

the first usage of Spanish stamps. The introductory chapters are on geography and politics of this era. Then the postal routes within and from the islands are described, along with the local post office numeral marks. There are separate chapters about the use, on these islands, of the 19 different stamp issues of Queen Isabel's reign. These are detailed accounts of the recorded major errors and mundane and spectacular usage usually illustrated on cover. The account of the British Post Office in Tenerife is continued from the first volume and includes a list of the 60 recorded covers from 1851 to 1858, 23 of which are illustrated.

No knowledge of Spanish is needed to enjoy and learn from this book; the pictures alone tell most of the story, the tables are self explanatory and the key information is easily recognised and understood in the legends to the figures. The exceptional scholarship and production quality of the first volume has been maintained for this book.

An Introduction to Wolverhampton Postal History by Roy Summers, published 2008 by Roy Summers, No ISBN, 38p, colour ill, 30cm, price and availability from the author/publisher, 22 Greenfields Road, Wombourne WV5 0HP. ID No 14054. Reviewed by Prue Henderson FRPSL.

This introduction to the post within Wolverhampton and its (up to) 80 sub-post offices, shows the postmarks used from the first straight line mark of 1726 to the present day. Also included are copies of parcel labels and various air mail covers to the town. Appendices give maps of the area, with town post offices and effective dates, three postal routes of 1677, a list of the town postmasters and a table of national postal rates from 1635-2006. A good 'introduction' indeed.

Lundy Letterboxes by Alan Rowland, published 2007 by Short Run Press Ltd, ISBN 9780950617787, soft bound, 95p, ill, map, 21 cm, price £7.50 + £1 p&p for UK, available from the author, Mole Cottage, Chapel Close, Wodford, Morwenstow, Cornwall EX23 9JR, emails: Mowenstow@btinternet.com, alan_rowland@morwenstow.freemove.co.uk, or visit Lundy Field Society's website: www.lundy.org.uk/lfs/is/index.html. ID No 13779.

This book is not about the letter boxes provided by the postal service on Lundy, but relates to an outdoor hobby that combines elements of orienteering, art and puzzle solving known as 'letterboxing'. With its origins on Dartmoor, there are now over 3000 boxes on the moor and these proved to be the inspiration for Lundy's boxes, where there are currently 29 to track down – some of which are quite difficult to locate and access. There are many illustrations in this book of the handstamps placed within the boxes on the island between 1987 and 2007, together with much

background information. Although a connection with real philately is somewhat tenuous, there can be little doubt that many people enjoy this healthy activity and they will find this book is essential reading.

The Inverted Centres of the 1927 Issue [of Greece] [a translation into Greek of the original work by James N. Demos] by Nick Bergiopoulos, published 1992 by Nick Bergiopoulos, No ISBN, soft bound, 40p, ill, 23 cm, price €10, available from Nick Bergiopoulos, 7-9 Miltiadou Str, GR-18533, Piraeus, Greece. ID No 14224.

This monograph is a translation into Greek from the original written by the President of the Hellenic Society of America on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the founding of that Society. The Vlastos catalogue of Greece lists three values of the Landscape issue of 1927 as having inverted centres – the 1, 3 and 5 and comments that there was some dissatisfaction with the printers resulting in errors, among them, the failure "to print harmoniously the frame-centre arrangement". However the double centres and inverted centres are much to be desired. Those not familiar with Greek will no doubt consult the American original.

Japanese Occupation Stamps of China, Joshimasa Kojima Collection; My Days, My Dreams I by Yoshimasa Kojima, published 2009 by Yoshimasa Kojima, No ISBN, hard bound, xi+130p, colour ill, map, 29 cm, price and availability from the author/publisher, 19-5, Waseda 8-Chome, Misatoshi Saitamaken, Zip. 341-0018, Japan, email: k-nife@joy.hi-ho.ne.jp. ID No 14221.

Japanese Occupation Stamps of China, Joshimasa Kojima Collection, Comments on the leaves; My Days, My Dreams II by Yoshimasa Kojima, published 2009 by Yoshimasa Kojima, No ISBN, soft bound, 160, ill, maps, 29 cm, price and availability from the author/publisher, 19-5, Waseda 8-Chome, Misatoshi Saitamaken, Zip. 341-0018, Japan, email: k-nife@joy.hi-ho.ne.jp. ID No 14222. Reviewed by Paul Davey FRPSL.

The Japanese Occupation of China is an area which has been relatively little studied in comparison with much contemporary philately. The majority of the stamps used were surcharges on earlier Chinese issues or these issues reprinted by the occupying forces. Later ones were produced in difficult circumstances leading to many varieties. Mr Kojima has produced a two-volume set showing in a hard-backed, colour volume a 128 page exhibit of mint stamps and covers. If you know your way round these issues there are some lovely, rare items illustrated. All the description is in Japanese.

In a second volume there is a 24 page section in English discussing each of the pages in volume one together with another 130 pages in Japanese with all the details including seven pages of postal rates which