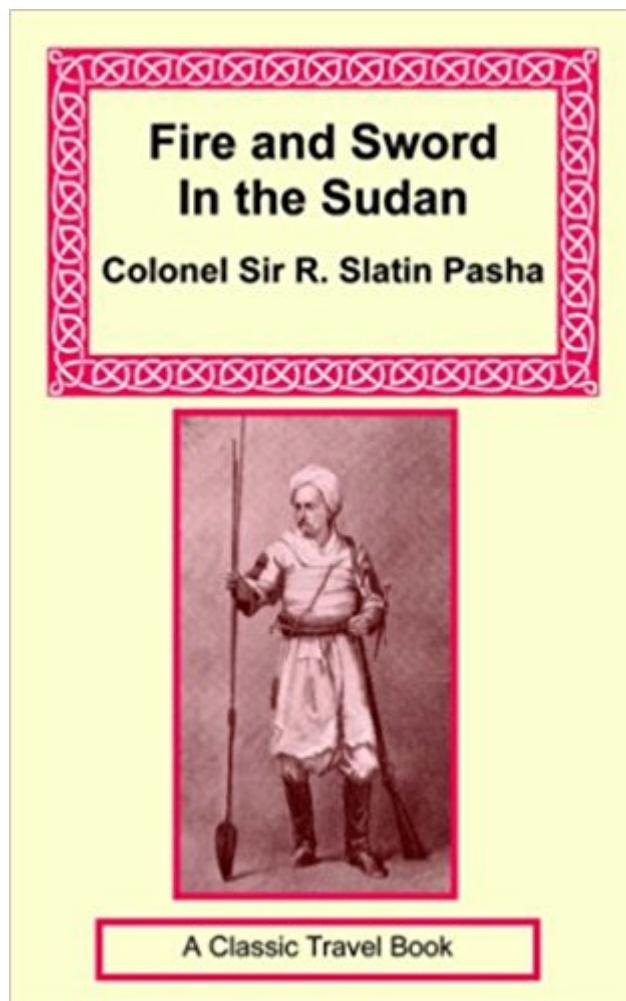


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Fire And Sword In The Sudan



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I found this to be a very interesting historical account of a career soldier combating muslim forces in the Sudan who surrendered, swore loyalty to enemy and even agreed to practice their faith. There will be those who feel his eventual escape to freedom, after more than ten years as a slave, came at the price of his honor. They may be right. Then again, maybe the real honor is in overcoming and surviving. This is, if nothing else, a fascinating story of survival.

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