



## The Wars Against Napoleon: Debunking the Myth of the Napoleonic Wars

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Casemate Books. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, The Wars Against Napoleon: Debunking the Myth of the Napoleonic Wars, General Michel Franceschi, Ben Weider, Popular and scholarly history presents a one-dimensional image of Napoleon as an inveterate instigator of war who repeatedly sought large-scale military conquests. General Franceschi and Ben Weider dismantle this false conclusion in "The Wars Against Napoleon", a brilliantly written and researched study that turns our understanding of the French emperor on its head. Avoiding the simplistic cliches and rudimentary caricatures many historians use when discussing Napoleon, Franceschi and Weider argue persuasively that the caricature of the megalomaniac conqueror who bled Europe white to satisfy his delirious ambitions and insatiable love for war is groundless. By carefully scrutinizing the facts of the period and scrupulously avoiding the sometimes confusing cause and effect of major historical events, they paint a compelling portrait of a fundamentally pacifist Napoleon, one completely at odds with modern scholarly thought. This rigorous intellectual presentation is based upon three principal themes. The first explains how an unavoidable belligerent situation existed after the French Revolution of 1789. The new France inherited by Napoleon was faced with the implacable hatred of reactionary European monarchies determined to restore...



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