



Waterloo: The History of Four Days, Three Armies and Three Battles

By Bernard Cornwell

HarperCollins Publishers. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Waterloo: The History of Four Days, Three Armies and Three Battles, Bernard Cornwell, 'Some battles change nothing. Waterloo changed almost everything.' On the 18th June, 1815 the armies of France, Britain and Prussia descended upon a quiet valley south of Brussels. In the previous three days the French army had beaten the British at Quatre-Bras and the Prussians at Ligny. The Allies were in retreat. The blood-soaked battle of Waterloo would become a landmark in European history, to be examined over and over again, not least because until the evening of the 18th, the French army was close to prevailing on the battlefield. Now, brought to life by the celebrated novelist Bernard Cornwell, this is the chronicle of the four days leading up to the actual battle and a thrilling hour-by-hour account of that fateful day. In his first work of non-fiction, Cornwell combines his storytelling skills with a meticulously researched history to give a riveting account of every dramatic moment, from Napoleon's escape from Elba to the smoke and gore of the battlefields. Through letters and diaries he also sheds new light on the private thoughts of Napoleon and the Duke of...



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Here, in his first work of non-fiction, he has written the true story of the epic battle of Waterloo – a momentous turning point in European history – a tale of one campaign, four days and three armies. He focuses on w – Some battles change nothing. Waterloo changed almost everything.™ Bernard Cornwell brings those combatants back to life, using their memories to recreate what it must have been like to fight in one of the most ghastly battles of history. It was given extra piquancy because all of Europe reckoned that the two greatest soldiers of the age were Napoleon and Wellington, yet the two had never faced each other in battle. Both were acutely aware of that, and aware that history would judge them by the result. In the previous three days, the French army had beaten the Prussians at Ligny and fought the British to a standstill at Quatre-Bras. The Allies were in retreat. The little village north of where they turned to fight the French army was called Waterloo. The blood-soaked battle to which it gave its name would become a landmark in European history. In his first work of non-fiction, Bernard Cornwell combines his storytelling skills with a meticulously researched history to give a riveting chronicle of every dramatic moment, from Napoleon’s daring escape from Elba to the smoke and gore of the three My first (and possibly only!) non-fiction book is a telling of the epic battle of Waterloo. The book will be published in the UK in September 2014. It will be published in the US in May 2015. Below is an excerpt from the chapter describing the battle of Quatre Bras, two days before the big fight at Waterloo: Buy WATERLOO; The History of Four Days, Three Armies and Three Battles Now. Read an Excerpt. Click here to read an excerpt from WATERLOO; The History of Four Days, Three Armies and Three Battles.