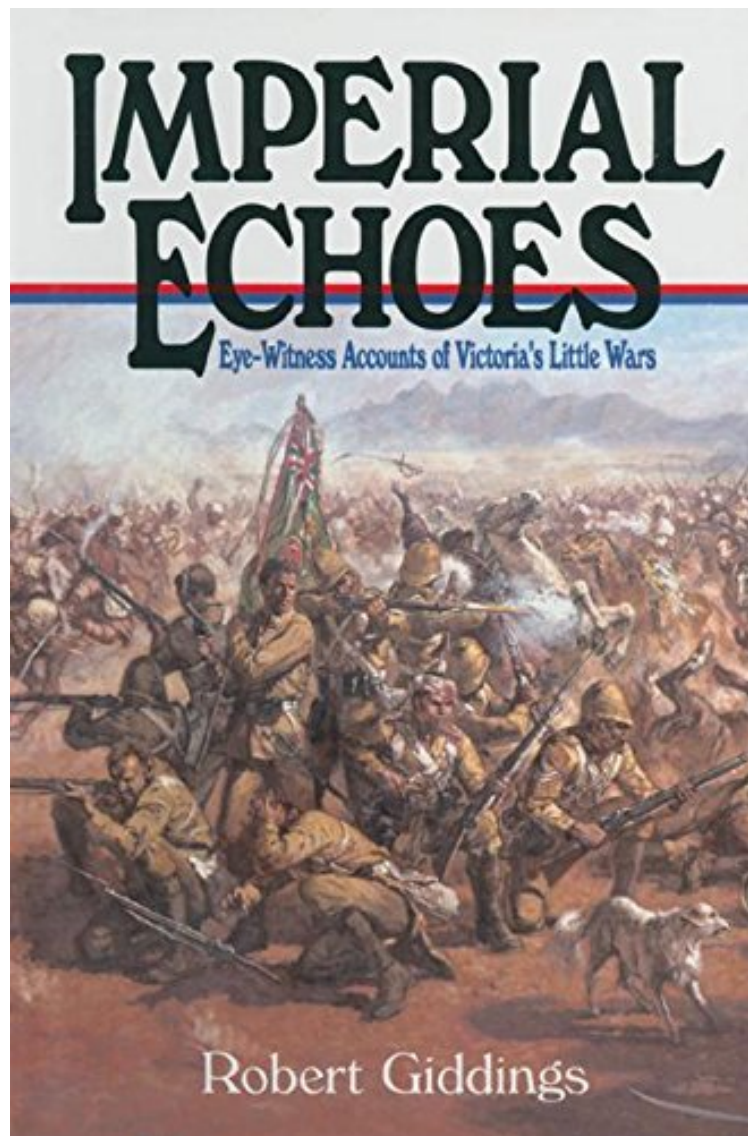


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. History at a glanceVon VoltigeurThis book offers on one hand an overview of 'Victoria's Little Wars' - in most cases rather armed hostilities in connection with political or commercial interests. The chapters are ordered by spheres of influence (Far East, Africa and so on) and a summary of the events is enhanced by some historical excerpts. Easy both to read and to gain general information about this subject.On the other hand Giddings' intention appears to be scetchy. The selection of the eye-witness accounts seems to be arbitrarily, it would have been far more interesting to compare different resources. Several plates show paintings or drawings, but, alas, there aren't any maps to illustrate the course of battles or events.

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