary idea of stamp collecting. If not for anything else the Internet has encouraged many new people to pursue this fascinating hobby. It is a well-known fact that philately has attracted millions of people of all ages who take keen interest in collecting stamps of various countries of the world. Unlike other sports, interestingly there is no age of retirement in philately! Many newcomers to this hobby especially school children, request a lot of information regarding stamps and how to go about it the right way. To all those who have inundated me for information, I am adding some basic thoughts to further their knowledge. Some of the information exists already on the net and some books are also available. I have just gleaned it from there and presented it here in the manner I thought fit so that even a child can understand. For all those facing a similar predicament I have tried to incorporate soaking tips, types of stamps, types of cancellations, types of post offices, a few websites, glossary of philatelic terms and all such information into these pages. The book achieves its predicament if this book inspire many young minds to emerge as philatelists and thus enjoy this wonderful hobby and contribute to the world of history, culture and above all to overall knowledgebase for the betterment of humanity.

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