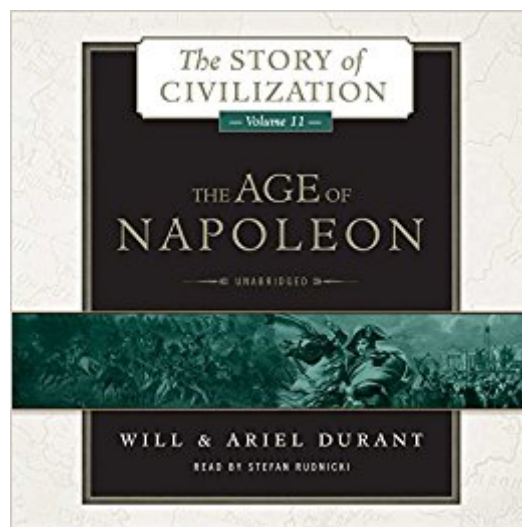




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The Age of Napoleon surveys the amazing chain of events that wrenched Europe out of the Enlightenment and into the age of democracy. In this masterful work, listeners will encounter the French Revolution and its leaders Danton, Desmoulins, Robespierre, and Saint-Just; Napoleon's meteoric rise from provincial Corsican military student to emperor and commander of the largest army in history; Napoleon's fall-- his army's destruction in the snows of Russia, his exile to Elba, his escape and reconquest of the throne, and his ultimate defeat at Waterloo; and the birth of Romanticism and the dawning of a new age of active democracy and a rising middle class.

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Customer Reviews

A sweeping portrait of an age, this book--the 11th and final volume in Will and Ariel Durant's Story of Civilization series--makes Napoleon its hero. The Durants, capable of switching from art to science to warfare with ease and skill, rank among the world's great popular historians. This adroitness requires some condensation: the description of Waterloo, for instance, takes up about three pages. If you want a detailed history of Napoleon's battle orders, look elsewhere, but if you want to understand the age and the man--in that order--The Age of Napoleon is a great place to begin.

--This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Will Durant (1885-1981) was an award-winning American writer, historian, and philosopher. He and his wife were awarded the Pulitzer Prize for General Nonfiction in 1968 for Rousseau and

Revolution, and he was a recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Durant spent over forty years writing the critically acclaimed eleven-volume Story of Civilization, the later volumes with the help of his wife, Ariel. He sought to revitalize history by unifying and humanizing the great body of historical knowledge, which had become voluminous and fragmented into esoteric subcategories. He also strove to bring philosophy to the common man. Durant was a champion of human rights, social reform, and the brotherhood of man long before they became well-known issues.

Who knew Napoleon was actually average height, It was a rumor that was spread by enemies to mock him and "belittle" him

Reading this book is like sitting down with Napoleon himself and getting his take on the myriad of interests he had, and not just his military brilliance. He believed in free university education long before it was advocated by Bernie Sanders. I was surprised to learn of his genius in so many different areas of life and society. Written with the usual insight and wisdom that you would expect from Will Durant.

I have all the other volumes from this series. This one was missing. Now I have a complete set. My father tells me Napoleon was responsible for his getting a family name. Of course there was much more, including a severe dent in the monarchy. Durant captures the breadth of an age as well as the depth.

You will finally understand the French Revolution and Nap's wars, except that of 1812, which is inexplicable. Brilliant writing: lucid urbane, conversational.

I have been looking for this book for some time, to finish my collection of the Durants' History of Civilization. While the price was a bit high, I decided that it would be easier to pay it than to keep looking for this hard-to-find book. The condition of the book is excellent, and the shipping time was extremely fast. Overall, this was a wonderful purchasing experience.

this copy part XI completes my set. the way Durant writes, you can enjoy each book without having to read them all. it is a stand alone book, yet part of the whole.

I enjoyed the book, but as with all Durant's books I get a little bored when he

spends too much time on the entertainers of the period, which he calls culture.

Excellent history, well written as usual by the author, Wil Durant

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