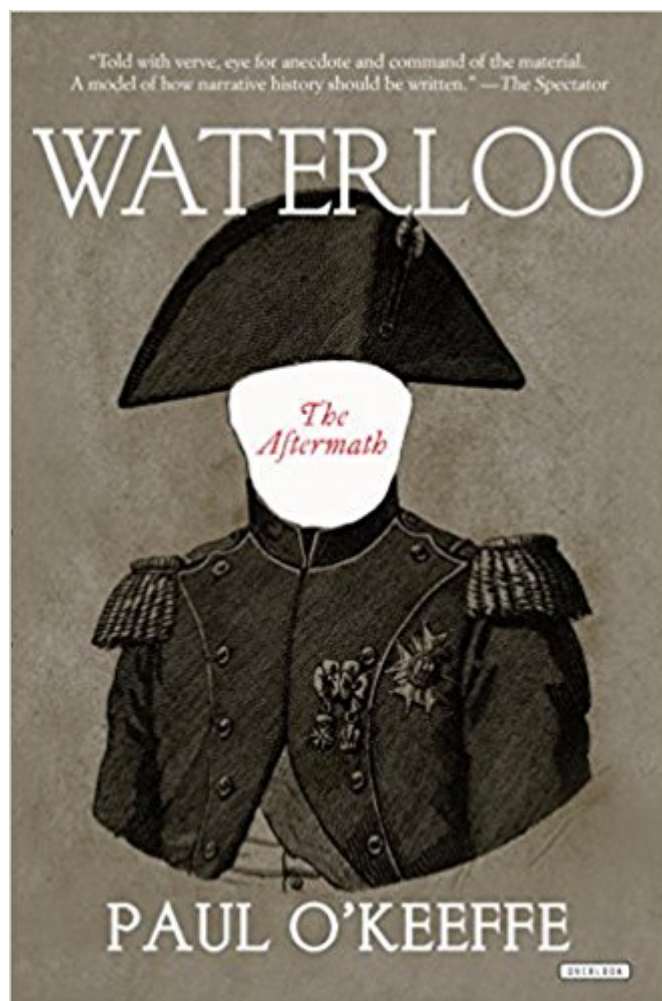


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Synopsis

Published for the 200th anniversary of the battle, the groundbreaking new account of the last days of the Napoleonic Wars. In the early morning hours of June 19, 1815, more than 50,000 men and 7,000 horses lay dead and wounded on a battlefield just south of Brussels. In the hours, days, weeks and months that followed, news of the battle would begin to shape the consciousness of an age; the battlegrounds would be looted and cleared, its dead buried or burned, its ground and ruins overrun by voyeuristic tourists; the victorious British and Prussian armies would invade France and occupy Paris. And as his enemies within and without France closed in, Napoleon saw no avenue ahead but surrender, exile and captivity. In this dramatic account of the aftermath of the battle of Waterloo, Paul O’Keeffe employs a multiplicity of contemporary sources and viewpoints to create a reading experience that brings into focus as never before the sights, sounds, and smells of the battlefield, of conquest and defeat, of celebration and riot.

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“I was gripped by the wealth of detail and humanity in the book. . . . This is how the tales of battles should be told, whatever the time, place or outcome.” - Emily Mayhew, author of *Wounded*

Paul O’Keeffe is a lecturer and writer. He was awarded a PhD by the University of Liverpool. He is

the author of several highly acclaimed books, including biographies of Wyndham Lewis, the artist Benjamin Robert Hayden, and the sculptor Henri Gaudier-Brzeska.

It must have been an epic task to research and write this. The chapters on the battle field post battle and the occupation of the Louvre are particularly memorable. However it proves difficult to draw the line on where the aftermath finishes and I was left wishing for more political analysis.

Very well researched and written. Highly recommended for the story after the great battle.

Covers events after the battle-good read

Bought the book for my father - he loves it.

Well worth reading, especially after reading Bernard Cornwell's Waterloo.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. Thank you,

Great details of events surrounding the battle

I was happy to receive this book through the Goodreads giveaways. This is a very well written account of the days following the battle of Waterloo. It took me a long time to read because the first part is so brutal. The author pulls no punches with the horrors of this battle. His descriptions take you right into the blood, gore, and brutality on the battlefield. The rest of the book was easier to read and moved more quickly for me. His descriptions of the removing the artwork from Paris and the Louvre stood out. The author gave the reader the fate of all the main characters right down to the ship. A very informative and interesting look into this time in history.

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