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they had to work with Napoleon, despite being (in my opinion) the greatest military and civil ruler of all time, never wrote any of these things (unless you refer to excerpts from his diaries, which was posthumously printed and never intended to be read, or his proclamations, which were mostly inflated propaganda). However, in many of his diary entries, travel journals, and personal letters to his brothers that he placed on the throne of European countries, or his trusted 26 Marechals de France, he left gold jackpots of wisdom which are of use today. Thus the excellent historian Jay Luvaas (who also wrote "Frederick the Great on the Art of War") spent over 30 years poring through Napoleon's correspondances, and cut and pasted them together to form what would seem like a continuous and fluent book, 100% written in Napoleon's own words. Genius! A must have, and a must read for all Napoleonic, or just military fans everywhere.

In the capstone work of his career, distinguished military historian Jay Luvaas brings together in one volume the military genius of Napoleon. Unlike Sun Tzu or Carl von Clausewitz, Napoleon never wrote a unified essay on his military philosophy. Yet, as one of the world's great strategists and tacticians, he sprinkled wisdom throughout his many and varied writings. Jay Luvaas spent over three dec...