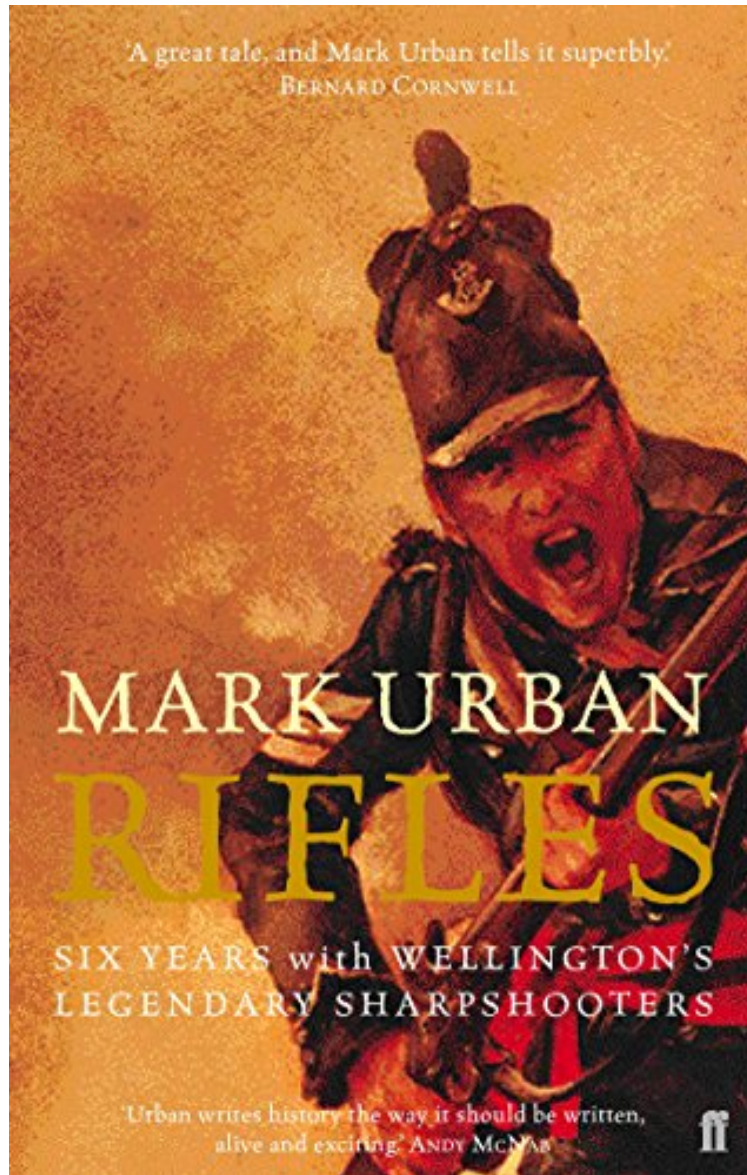


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6 von 7 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Die echten "Sharpe"
Von kyrdis
In "Rifles" begleitet der Leser das legendre 95th Regiment of Foot whrend sechs Kriegsjahren vom Aufbruch aus England 1809 bis Waterloo 1815. Als Teil der Leichten Brigade von Wellingtons Heer standen die Rifles fast immer im dichtesten Schlachtengetmmel, und das meist erfolgreich, was zum speziellen Ruf fhrte, den sie noch heute haben.
Urban gelingt der Spagat zwischen sachlicher Information und geradezu romanhafter Spannung perfekt, was nicht zuletzt daran liegt, da die Offiziere und Soldaten durch Autobiographien, Briefe und Tagebcher eine reiche Sammlung an Primrquellen hinterlassen haben. Franzsische Quellen kommen auch zu Wort. Somit ist es mglich die wechsellvollen Karrieren einiger Mnner so genau zu verfolgen, da man sie am (manchmal natrlich kriegsbedingt vorzeitigen) Ende teilweise so gut kennt, wie sonst nur in Romanen oder Biographien.
Auerdem profitiert das Buch vom typisch trockenen britischen Humor, der allerdings meist nicht vom Autor, sondern vor allem von den Quellen selbst stammt. Mein Lieblingssatz war der hier, ber General Erskine, der wegen starker Kurzsichtigkeit und Nebel bei der Schlacht von Sabugal auf Abwege geraten ist, wie Lieutenant Kincaid frustriert bemerkt: "A brigade of dragoons under Sir William Erskine, who were to have covered our right, went the Lord knows where, but certainly not into the fight ... (S. 106)."
Ein sehr empfehlenswertes Buch, das nicht nur vom Kampf, sondern auch vom Alltagsleben der Rifles erzht. Unverzichtbar fr "Sharpe"-Fans und alle anderen, die Interesse an den Napoleonischen Kriegen haben.

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