

## Small Categories Series

### Religious

Here's a little-discussed category. There aren't a lot of covers to be had here, but there are more than you might imagine. I don't collect these, but I do take notice of them when they cross through my hands. One observation I can quickly make, although it may not be all that surprising, is that almost all of the covers you're going to find in this area are either Christian or Jewish related.

And, they're certainly not all like the ones I happen to have pictured here. Think about covers from Jewish delicatessens, for example. They almost always have a Star of David or Menorah pictured on them. I've seen at least a few covers from actual churches. Sometimes, Wedding and Anniversary covers will have religious symbols, Biblical quotes, etc. I know there's at least one nice cover (I think I remember it being a Matchorama) from a special pilgrimage spot. Also, how about covers from chapels? (Maybe not wedding chapels, but perhaps funeral chapels?)

These covers aren't always 'run-of-the-mill' issues, either. I mentioned the Matchorama above; there's also a Uniglo 20-strike from St. Ferdinand Church in Florissant, MO; there's a raised-ink cover from the Sinai Memorial Chapel in San Francisco; a nice metallic Pearlstone 30-strike from the Vaca Hills Chapel in Vacaville, CA; and so on.

No one's ever supplied me with the appropriate numbers of their collection size, so I can't give you any stats, but it's another interesting category for you to consider.....*Are you listening, WD?*

