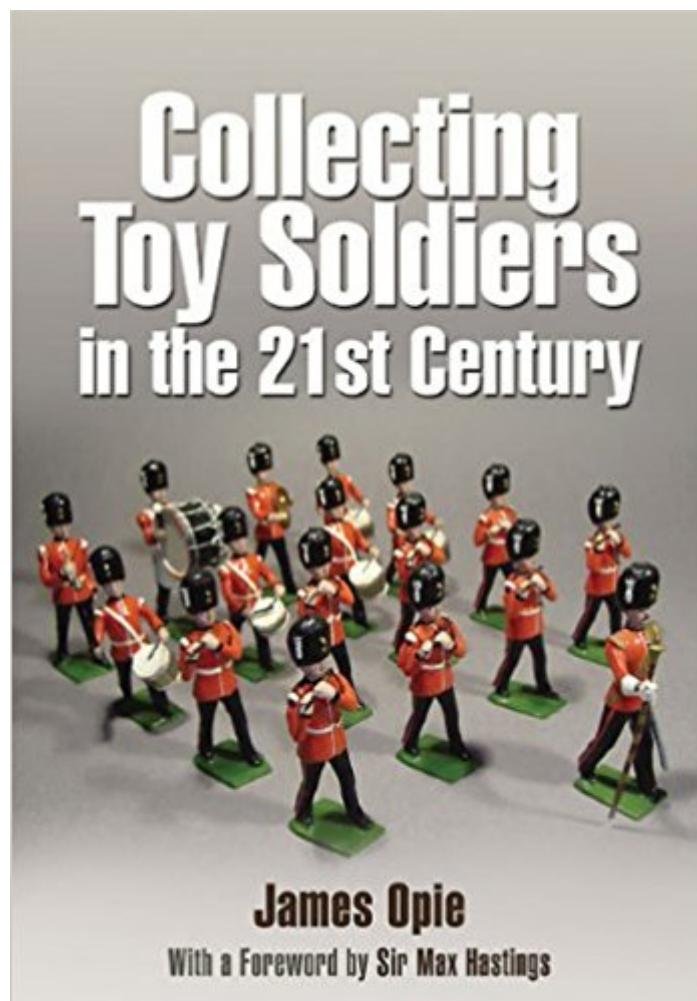


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Collecting Toy Soldiers In The 21st Century



Synopsis

James Opie's highly popular *Collecting Toy Soldiers* (1987) was an inspirational book for anyone involved in the hobby. Nearly a quarter of a century on, this is a completely new companion updating the experience for the twenty-first century collector. James now gives the reader the benefit of over thirty years' participation as one of the world's leading authorities on toy soldiers, figures and models, and a lifetime as a collector himself. *Collecting Toy Soldiers* in the 21st Century contains comprehensive advice on all aspects of collecting, fully illustrated with new pictures. The main menu is an exposition of the thousands of different possibilities for pursuing individual fulfillment. Guidance for every budget includes price trends and pitfalls to avoid when buying or selling at auction, shows, on-line or privately. The informative and often-amusing anecdotes are provided from James' own involvement, and illustrate just how satisfying it can be to explore this blend of history, tradition, nostalgia and play, whether on the most grandiose scale or with the most limited of funds.

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“In a field full of pitfalls, the serious enthusiast will find this guide covers all of the main concerns: getting started, identification, and condition, looking after the item, buying and selling and price and trend predictions. For the toy soldier collector, an absolute must have.” (Miniature Wargames) “This is the best Toy Soldier book I have ever seen. It has wonderful photos and showcases companies I have never heard of, but whose figures I would like to acquire. Opie

provides sound advice as to how to build up a collection and his book allows a reader to revisit childhood friends. (Toy Soldier and Model Figure magazine)

James Opie is the toy soldier consultant to Bonham's auctioneers and recognized as one of the world's leading experts on the subject. He has a very significant collection of his own, which he has been building since childhood. For over a quarter of a century, until his recent retirement, James Opie was also editor and buyer for the Military and Aviation Book Society and various other book clubs. He has written seven previous books on various aspects of toy soldier collecting.

FANTASTIC! This book is written as if you are conversing directly with the author and he anticipates your next question without your asking. A wonderful update on the prior Collecting Toy Soldiers. A very easy read with wonderful suggestions and photographs. For the collector, this volume is a must read. For the novice, this volume is a necessary edition to your reference library. For those who have not been exposed to toy soldiers, this book will cause one to take a second look at toy soldiers.

James Opie is the authority on toy soldier collecting and one of the experts on the entire production of Britains toy soldiers. He has written numerous books on the subject, with this one being the latest. As soon as I saw this volume, I ordered merely because it was written by James Opie. I have most, if not all, of his books on toy soldiers, and all of them are excellent, especially The Great Book of Britains, which he did for the 100th Anniversary of Britains toy soldier production in 1993. This book will not disappoint, though it is somewhat different from the author's usual method of writing books. It is thorough on its subject, and covers much more material, and toy soldiers, than just Britains. I found the book to be interesting, refreshing on its approach to the subject, and, as usual, expert in content. If you are a collector of toy soldiers, as I am, any book by James Opie should be purchased immediately. All of his books are packed with information and are a pleasure to read. They are also well-illustrated, which is a must for anything on toy and model soldiers, and this book is especially relevant today because of the changing nature of toy soldier collecting, especially in the value of the sets and individual figures. This book is enthusiastically recommended.

A work like this is not ideal for the Kindle though I hadn't come across a hard copy so bought it in that format. It was a very informative work and regardless of the limitations of the format, I would recommend it.

A good basic primer on collecting selected toy soldiers.. It is not all inclusive, but that would be a rather thick book. It's highly useful with good pictures

Excellent informative and entertaining.

Outstanding work by one of the leading authorities on the subject. A must for the veteran or novice toy soldier collector.

Not quite what I expected, but interesting info for collectors.

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