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Great Gift Ideas from the U.S. Postal Service *2009 Stamp Yearbook on Sale Now*

WASHINGTON — The *2009 Stamp Yearbook* is now on sale at selected Post Offices around the country and online. Loaded with colorful graphics, illustrations and photography, this amazing compendium of stamps, stamp art, stories and behind-the-scenes details highlights the Postal Service's stamp offerings for 2009. Stamp themes this past year included subjects as diverse as American history, pop culture, heroes, natural and man-made wonders.

"For stamp aficionados, philatelists and those on your gift list who appreciate sophisticated collectible Americana, the *2009 Stamp Yearbook* from the Postal Service makes a terrific gift," suggests David Failor, manager of the Postal Service's philatelic programs.

"Stamps are a celebration of the American experience," notes Failor, "and this book is sure to be a gift that will be treasured for many years."

The 64-page yearbook features:

- Full-length stories on each stamp issuance of 2009,
- Short vignettes about each, and
- A compelling array of artist profiles, timelines and quotes.

The *2009 Stamp Yearbook*, priced at \$59.95, includes 61 collectible stamps. It is available in selected Post Offices and online at usps.com/shop. It can also be ordered by calling 1-800-STAMP-24.

Another great gift that would appeal to stamp collectors is *The Postal Service Guide to U.S. Stamps, 36th Edition*. Updated annually, this official publication is a fully illustrated, four-color guide to U.S. stamps. It provides comprehensive information about every U.S. stamp issued from 1847 to the present, including the complete 2009 stamp program with first-day-of-issue details, stamp collecting tips, a glossary of philatelic terms and other information. *The Postal Service Guide to U.S. Stamps, 36th Edition*, is priced at \$19.95.

These two beautiful books and many other wonderful gifts on stamp collecting, Americana, philatelic-themed collectibles and stationery can be purchased online at usps.com/shop.

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