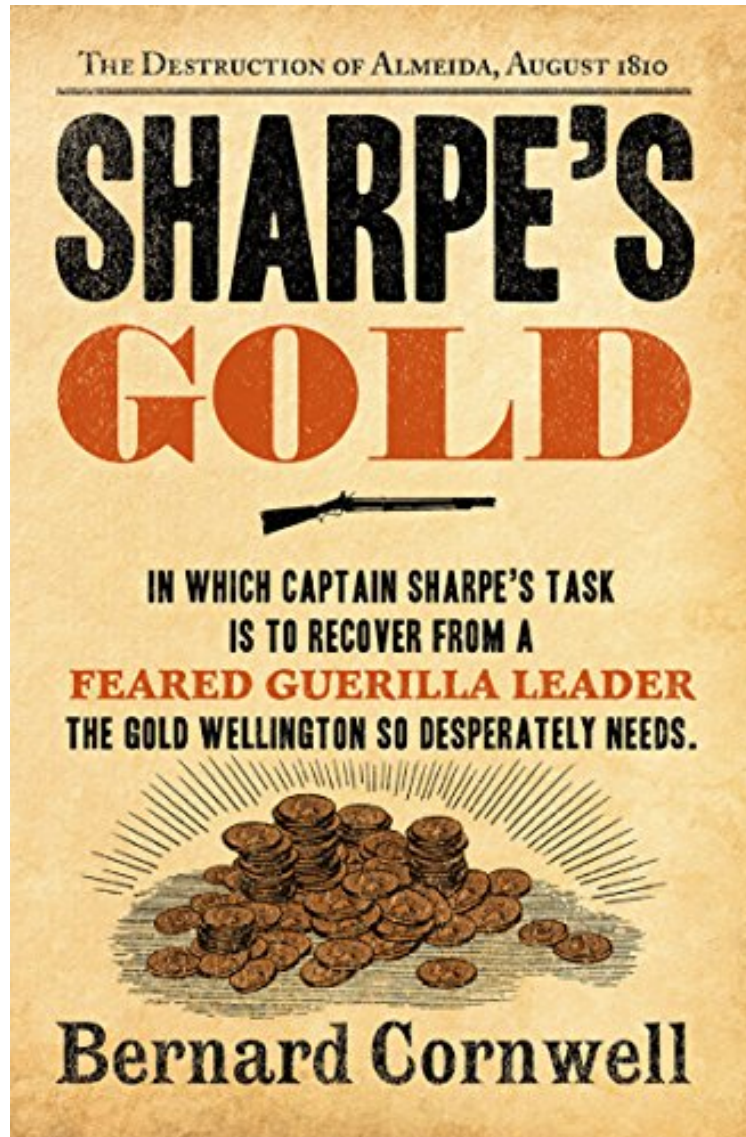


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Hard Look at Ruthless DecisionsVon Donald MitchellFollowing on the heels of Sharpe's Eagle, Sharpe's Gold (the 9th

novel in chronological order of events) plays on the darker side of "doing one's duty" of winning at any cost. During the early part of the Peninsula Wars, the Spanish army ceased to exist and a payroll for the nonexistent army is left in limbo. After a scout learns that the partisans have the gold, Sir Arthur Wellesley decides that the money must be liberated to help save the British army from defeat in Portugal. After an awkward interchange where Captain Richard Sharpe (promoted from Lieutenant in Sharpe's Eagle) interferes with a provost who wants to hang one of his men as a looter, Wellesley tells Sharpe that he "must" get the gold. An earlier foray with cavalry failed, but there is a British officer watching the gold along with the partisans (guerillas). All Sharpe has to do is lead his few infantrymen behind enemy lines, persuade the partisans (led by the dangerous and suspicious El Catalico) to give him the Spanish gold, and then carry it back through enemy lines again. Naturally, the challenge is even more difficult than expected. The scout who accompanies him is immediately captured by the French and Sharpe decides to rescue him. After that, the Spanish partisans claim the French have the gold and that the British officer has been captured. In the ensuing battle, Sharpe saves and becomes entranced by a most remarkable young woman, one who fights better than most men and is also very beautiful. In the story, Bernard Cornwell brilliantly uses a real historical incident to present Sharpe with one of those "someone will die no matter what I do" choices that often occur in war. If you read this book with a friend, you can have some fun debating what Sharpe might have done differently. The story is way too dark to be totally satisfying to Sharpe fans. Otherwise, it's brilliantly done. But it pales compared to the remarkable Sharpe's Eagle that preceded it. Enjoy! 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Another enjoyable volume in Cornwell's Napoleonic War series. Von customer The perfect companion for all military history enthusiasts is the ROMA VICTRIX WINE BEAKER Roma Victrix Wein Becher In August of 1810, the British Army is bottled up in southern Portugal near Lisbon. Spain, except for Cdiz, is occupied by the French, thanks to the dismal performance of the Spanish armies. Marshall Massna heads a French army poised to strike into Portugal; the very real threat is that the French will wipe out the badly-outnumbered British. The now-Lord Wellington (thanks to the magnificent victory at Talavera) is out of money, due to the stinginess of Parliament and the fact that Wellington is paying not only British expenses but Portuguese ones as well. Morale is terrible; everyone thinks that the war is lost. But there is a long shot chance at latching onto a sizeable amount of gold cached in the Portuguese mountains that border Spain. The money really belongs to the Spanish government, but partisans have managed to rescue it. The British have offered to "escort" the money to Cdiz; in reality, Wellington hopes to steal it for his own needs. This is obvious to the Spanish partisans as well, and they refuse to hand over the gold. Wellington turns to Captain Sharpe who leads an irregular company of the South Essex. Sharpe's mission: get the gold. Wellington is desperate and Sharpe must succeed. That's the context for this installment in the series. Unlike his other books, this one does not have Cornwell's signature epic battle at its climax; instead, Sharpe makes a dramatic escape from the British-held fortress of Almeida. But the story is still absorbing, thanks to the description of the Spanish partisan guerrilla (little war) warfare against the French, filled with atrocities committed on both sides as all partisan wars are. I've always thought that one area where Cornwell's series suffers in comparison to Patrick O'Brian's Aubrey/Maturin series is in the romantic interest. O'Brian had believable, complex relationships between his male and female characters. Sharpe's interactions with women are predictably boring, and this time is no exception. Still, that's not why you read the series. All in all, another page-turner. Highly recommended. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Sharpe is wonderful and Teressa makes a welcome addition! Von jorton@lemoorenet.com Sharpe and his rifles are sent on a quest by Wellington to retrieve some gold from deep within enemy territory that is held by the fanatical leader of the Spanish resistance forces. In the course of events he meets Teressa, blows up one of his own armies strongholds, and retrieves the gold Wellington needs to continue his war with Napoleone! An excellent read! Once again Cornwell distinguishes himself!

Kurzbeschreibung Captain Sharpe's task is to recover from a feared guerilla leader the gold Wellington so desperately needs. The enemy he faces strikes terror into the hearts of all around a renegade guerilla band whose leader has a particular loathing for Sharpe who has stolen his woman. Soldier, hero, rogue Sharpe is the man you always want on your side. Born in poverty, he joined the army to escape jail and climbed the ranks by sheer brutal courage. He knows no other family than the regiment of the 95th Rifles whose green jacket he proudly wears. Pressestimmen 'Exciting, exuberant! leaves the reader waiting for the next' Irish Times Pressestimmen 'Exciting, exuberant... leaves the reader waiting for the next, Irish Times