



## 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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Waterloo: Four Days that Changed Europe's Destiny. By Tim Clayton. Little, Brown; 588 pages; \$25. Although frequently told, the story of the battle, or rather three battles—the engagement between Wellington's Anglo-Dutch forces and the French at Quatre Bras on June 16th, the much bigger battle of Ligny on the same day, which saw the defeat of Prussia's army, and finally Waterloo itself on the 18th—remains tense and gripping. Wellington himself thought such retellings futile, observing some years later: "The history of a battle is not unlike the history of a ball." The history of the Battle of Waterloo told by a master storyteller. (Shelf Awareness). "In his first nonfiction book, acclaimed historical novelist Cornwell (The Empty Throne, 2015, etc.) employs his storytelling skills to bring military history out of the textbook. A fascinating, detailed, and generously illustrated description of the battle that changed the fate of 19th-century Europe." (Kirkus Reviews). "Bernard Cornwell proceeds at a brisk canter and his descriptions of the fighting are as gripping as any in his splendid Sharpe novels." 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.