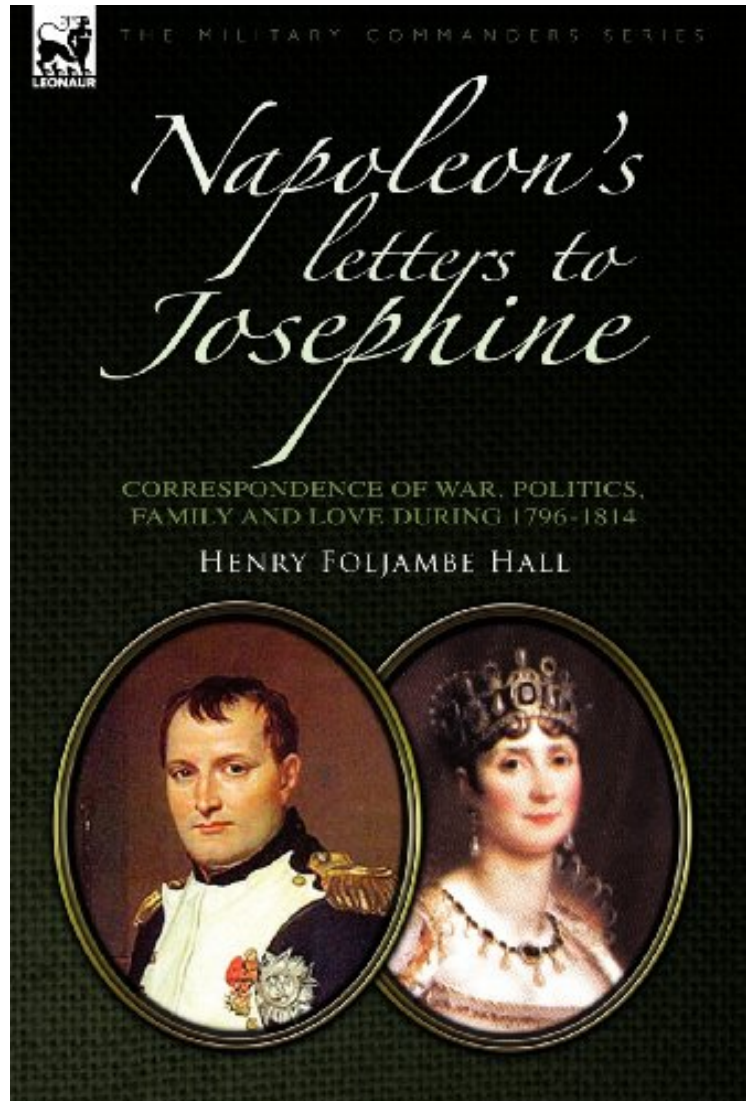


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helpful. The cover of this book is incorrect! By Lillith I received this book a few days ago and I am half way through it, however, I have to comment on the front cover now. As soon as I opened the package that I received this book in I immediately noticed that the picture of the lady on the front of the book with Napoleon is NOT Josephine. I did not pay that much attention to the cover of the book when I ordered it or I would have commented then. The lady in the picture is Hortense, Josephine's daughter by her first husband, Alexandre Beauharnais, who later went on to marry Napoleon's brother Louis. I am shocked that the publishers allowed for this mistake to occur and be sold to the public. Anyone who has studied Josephine and Napoleon can quickly realize this. The book's title is "Napoleon's Letters to JOSEPHINE" not "Napoleon's letters to his stepdaughter Hortense!" I went to the publisher's website ([...]) and they claim to be the publisher of the largest amount of books (139) in the English language on the Napoleonic wars. You think they would have a little better knowledge of Napoleon's family. I am completely flabbergasted!!! I bet Napoleon is rolling in his grave over this! Putting the cover aside I must add that this book is an excellent read. Napoleon was a true romantic at heart and wrote very passionate letters to Josephine. He truly adored this woman and she eventually came to feel the same about him. She was also his goodluck charm!

The intimate correspondence of history What needs to be said about the relationship between Napoleon and Josephine that has not become legend? He was a humble Corsican who rose meteorically through the ranks of the armies of Revolutionary France to become First Consul and then Emperor of the First Empire. She was his lover from the earliest days, swept up in his rising fortunes until she became Empress by his side, only to be cast away in favour of an Austrian princess who could give the Emperor an heir. Yet theirs was never a straightforward or easy relationship. Both took lovers and despite his own infidelities and tolerance, Napoleon felt extreme pangs of jealousy and wrote of them plainly in his correspondence. Napoleon reveals himself to be a man of raging passions both for Josephine and the creation of an Empire worthy of his genius. As one would expect, these letters are barely confined to pillow talk. Here was a soldier at the head of a conquering army that set Europe ablaze. Much of the progress of his campaigns is reported in the most personal detail. Here are those who surrounded the Emperor most closely-the soldiers, the court and the ever troublesome family. Here are the great events of the age from great campaigns, battles and fallen monarchs to assassination attempts. Here are the highs and the lows of two incredible turbulent lives. Essential reading for those fascinated by the Napoleonic age and who wish to listen to the immediate thoughts of the great man to his lover across time on all the issues that touched him closest. Available in soft cover and hard cover with dustjacket.