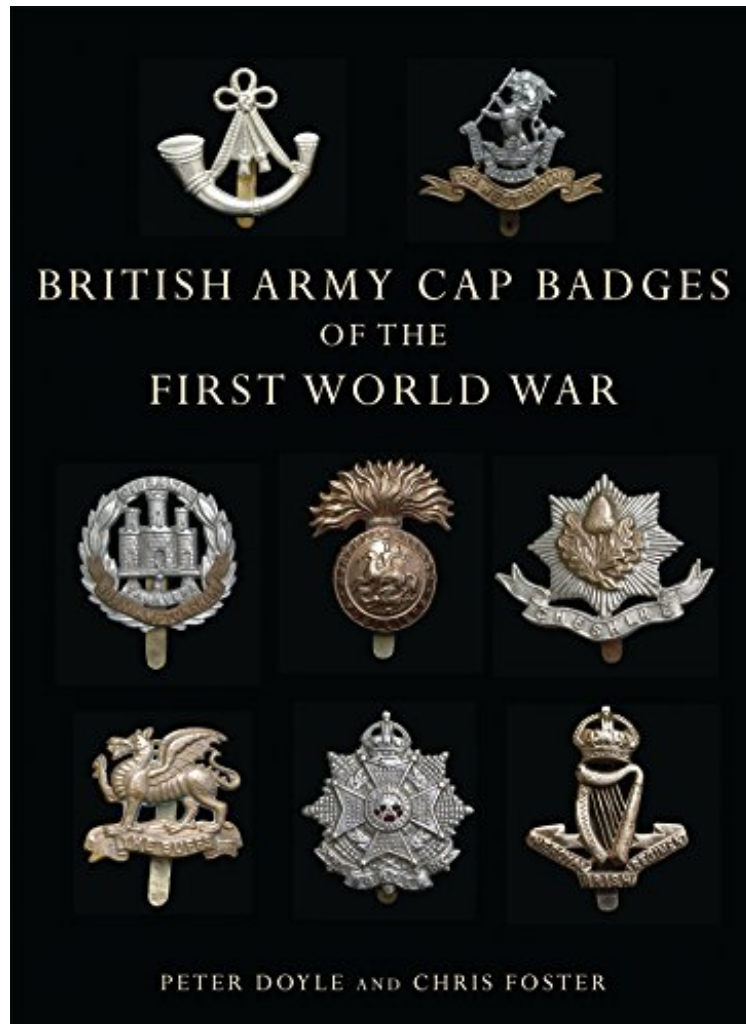




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and restrikes, although some points are given to watch out for. The book has already helped me in deciding what badges to add to my collection and made me much more choosy about which ones to acquire. If you are collecting badges or thinking of collecting or just want to learn more about the ones you already have, this is definitely the volume to pick up. More than worth the price! Highly recommended. 7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Good Cap Badge primer By John Adams-Graf As a collector with little prior knowledge of British WWI cap badges, I found this book to be the perfect introduction to the field. The narrative is well written and engaging. The photographs are crisp, clean and well-lit. The authors provided a good number of views of backs of badges and explained various details to assist the collector in determining authenticity. For years, I have owned copies of Kipling and King's seminal volumes, "Headdress Badges of the British Army," but had a hard time making sense of what I read in them. This new book, "British Army Cap Badges of the First World War" is the perfect bridge for carrying me into understanding WWI badges. I am very happy with the purchase and am sure I will consult it often. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. High quality book that would be perfect for the beginning badge collector or for someone casually ... By R. Amey High quality book that would be perfect for the beginning badge collector or for someone casually interested in the subject. Excellent photographs of the badges with period shots of the badges in use on uniform. Probably not the best work for the advanced collector but recommended for everyone else.

The fascination with the British involvement in the First World War extends to all aspects of the conflict. The battles and their outcomes; the armies and their leaders; the conditions of trench warfare; and the controversies form part of the growing literature examining every aspect of a war that was to cast a shadow over the rest of the twentieth century, the effects of which are still being felt today. For the British army, the cap badge is the most easily identifiable form of insignia. It represents a distillation of the pride of the regiment, its various battle honors and symbols borne proudly on the metallic emblem that was worn on all headdress, even within the trenches. Identification of the cap badge on old photographs is a first, important step in unraveling the military service of an individual. Cap badges have been collected avidly since they were first thought of in the nineteenth century. Cap-badge collecting is as popular now as it has ever been; yet with a growing number of fakes and forgeries, there is a need for a book that illustrates clearly the main types, and allows the collector and family historian alike to understand their meaning. Surprisingly, there are no real comprehensive web-based resources; and the available books (many of which are out of print), are often dull, arcane and poorly illustrated with grey, muddy images of otherwise spectacular badges. This book illustrates, for the first time in full color and high quality, images of the main types of badges used by the British Army in World War I. In addition, contemporary illustrations of the soldiers themselves wearing the badges, and the wider importance of their symbolism, is also included. Employing the skills of an established writer (and collector) and artist, it provides a unique reference guide for all people interested in the World War I.

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