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**Malcolm Hobart : Badges and Uniforms of the RAF** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Badges and Uniforms of the RAF:

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especially on the Air Training Corps, another neglected subject. I do have a few criticisms though. It uses abbreviations such as "BG" for "Blue-Grey" several times which seems a little unnecessary. It also refers to "Khaki" a number of times without being clear on whether it is referring to "Khaki Drill" (the lighter shade of khaki) or "Drab" (the darker green-brown shade). Uniform and badge collectors tend to want to know that level of detail from a reference book. It could also do with a great deal more photographs. I'm sure the the RAF Museum and Imperial War Museum could have provided images of most if not all the badges described in the book. Private collectors, I am sure would also have been happy to provide suitable images. Perhaps this is something that will be improved on in future editions. Still, not a bad little book for the price and certainly a starting point on RAF badges and uniforms.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Wings that are wanting...By Gary R. SmithWhile this book offers beautiful illustrations of a wide array of RAF insignia and provides fundamental information about their origins, I found myself wanting much more. Since my primary interest as a collector is WWII insignia, I would have welcomed more examples of pilot wings, more information about the various types of material used, variations in color, subtleties in design, theater-made wings and how to identify WWII-era wings. I would have appreciated some discussion about fakes and how to spot them. As for the uniforms, why were there no illustrations? Having said that, Malcolm Hobart should be commended for filling a void and providing a good ready reference for collectors and historians.

Throughout the relatively short yet highly distinguished history of the Royal Air Force there has been a tendency for the men and women of the Service to be overshadowed by the glamour of the aircraft. Nonetheless it is surprising that there has never before been a complete record of the uniforms and badges of the RAF and its predecessor, the Royal Flying Corps. Malcolm Hobart and Pen and Sword Books have cooperated to rectify this serious omission with this superbly color illustrated and comprehensive collector's guide. Badges of rank and trade are all depicted not only for the flying arms but for ground staff. This valuable addition to our Collector series also covers the RAF Reserves and Auxiliary Service, Air Training Corps and the Royal Observer Corps.

High quality colour photographs of virtually evry badge described in the text. The scope of the book was commendably wide..It was thus a valuable aid to anyone collecting RAF badges - and a useful reminder to those of us who would otherwise have forgotten some of the less common badges and accoutrements that have adorned RAF uniform over the years." Royal Air Force Historical Society JournalAbout the AuthorMalcolm Hobart is an author and historian.