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**Albert A. Nofi : The Waterloo Campaign (Great Campaigns)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Waterloo Campaign (Great Campaigns):

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included and a very useful order of battle. If you were to read just one book on this subject I would recommend this. I find that many books covering this period in history target other historians to try and prove some new point or other, as well as making the assumption that you can speak French! Dr Nofi, thankfully, does not fall into these traps.

Albert Nofi has used his many years of research to produce an account of the battle of Waterloo that has all the grandeur and military detail one could want, but which never loses its interest in individual human experience. Here Napoleon rides forward to take personal command of a small detachment of French Marines to fight his way across the Sambre river on the way to Waterloo. Hanoverian exiles who have been fighting Napoleon for a decade under English command are surrounded and wiped out in a classic "last stand" at the hour of victory. The Waterloo Campaign also covers the death of the Duke of Brunswick, the reconciliation of Napoleon and his estranged brother Jerome in the crucible of battle, and the tragic loss and miraculous delivery of many ordinary people. In addition to its popular appeal, Albert Nofi's *The Waterloo Campaign* has found favor with the most demanding of military enthusiasts. *Waterloo* is a Military Book Club Main Selection in the U.S. and has been selected for a special European edition. Special features of *The Waterloo Campaign* include the most complete orders of battle available for the British, French and Prussian armies, a detailed comparison of artillery and musketry capabilities, sidebars profiling many of the personalities of the campaign, weather conditions for each hour of the battle and the best-informed estimates available on unit strengths and casualties, for horses as well as humans, during the campaign. New York educator Albert Nofi appeared frequently as a radio and TV military commentator during the Persian Gulf War, always balancing the grand principles of command against the individual human drama. He is the author of numerous books, including *The Spanish American War 1898*, *The Marine Corps Book of Lists*, and *The War Against Hitler*.

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