

Rifleman Dodd

In an era devoid of modern communication methods, letters and diaries from the literate officer classes of the Napoleonic wars abound, in all of the languages of the combatant nations. Much less often heard is the voice of the enlisted man, particularly in the British armed forces, an invaluable insight is provided by the recollections of Rifleman Harris late of the 95th Rifles. The often brutal realities of the era were collated by an officer whom he knew, Captain Curling, and published in 1848, and although not well known at the time has become one of the most famous recorded by any rank. One of Harris' first memoirs of his time in the army is the devastating spectacle of a firing squad for a court-martial of one of the rank and file and of the court-martial of the bungling General Whitelock whose mishandled expedition to Buenos Ayres. The man from the rank and file was shot, but General Whitelock was merely cashiered, a difference of class and the times unintentionally brought to light. Whitelock's court-martial provides the first appearance of General (at the time Colonel) Craufurd, who went on the expedition with Whitelock and want to have his former commander shot for his ineptitude!, and under whom Harris would spend a great deal of his soldiering career. Harris takes a small part in another expedition to Denmark, but the only sort of action he is involved in is defending a Danish family from the depredations of fellow soldiers. It is however with his entrance into Portugal in 1808, that his adventures really begin to take shape; as his fellow soldiers fall around him at the battles of Roliça and Vimiero he describes the horrific injuries sustained, the plundering of the dead that took place (which he was not above joining in) and the task of the surgeons to try and stitch up the wounded. A large part of the narrative is taken by the retreat of Sir John Moore's army to Coruña, and the Light Brigade's to Vigo. His tales of the retreat are vividly described; from the capture of the French general Lefebvre-Desnouettes at Benavente, the privation, the wives of the soldiers and their struggle to stay with the column, to the iron resolve of General Craufurd to keep going. Eventually and in a pitiable state Harris reaches Vigo and embarks for England. It was not enemy action that ended Harris' career in the army but diseases contracted during the pestilent 1809 Walcheren campaign, the lingering sickness forced Harris to leave the army and take up trade as a cobbler. A valuable and excellent read.

This is a new release of the original 1943 edition.

Hornblower Saga; Vol 4; Apr 1805 - Fall 1805 Although unfinished prior to C.S. Forester's death, Hornblower During the Crisis adds new scope to Hornblower's list of achievements - espionage. It's a risky and daring maneuver in which he must pose as a Spaniard carrying a forged letter from Napoleon. If he succeeds, it will lead to the greatest naval battle in history.

"Hilariously funny."—The New York Times Book Review "Great dirty fun!"—Grand Rapids Press "The most entertaining anti-hero in a long time... Moves from one ribald and deliciously corrupt episode to the next... Wonderful and scandalous."—Publishers Weekly The seventh volume of the "Flashman Papers" records the arch-cad's adventures in America during Gold Rush of 1849 and the Battle of Bighorn in 1876, and his acquaintance with famous Indian chiefs, American soldiers, frontiersmen and statesmen.

From 1807 until 1814, armies from Napoleon's empire fought the allied powers of Spain, Britain and Portugal for control of the Iberian Peninsula. The Peninsular Wars or Guerra de la Independencia ("War of Independence") contributed considerably to Napoleon's eventual downfall; but until 1813 the conflict in Spain and Portugal, though costly, exercised only an indirect effect upon the progress of French affairs in central and eastern Europe. From the drama of this brutal war of liberation, author C.S. Forester tells the story of a gun -- a remarkable

cannon, an immense eighteen-pounder, used by local townspeople in the rebellion against the French until they are forced to hide it beneath a pile of stone to prevent its capture. Years later, a group of guerrilleros learn about its location and seize it for their cause. The colossal gun, though highly valued, creates colossal challenges to those responsible for its transportation and defense. Over time the great gun falls under the control of a series of guerrilla leaders; each achieves strong leadership through his connection to the gun, and each is eventually captured and executed or killed in battle until the gun finally comes under the control of the 18-year-old Jorge, who emerges as an untrained but naturally gifted leader and tactician. The exploits of the Spanish irregulars under Jorge eventually lead to the diversion of a large body of French troops from their fight against the Peninsular allies and thus help win the war.

The dramatic story of an African king whose reign coincides with the incursion of Arab raiders and the destruction of his world by slave traders. This unusual tale gives the reader a feel for the strangeness of an earlier time and the vastness of a mysterious land. A timeless novel told with stunning and often brutal authenticity.

Hornblower Saga; Vol 10; Oct 1813 - Jun 1815 Hornblower must save a tyrannical officer from his mutinied crew, advance the Bourbon cause in Le Harve as the city changes its allegiance away from Napoleon, and wage a guerrilla fight with his old love Marie at his side only to find himself captured and condemned to death.

A stand-alone novel that inspired Bernard Cornwell's Sharpe series It is 1810, and the last French invasion of Portugal has penned Wellington's army behind the river Tagus with their backs to the sea. Separated from his regiment, Rifleman Dodd of the Ninety-Fifth stumbles on a band of undisciplined Portuguese guerrillas. With rough inventiveness he transforms this ramshackle group into an organised fighting force, continually harrying the infuriated enemy as he battles his way back to his own lines. Written by the author of the Hornblower series, DEATH TO THE FRENCH is a classic novel of the Peninsular War, and was the inspiration for Bernard Cornwell's Sharpe books.

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A gripping collection of C.S. Forester's stories about World War II. Since most of the stories were written during the war, their authenticity is compelling. Possibly among the best war stories ever written.

"The mission of Commander George Krause of the United States Navy is to protect a convoy of thirty-seven merchant ships making their way across the icy North Atlantic from America to England. There, they will deliver desperately needed supplies, but only if they can make it through the wolfpack of German submarines that awaits and outnumbers them in the perilous seas. For forty eight hours, Krause will play a desperate cat and mouse game against the submarines, combating exhaustion, hunger, and thirst to protect fifty million dollars' worth of cargo and the lives of three thousand men. Acclaimed as one of the best novels of the year upon publication in 1955, The Good Shepherd is a riveting classic of WWII and naval warfare from one of the 20th century's masters of sea stories." --

An English rifleman from the 95th rifle brigade is separated from his unit during the Napoleonic war in Portugal in 1812 and must find his way back to his unit from behind hostile French lines. Told from Dodd's perspective as well as the French, his story effectively conveys how the efforts of a single man can alter the will of an opposing nation.

The book John Kelly reads every time he gets a promotion to remind him of 'the perils of hubris, the pitfalls of patriotism and duty unaccompanied by critical thinking' The most vivid, moving – and devastating – word-portrait of a World War One British commander ever written, here re-introduced by Max Hastings.

A Chronicle of Sunlight tells the story of an English family from late-Victorian times to World War II. This volume follows Phillip Maddison's boyhood against a background of the Boer War and the growth of women's suffrage. Has Phillip inherited his paternal grandfather's waywardness?

The story of Operation Crusader launched by the Eighth Army on 18 November 1941, against the Axis forces which stood on the borders of Egypt and around beleaguered Tobruk.

A noted physicist and popular science writer explains why the sea is salty, how bubbles form on the water's surface, where waves come from, and other curiosities. 1987 edition.

"Look, Mick," he said, "you're going to find out from somebody in the gym, so you might as well find out from me. Those supplements you're taking? They might get you a little bigger, but just a little. If you're after serious results, there's other stuff that produces better results much faster, stuff that a lot of guys in the gym use." "What other stuff?" "You know what I'm talking about—gym candy." Runningback Mick Johnson has dreams: dreams of cutting back, finding the hole, breaking into the open, and running free with nothing but green grass ahead. He has dreams of winning and of being the best. But football is a cruel sport. It requires power, grace, speed, quickness, and knowledge of the game. It takes luck, too. One crazy bounce can turn a likely victory into sudden defeat. What elite athlete wouldn't look for an edge? A way to make him bigger, stronger, faster? This novel explores the dark corners of the heart of a young football player as he struggles for success under the always glaring—and often unforgiving—stadium lights.

- From the author of the hugely successful and enduring HORNBLOWER series, A PAWN AMONG KINGS is a classic novel about the French Invasion of Russia during the Napoleonic Wars- C.S. Forester's first-ever novel, republished here for the first time in almost a century - 'Absolutely compelling. One of the great masters of narrative' SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE - 'A master of the genre' NEW YORK TIMES Prinzen Palace, Dresden, May 1812. The room is a vast oblong, lit by an immense number of candles, reflecting over and over again in the mirrors on the walls. Everything in the room appears to gleam and glitter in a feverish, furious manner; the mirrors, the furniture, the lace on the mens' uniforms and the jewels on the womens' breasts. As the beautiful young Hungarian, Marie de Brezeny, is presented to the French

Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte, the chess-piece is in play. A PAWN AMONG KINGS is a grand historical epic of Napoleon's invasion of Russia, of scheming diplomats and seething passions, the blood and cannon-smoke of Borodino and Leipzig. ABOUT THE AUTHOR C.S. Forester was the pen name of Cecil Louis Troughton Smith, the English historical novelist who rose to fame and over eight million book sales, through his literary creation, Horatio Hornblower, a introverted, self-doubting English sea captain. The eleven-book series launched in 1937 with THE HAPPY RETURN, was hugely successful and lauded by critics, 'Hornblower is Hamlet in charge of a battleship' NEW YORK TIMES. His other notable works include THE AFRICAN QUEEN (1935), made into the iconic Hollywood film starring Humphrey Bogart and Katherine Hepburn, and THE GOOD SHEPHERD (1955) filmed as GREYHOUND in 2020 starring Tom Hanks. He died in 1966. PRAISE FOR C.S. FORESTER 'A recipe for pure pleasure' BERNARD CORNWELL 'Fiction like this is bound to deliver, so why waste time on new stuff?' KINGSLEY AMIS 'I recommend Hornblower to everyone literate I know' ERNEST HEMINGWAY 'A master storyteller' THE GUARDIAN 'Quite fascinating and wonderfully exact' RAYMOND CHANDLER 'I find Hornblower admirable - vastly entertaining' WINSTON CHURCHILL

Commander Krause escorts a beleaguered convoy across the icy North Atlantic in the most critical days of WW II. Exhausted beyond measure, he must make continuous and critical decisions as he leads his small fighting force against the frightfully competent and relentless U-boats. A superlative study of grace under pressure amidst the technical challenge of anti-submarine warfare.

This tale of the Peninsular campaigns of the Napoleonic Wars offers unforgettable adventure. In the lead is young ensign Keith Graham, trying desperately to elude capture and certain death. At his side is Gwyneth, beautiful, smart, experienced—a woman of the world.

Recounts the story of how the author overcame a tough and abusive childhood to fulfill his dream of joining the exciting and dangerous world of the Navy SEALs by becoming a Special Forces sniper. By the authors of SEAL Team Six. Original.

THE STORY: NO TIME FOR SERGEANTS' central figure is a husky and good-natured hillbilly who finally gets into the Air Force despite his father's propensity for tearing up his draft papers. His determination to be transferred to the infantry soon spe The Second Edition of this best-selling textbook continues to offer immensely practical advice and technical expertise that will aid researchers in analyzing and interpreting their collected data, and ultimately build theory from it. The authors provide a step-by-step guide to the research act. Full of definitions and illustrative examples, the book presents criteria for evaluating a study as well as responses to common questions posed by students of qualitative research.

Kevin is determined that he'll never join a gang but his path crosses the Tribe's when he saves one of them from a rival gang. Invited to take their initiation test, Kevin plans to break the oath of secrecy and tell everyone. But he falls under the spell of the gang leader, Salom, and becomes a member. Kevin then discovers how hard it is to break away from the Tribe's rules and

Salom's power, for when he's challenged Salom always makes you sorry. In this case he fastens on to Kevin's little sister, Glory, and Kevin is forced to take the initiation test again as his sister freezes with horror crossing a beam high above a ruined building. "The greatest writer of historical adventures today." —Washington Post Critically acclaimed, perennial New York Times bestselling author Bernard Cornwell (Agincourt, The Fort, the Saxon Tales) makes real history come alive in his breathtaking historical fiction. Praised as "the direct heir to Patrick O'Brian" (Agincourt, The Fort), Cornwell has brilliantly captured the fury, chaos, and excitement of battle as few writers have ever done—perhaps most vividly in his phenomenally popular novels following the illustrious military career of British Army officer Richard Sharpe during the late 18th and early 19th centuries. In Sharpe's Triumph, Sharpe's hunt for a traitorous renegade British officer leads the courageous young sergeant straight into the fires and madness of India's Battle of Assaye in September 1803. Perhaps the San Francisco Chronicle said it best: "If only all history lessons could be as vibrant."

What does it take to get the job done? How do you get the men in your unit to do what you say? To follow you into battle and shoot to kill? How you build the confidence that spurs men on to do their job, to stand by their leader and each other? Praise for Small Unit Leadership "Identifies in very specific terms what company grade officers and non-commissioned officers (NCOs) must do to ensure winning in land battle."—Marine Corps Gazette "Colonel Malone tackles the elusive topic of leadership with a real-world, pragmatic approach. This is not a book of intellectual theorization, but of specific techniques for leading soldiers on and off the battlefield."—U.S.N.I. Proceedings "The author condenses volumes of psychological studies into a readable and exciting book on practical military leadership."—ARMOR "Colonel Malone not only provides handy guides on what should be done and how it should be done . . . he also aids the reader in how to know that desired results are being achieved."—Leatherneck

An "outrageously hilarious" novel about a young man who has trouble with the truth (The Boston Globe). Adrian Healey loves to lie. He does it all the time. Every minute, every moment. And worse, he does it wonderfully, imaginatively, brilliantly. He lies to buck the system, to express his contempt for convention, but mostly because he just plain likes to. It's fun. He invents a lost pornographic novel by Charles Dickens, and, for himself, a career as a Piccadilly rent boy, hireable by the hour. But Adrian's lies eventually bring true danger, as he finds himself caught up in the machinations of a shadowy network that puts his own life at risk, in this "clever and entertaining novel that will appeal to Anglophiles with a twisted sense of humor" (Library Journal).

Cut off from his regiment by enemy forces pursuing his British comrades in retreat, Rifleman Matthew Dodd commits himself to fighting his way back to friendly lines. Dodd's simple, unyielding devotion to his duties as a soldier exemplifies core values - honor, courage and commitment - which all Marines are expected to demonstrate. He never thinks in terms

of surrender. He doesn't just escape and evade - he continues to perform as a rifleman, killing enemy soldiers. In one of the opening chapters, Dodd is discovered by a French soldier as he is making his way back to his company. He flees in the opposite direction and finds himself scaling a steep hill. The French don't wish to follow him any farther. Instead of escaping from the impending danger, Dodd single-handedly takes on a cluster of soldiers at the foot of the hill and beats them. When he finally returns to his unit, no one knows of the deeds he has done, and his simple reward is a hot meal and the company of his mates.

"Separated from his company ... during a skirmish with the French, Rifleman Dodd finds himself behind enemy lines. Somehow he must pass through the French forces chasing the retreating British and rejoin his comrades ... A recording of the triumph of man over near-starvation and the harrowing uncertainties imminent in enemy territory."--Book jacket, 1989 ed.

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