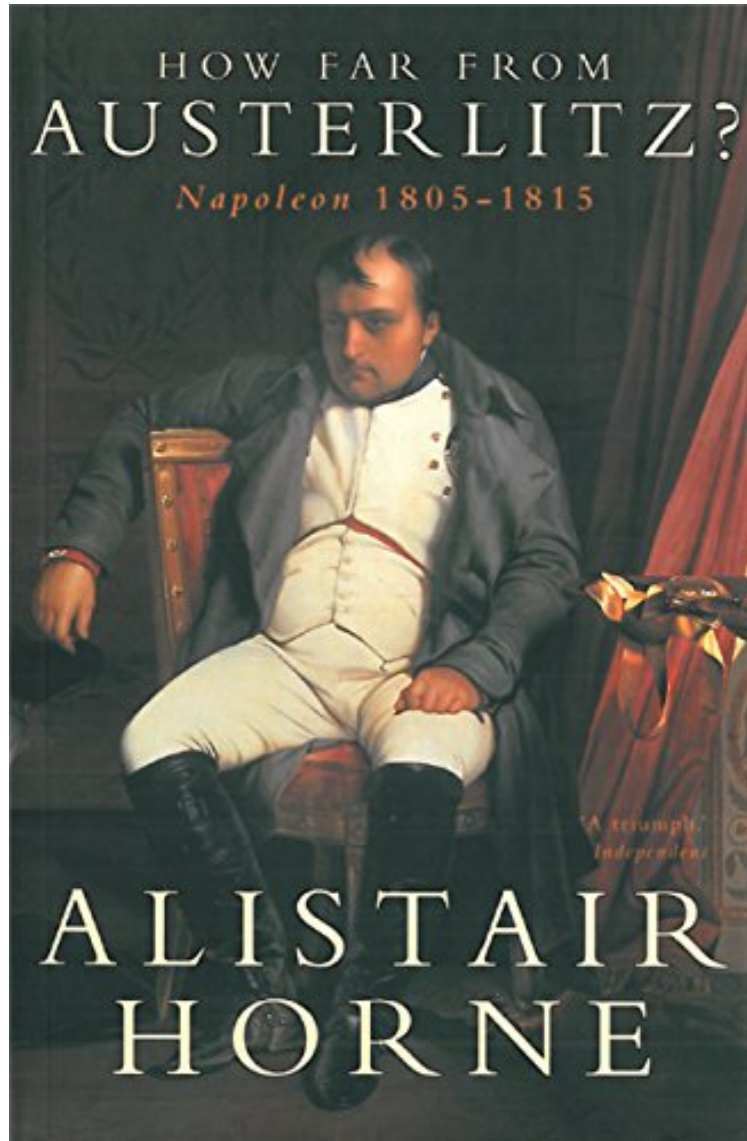


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Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Alistair Horne's How far from Austerlitz is an awful book Von Ein Kunde Alistair Horne's How far From Austerlitz is a sterling example of what happens when a historian doesn't bother to consult original documents. Repeating the received

wisdom of noted Napoleonic scholar David Chandler, (who originated the mistake) Horne states on page 239 that General Junot arrived in Lisbon with only 2,000 of his original 25,000 men left alive. This is not true. Sir Charles Oman, in his seven volume history of The Peninsular War makes it very clear via original documents that Junot's men straggled into Lisbon over a period of a few weeks, and while he did arrive, at first, with only 2,500, Junot was up to 25,000 men, fully armed and ready 15 days later. Another mistake made by Horne, and one again originally made by David Chandler, is in the chapter Talleyrand Defects. Horne states that Talleyrand resigned as Foreign Minister because he could see Napoleon becoming insane. Horne's source? Duff Cooper, whose 1932 biography of Talleyrand has an even more dubious source; Talleyrand's memoirs! In other words, Cooper, having asked the fox for his opinion on the security at the hen house, is quoted by Horne, whose satisfied to use second hand gossip, first repeated by Chandler! Whatever merits may be contained in Horne's book, they are undone by shoddy research that does nothing more than perpetrate fallacies by heaping lies on top of guess-work. For anyone truly interested in sound Napoleonic Scholarship Horne's book is a waste of time.

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Kurzbeschreibung Austerlitz was Napoleon's greatest victory, but it was also the beginning of the end. The success blurred his tactical vision and although there were victories after it, the apogee had been reached and the process has begun which resulted in the 1812 Russian campaign and Waterloo, his last battle.

.de In How Far from Austerlitz? accomplished military historian Alistair Horne covers the pivotal decade of Napoleon's career. Starting with the victories at Ulm and Austerlitz and concluding with the defeat at Waterloo, Horne treats his subject like the hero of a Greek tragedy, full of the hubris that ultimately will cause his downfall. He shows, for instance, that once the conquering begins, it can rarely stop. One victory demands a second to protect the gains of the first, and so on. Before long, resources are spread thin and the empire topples. That's essentially what happened to Napoleon, and Horne tells the tale well. In addition, he draws interesting parallels between the French emperor and Hitler: both were more or less confined to the European continent by British naval power, both launched a doomed invasion of Russia, and both had an fatal thirst for conquest.

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