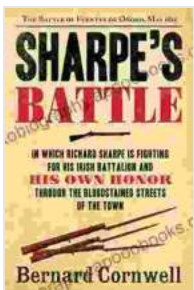


The Battle of Fuentes de Oñoro: A Pivotal Clash in the Peninsular War

The Battle of Fuentes de Oñoro, fought on May 5, 1811, was a pivotal clash in the Peninsular War between the armies of Britain and France. The battle took place in the village of Fuentes de Oñoro, Portugal, and resulted in a British victory that halted the French advance and boosted the morale of the British troops.



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Background

The Peninsular War began in 1808 after Napoleon Bonaparte invaded Spain and Portugal. The British, under the command of the Duke of Wellington, came to the aid of the Spanish and Portuguese and helped to drive the French out of the Iberian Peninsula.

In May 1811, the French army, under the command of Marshal André Masséna, launched an offensive into Portugal. Masséna's goal was to

capture Lisbon, the Portuguese capital, and drive the British out of the country.

Wellington, aware of Masséna's intentions, moved his army to block the French advance. The two armies met at Fuentes de Oñoro on May 5, 1811.

The Battle

The Battle of Fuentes de Oñoro was a hard-fought battle that lasted for two days. The French attacked the British positions in a series of waves, but the British held firm.

On the second day of battle, the French launched a particularly fierce attack on the British center. The British line was almost broken, but Wellington rallied his troops and led them into a counterattack that drove the French back.

The battle ended with the French retreating from the field. The British had won a decisive victory.

Impact of the Battle

The Battle of Fuentes de Oñoro was a significant victory for the British. It halted the French advance and boosted the morale of the British troops.

The battle also had a significant impact on the course of the Peninsular War. It showed that the British were capable of defeating the French in a major battle, and it convinced Masséna that he could not capture Lisbon.

The Battle of Fuentes de Oñoro is considered one of the most important battles of the Peninsular War. It was a turning point in the war, and it helped

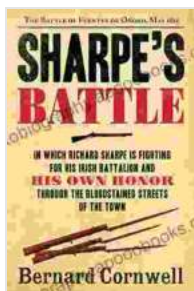
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- The Battle of Fuentes de Oñoro - Napoleon Series
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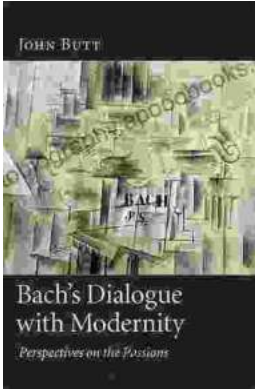
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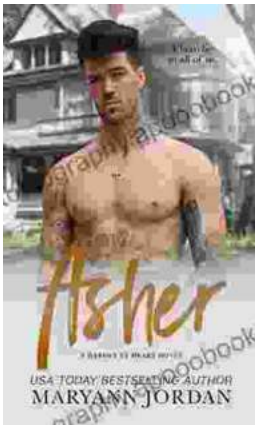
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