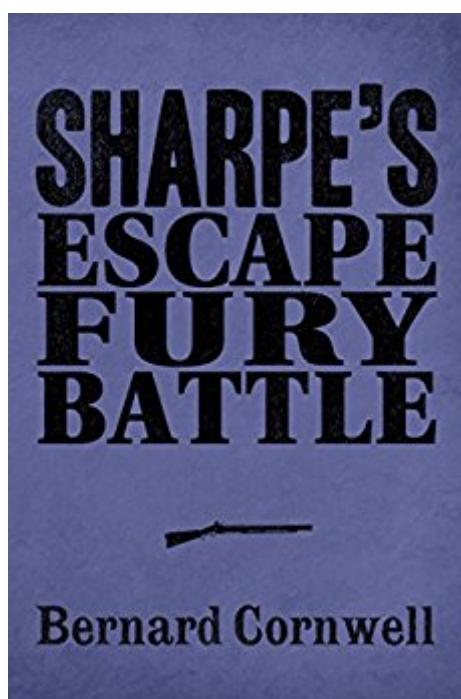


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Cornwell's writing remains highly descriptive and easy to read. It contains graphic descriptions of mutilation and severe wounding and gallons of blood and guts - dead and dying everywhere. This becomes somewhat tiresome after many pages and I found myself wondering if the descriptions

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Further chapters in the SHARPE/HARPER saga. An excellent, well paced read with a nice blend of history and adventure. Even though some of these books are "add ins", the author has one this seamlessly and with humour. I really enjoy the character development of the individuals, combined with the back-drop of the wider Peninsula War.

As usual, a thoroughly entertaining historical novel combining historical detail with non-stop action. Up to number 12 in the series. Up to the early hours this morning finishing this one. Highly addictive!

I liked the story, not a glossy, romanticized view of this war. I also like the attention to the character's flaws, like: getting drunk, being distracted by women, violent behaviors during battle. my kind of book

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Great read

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