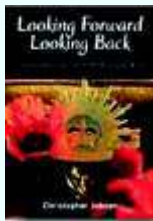


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### **Looking Forward Looking Back**

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The Australian Army might seem a droll topic for civilians but this is a fascinating guide to all those florid symbols, insignias and badges. Many army customs were inherited from the British, but they have evolved into a distinct Australian military culture. Christopher Jobson, a former regimental sergeant-major, provides detailed information, often with photographs, about all things army, whether it's the protocol of a mess dinner, the role of a batman or the history of the slouch hat. Dress, ceremonies, drills, ranks, and regiments and other units are also covered.

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