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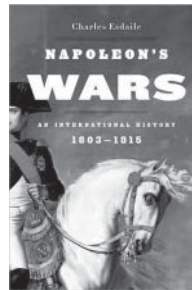
## **Napoleon's Wars**

*By Charles Esdaile*

*Viking, \$35.00, 656 pages*

Napoleon was a man you could not live without war. And, never has there been a man so skilled at war and so famous for his campaigns. One reason for this was probably his insatiable desire for fame and recognition. This excellent historical book not only looks at the good and bad

sides of Napoleon, but also his campaigns and the dangerous wars that spread throughout Europe—all beginning from France's revolution. This book seeks to un-



derstand why the countries involved in all of the conflict were willing to go to such great lengths to fight each other, even with destructive results. Why were rulers willing to risk the chances of fighting either for or against France? If you read this book, you will learn the answers, as well as have a new perspective on this period in time. This book is sure to go down in the annals of literature as one of the most comprehensive looks at this troubling time period and this blood thirsty warmonger.

Reviewed by James Rojek