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Bruce Bairnsfather's cartoons were to the general public during World War I what Bill Mauldin's cartoons were to be in World War II. His "If you know of a better 'ole - get to it" may be the most famous cartoon of all time. His humorous portrayals of ordinary soldiers in the trenches were a great morale booster and were still serving as an inspiration years later during the dark days of the Second World War. Over the years, particularly in Britain, a vast array of Bairnsfather collectables have appeared, such as plates, cups, mugs, car mascots and ashtrays. Renowned World War I tour guides Tonie and Valmai Holt provide a heavily illustrated guide to the world of Bairnsfather collectibles, and a detailed account of the man behind the legend.

About the AuthorMajor and Mrs Holt founded the first organisation to offer battlefield tours to the general public in the late 1970s. Since the 1990s they have been writing their series of guide books, incorporating all that they have learned from their experiences conducting thousands of people around battlefields. This series, designed to serve as companions for travellers, whether sitting at home or physically visiting the battlefields, includes detailed travel directions, military history, fascinating anecdotes and tourist information. The Holts share the writing of their books equally and conduct all their own research, spending many weeks on the ground as they prepare each new book or update previously published titles.