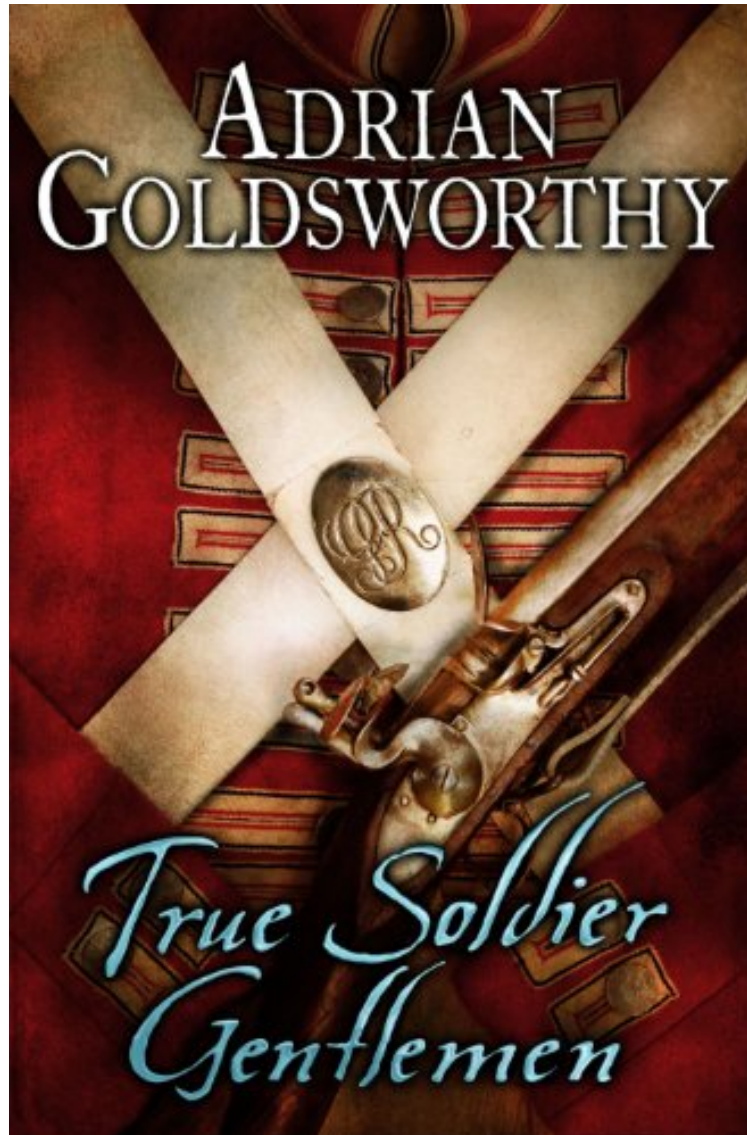


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Von Adrian Goldsworthy : True Soldier Gentlemen (Napoleonic Wars) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised True Soldier Gentlemen (Napoleonic Wars):

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myself as a Napoleonic historian and ex soldier I fully concur with the reviewers who are for. In the first place Goldsworthy's descriptive powers of the life and times of British soldiers (officers and other ranks) serving in a line regiment in Napoleonic Spain, are for me, far more realistic than that of say the Sharpe series, where Bernard Cornwell depicts officers as total buffoons, if this was the case then how on earth did the British defeat time after time (for the most part), the veteran French corps, victors of countless European battle fields? Also the actions of the officers and men in the engagements that take place, are more rationally portrayed, (to my mind). The authors characterisation of the interaction between officers and men is thoroughly believable, as can be attested by the many memoirs (from officers and men) published just after the Napoleonic wars. I am particularly pleased with the way in which Goldsworthy illustrates the inaction between engagements, (which is for the soldier the much greater part of his military career), he describes in great detail the every day to day running of a platoon, company and battalion, logistically and militarily, with dry humour and engaging subplots, combined with a thorough working knowledge and a great perception of the times. When the Battle/engagements take place, the author's grasp of Napoleonic tactics (both British and French) is to be commended. The action is fast paced, visceral, gory and the graphic portrayal of a Napoleonic battlefield second to none. All in all for me this first book in what promises to be a classic series is an epic ride into the Napoleonic past. Highly recommended. For those who would like to learn more of the Napoleonic campaigns, uniforms, fortresses and tactics in Spain, I recommend the Osprey Campaign, Warrior, Fortress and men-at-arms booklets with great overviews, highly detailed maps and excellent illustrations.

Kurzbeschreibung The year is 1808, and Hamish Williams is a 'gentlemen volunteer' in the 106th regiment of foot, a man serving with the ranks but living with the officers, and uncomfortable in both worlds: looked down on by those with the money or influence to buy their rank, and distrusted by the common soldiers who know he is not one of them. But Williams is determined to prove by deeds alone that he is a man worthy of advancement, and when the 106th embarks for Portugal to begin what will become known as the Peninsula War against Napoleon, he knows his chance of glory is at hand. Soon he is receiving a sharp lesson in the realities of war, as the 106th undergoes a bloody baptism at the hands of the French - and he realises that his single-minded devotion to honour may not, after all, be the quickest route to promotion. Combining the vivid detail of a master historian with the engaging characters and pulsating action of a natural storyteller, TRUE SOLDIER GENTLEMAN is the first volume in what promises to be a classic series. **Pressestimmen** "In this Jane Austen-meets-Bernard Cornwell novel, Goldsworthy brilliantly evokes the reality of life and death in the early 19th century British Army." "Daily Mail" "Take a distinguished historian, a long and bloody war against an apparently invincible enemy, and you have a good recipe for what promises to be a classic series." "Good Book Guide" "In this Jane Austen-meets-Bernard Cornwell novel, Goldsworthy brilliantly evokes the reality of life - and death - in the early 19th century British Army--DAILY MAIL Take a distinguished historian, a long and bloody war against an apparently invincible enemy, and you have a good recipe for what promises to be a classic series--GOOD BOOK GUIDE **Werbetext** A brilliant new Napoleonic military fiction series from one of the UK's brightest young historians.