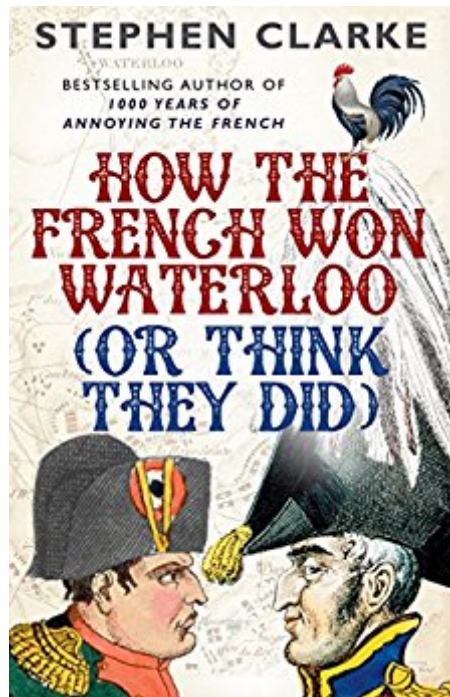




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Published in the 200th Anniversary year of the Battle of Waterloo a witty look at how the French still think they won, by Stephen Clarke, author of 1000 Years of Annoying the French and A Year in the Merde. Two centuries after the Battle of Waterloo, the French are still in denial. If Napoleon lost on 18 June 1815 (and that's a big 'if'), then whoever rules the universe got it wrong. As soon as the cannons stopped firing, French historians began re-writing history. The Duke of Wellington was beaten, they say, and then the Prussians jumped into the boxing ring, breaking all the rules of battle. In essence, the French cannot bear the idea that Napoleon, their greatest-ever national hero, was in any way a loser. Especially not against the traditional enemy *l'Anglais*. Stephen Clarke has studied the French version of Waterloo, as told by battle veterans, novelists, historians *et cetera* right up to today's politicians, and he has uncovered a story of pain, patriotism and sheer perversion ...

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Entertaining writer!

Funny telling of history makes this a great read.

A great book received on time and a great read.

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Who is this freak? It is said a man that spent most of his time in France? A masochist I think. You can (try to) write a funny history book and base it on true facts (yes, truly you can). No, Napoleon didn't run away scared from Moscow but left quickly as a coup was possible in Paris. No the French didn't surrender in 1940 when the Germans crossed the border. Who ran away maybe were the English who fled at full speed to Dunkirk destroying the allied defence and opening France to the panzer (they nearly did the same in 1914 but Joffre was better at having them fight and not flee than Gamelin...

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