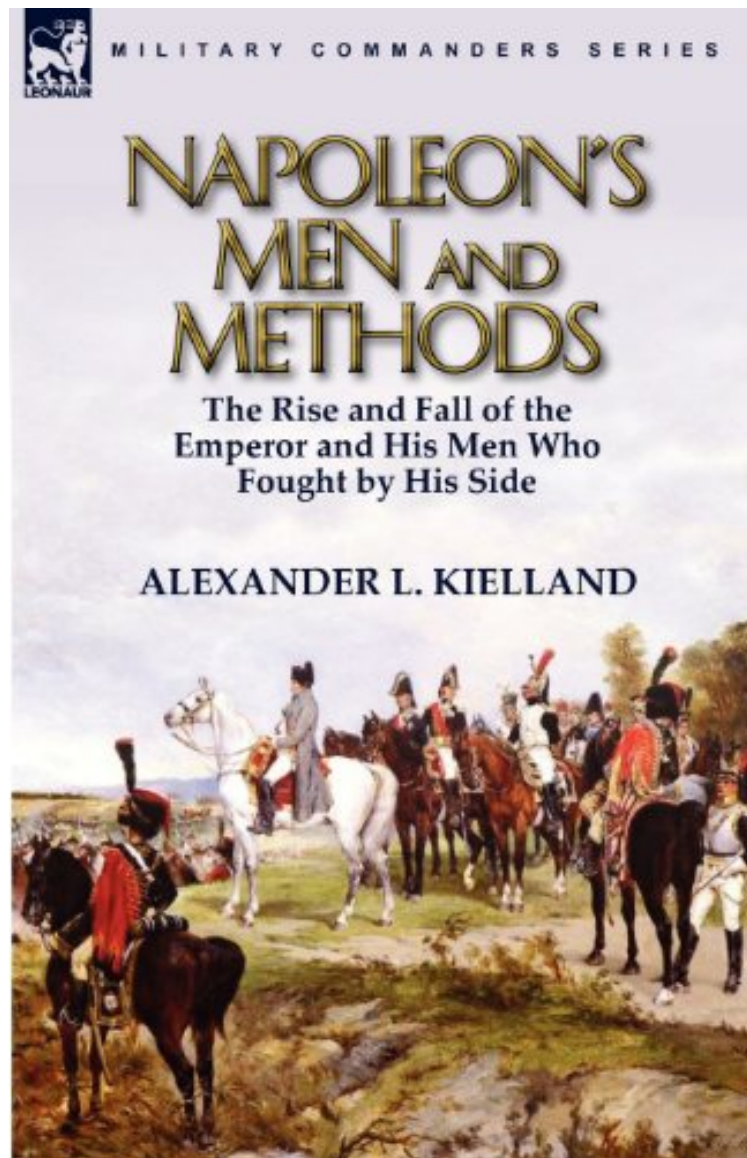


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About the AuthorAlexander Lange Kielland (18 February 1849 - 6 April 1906) was one of the most famous Norwegian authors of the 19th century. Born in Stavanger, Norway, he grew up in a rich merchant family. Even though he was born rich he had a sincere affection for the less fortunate. And he treated his workers well when he was a factory owner. He remained a spokesman for the weak and a critic of society throughout his time as a writer. Among his most famous works are the novels *Garman Worse* (1880), *Skipper Worse* (1882), and *Poison* (Gift, 1883). His short stories are also well known.