

Stasi Decorations and Memorabilia subtitled "A Collector's Guide", VOLUME 2, Ralph Pickard.

C. 2012, English language text, 599 pp pages, fully illustrated in color, BIG 11" x 8.5" format. Hardcover with dust jacket.

This is the second volume of the extremely popular Stasi collector's guide by Pickard is even bigger and better illustrated than the first! The book delves ever further into the fascinating subject of DDR notorious secret police and its memorabilia. One of the main subjects of Volume 2 is foreign awards and award certificates - including a number of Soviet orders and badges - to Stasi operatives and top leadership.

Among the other topics covered in this volume: Uniforms and insignia of Wachregiment F. Dzierzynski and other uniformed units within the Stasi; Awards and membership badges of the German FDJ Communist Youth organization (Free German Youth); Rank structure, badges and memorabilia of MfS (DDR State Security) School; Comprehensive guide to MfS State Security wax seals and ink stamps; History and memorabilia of SV Dynamo Sports Club (which included Police, Ministry of Interior and State Security members and copied the concept of the Soviet Dinamo Sports club - down to its name);

Additionally, there is an entire chapter on Soviet KGB badges and various memorabilia - statuettes, commemorative porcelain plates, honorary certificates etc - presented to Stasi officers.

Last but not least, there is a very interesting chapter on Felix Dzerzhinsky related memorabilia - paintings, posters, table medals etc - produced in both Soviet Union and East Germany. Highly detailed text includes both historical and collector data. Crisp clear color photography throughout. Provides useful time charts, identification data and measurements to aid the collector. Author works for a US Government intelligence agency and his methodical, fact-finding approach is evident in this work.

Only 750 copies in print, each copy is individually numbered. This book may soon become an out of print collectible in its own right!

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