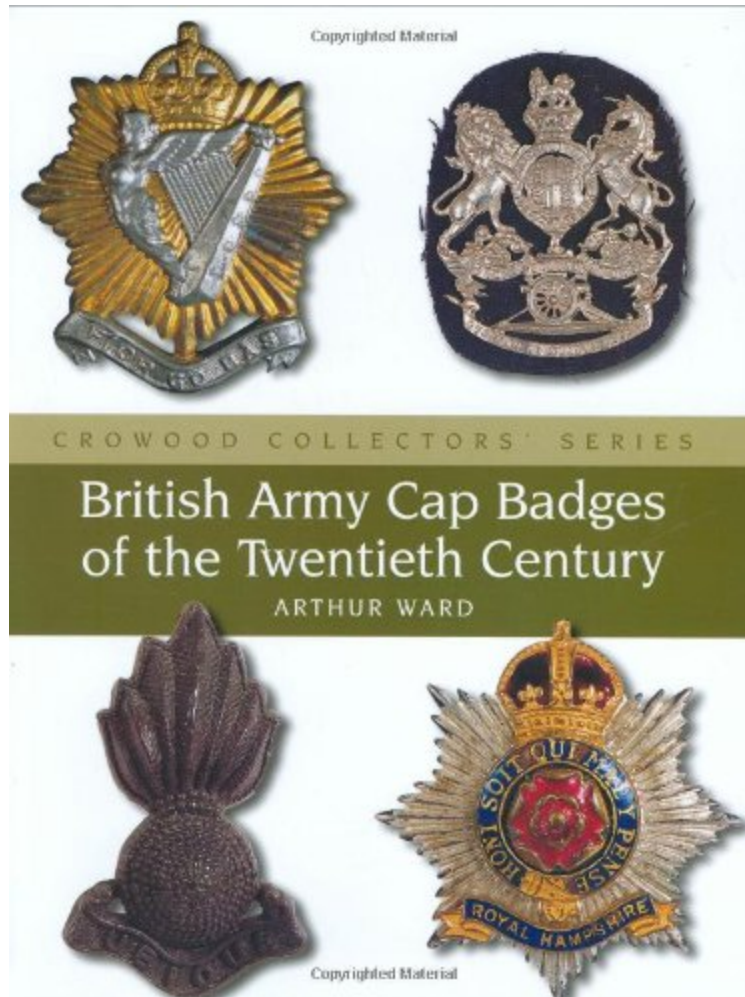


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Arthur Ward : British Army Cap Badges of the Twentieth Century (Crowood Collectors') before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised British Army Cap Badges of the Twentieth Century (Crowood Collectors'):

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Pretty, but not what I had hoped for By P. Geyer This is a very attractive book. It is full of beautiful full-color photographs of a number of different British cap badges and other random items. But ultimately "British Army Cap Badges of the Twentieth Century" is disappointing in a number of respects: 1) While the title indicates that the book is about the badges themselves, this book is really much more about the process of collecting British militaria insignia. I suppose that this was published in the "Crowood Collectors"

series may have given some indication of the book's actual thrust, that indication was rather more implicit than explicit.2) Again, despite the title, a significant amount of space is given to other British military insignia that only have a tangential, if any, relationship to cap badges. The subject of British cap badges is more than ample enough to fill up several books, so this filler really just seems to be a device for making up for a serious deficiency of depth.3) While the photographs of badges in the book are quite nice, they are not even remotely close to being comprehensive, or even well organized. Some regiments or organizations are represented, many are not. Even those that are represented are inadequately described, if they are described at all. And even these photographs do not appear to be organized according any sort of rational system. Of all of these problems, perhaps the biggest problem here lies mainly in the fact that the title does not represent what the book contains. Perhaps if this book was titled "Collecting Twentieth Century British Insignia" it would warrant as many as 3 stars. But overall, I found this book attractive, but ultimately disappointing. It is a military themed coffee table book, but not a serious reference work. Look for "Cap-Badges of the British Army 1939-45" by G.L.D. Alderton as a good indication of what this book could have looked like had it been properly focused or organized.4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. british army cap badges of the twentieth century By R. J. Goliat This book is an excellent reference for those who are interested in starting to collect cap badges or just want some basic information on cap badges. The author has given a real nice overview of the subject and for those interested cap badges are really neat. if you are staring out i highly suggest you buy this book. I am sure there are more in depth references available but this is a great starter.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. British Army Cap Badges of the Twentieth Century (Crowood Collectors') By Den-po Excellent book, very informative..A must for serious collectors of military badges. I would recommend it to anybody interested in the war.

Items connected with the British military have always been extremely popular with collectors, and the intricate and beautiful badges made to denote a soldier's regiment have always been keenly collected, due to their small size, high quality and the fascinating stories of military derring-do that lie behind each one. The British army cap badge really came into being around the turn of the twentieth century, with large badges intended for the blue cloth helmets then in use. Later badges became smaller, and materials changed, as headgear became smaller, and new manufacturing techniques took away the laborious daily cleaning that was a part of every soldier's routine for most of the century. With every regiment having numerous variations of badge, this is a field of collecting that will yield rewards for the collector. With the aid of nearly 200 specially taken color photographs, Arthur Ward offers a complete introduction to this topic.

About the Author Arthur Ward is an avid collector and author on military subjects. Arthur is the founder of [www.collecting friends.com](http://www.collectingfriends.com), an online community for collectors of toys, models militaria. He is the author of *Buying and Selling Wartime Collectables* [Crowood 2007]. He lives in Sussex, England.