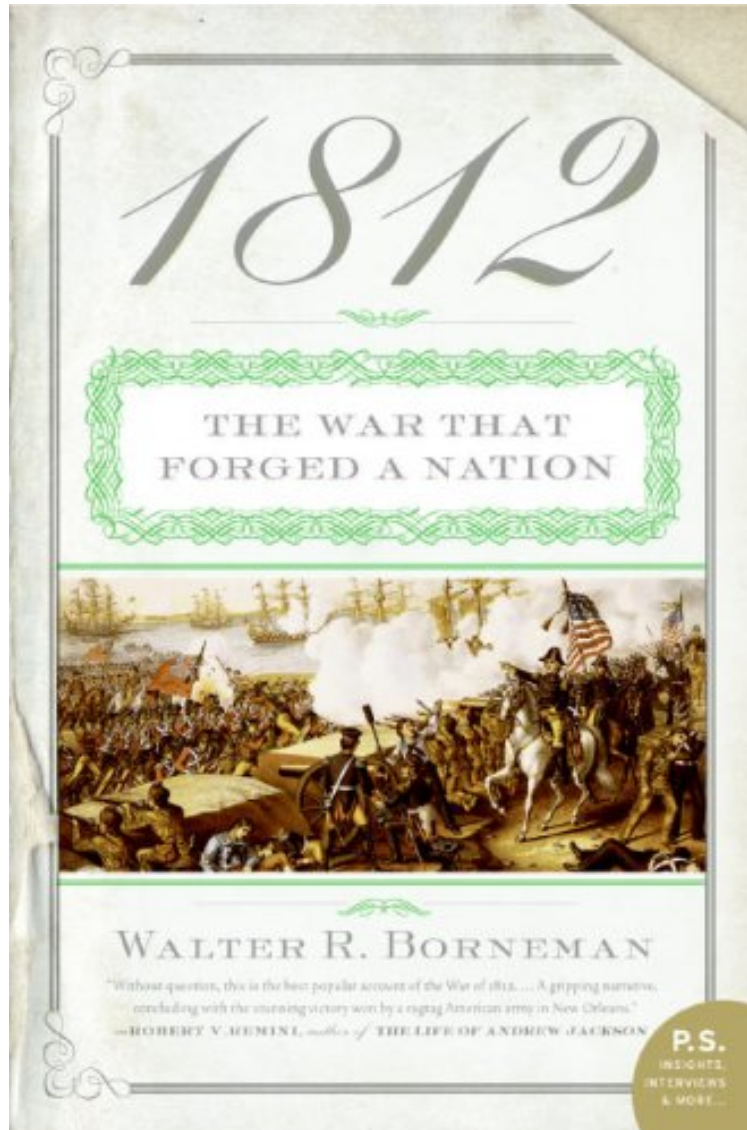


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Organize The War of 1812 In Your MindVon James GallenI was looking for a book that would organize the War of 1812 in my mind. I found it in 1812: The War That Forged A Nation. It tells the story of the Americas grievances, the impressments of seamen, the believed British agitation of Indians and the seizure of ships, to say nothing of the inconvenience of being entangled in the Europes wars. Spurred on by that and the lure of the conquest of Canada,

America marched to a war for which it was ill prepared. Author Walter R. Borneman takes us back into the environment of the day. He sets us in a United States so fragile that a former vice-president and a general could conspire to split off the western territories into a new country with a reasonable chance of success and in which the general at least could continue in the service of the country he tried to dismember. He lays the background of a ruling party that opposed the concept of a navy, tried to bring foreign enemies to heel by embargoing trade and, ultimately resorting to a war in which the Navy played an important, and possibly decisive, role. In the midst of it the Hartford Convention raised the specter of a New England secession, but questions just how serious of a threat it really was. The organization is achieved by relating the histories of the theatres of the war: the West, in which Indians died and William Henry Harrison won fame at Tippecanoe and Mad Anthony Wayne triumphed at Fallen Timbers, The Niagara front in which forces attacked back and forth between New York and Upper Canada (Ontario), and Lakes Erie and Ontario in which hastily built fleets contested and victories consolidated American sovereignty. When things had reached stalemate the defeat of Napoleon freed veteran British troops for the invasion of the Chesapeake with the burning of Washington, in retaliation it is said for the American burning of York (Toronto), and the night that the rockets red glare gave proof that our flag was still over Fort McHenry on Baltimore Harbor. The scene then shifts to Europe where American diplomats, including Henry Clay and John Quincy Adams tried to get what they could and Britains negotiators just tried to end years of war. Finally, after everything had been settled, an invading Army, trying to shore up British interests in the Gulf of Mexico, was stopped by a collection of regulars, militia and bayou pirates under the command of Andrew Jackson. The writing style is good so I my mind never wandered. I had read other books about the War of 1812 so to some degree this was a refresher. I now have a better understanding of why war broke out, where and how it was fought and the reasons Britain probably would have lived up to the Treaty of Ghent even if they had defeated Jackson at New Orleans. Borneman supplies food for thought as to how the War changed the United States from a plural collective that are to a singular nation that is. Little is said about how the War influenced the development of Canada but each book has its own focus and this ones is on the United States. With this background I am ready to move on to more specialized studies of that war of two centuries ago that forged one nation, and maybe two.

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