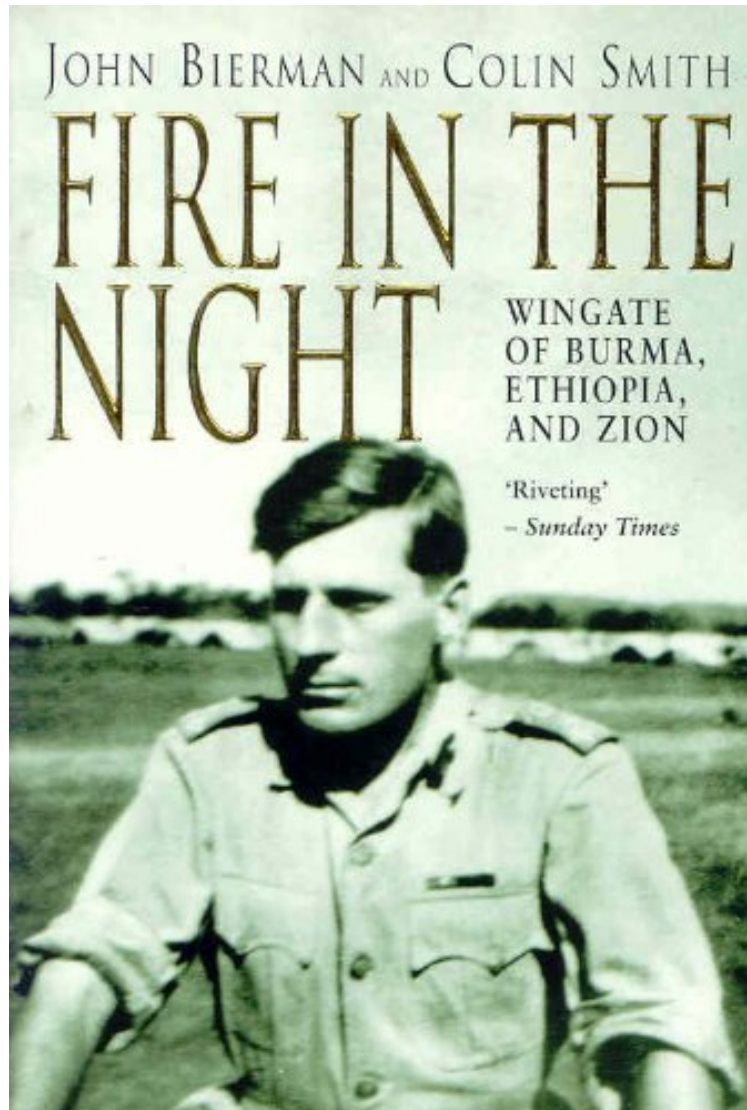


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Fire in the night: wingate of Burma, Ethiopia, and ZionVon alex parkhurstSome fifteen years ago I was in a Barnes and Noble bookstore in Philadelphia looking at a bin of books for \$1.00. I stumbled on a book, took it home and read it in a week.

I went back to the bookstore and bought every copy they had. I sent the copies to every influential and/or bright friend I could think of because I believed the story was just fascinating. I couldn't believe the book had been ignored. Eventually, the book would become very well known due to the motion picture adaptation. The book was a total flop, at least initially. We know this book today, thanks to Mr. Spielberg's film, as "Schindler's List." "Fire in the Night" is the only other book in my lifetime that has struck me quite the same way. It is quite enlightening to read about someone as interesting as Orde Wingate or Oskar Schindler. The average man only dreams about being heroic. Wingate and Schindler lived the kind of life that few of us are capable of pulling off. If someone doesn't make this book into a documentary or a movie then the world has missed an opportunity, and we will only be the poorer for it.

0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Biography and Military History At Its Best, Combined Von James T. McKenna I thought I knew a little about Ord Wingate before I read this book. And "a little" is exactly right. This British Army Officer brushed aside every obstacle he ever came to and prevailed in what he was trying to do most of the time. So how could a hundred thousand or so Japanese in Burma stop him. Well they didn't. This man was literally a pain ..... of everyone who ever stood in the way of what he saw as the right thing to do. As a junior officer he was disliked by many of his superiors and the stuffy types that were most of his fellow officers. A few saw that he was a dedicated innovator who really didn't care who he offended by bringing about change. As he progressed up the ranks he had successes that made him even less popular except where it counted. Those who admired him truly believed in him (Winston Churchill for one), but those who disliked him often hated him. It is this man who the authors bring to life within the pages of this well researched and documented book. A first class work of history. Well worth the time to read it.

**Kurzbeschreibung** Orde Charles Wingate. Winston Churchill thought him a military genius; others considered him greatly over-rated; a few even thought him mad. His overriding passion was for Zionism, a cause which he embraced when posted to British-ruled Palestine in 1936. There he raised the Special Night Squads, an irregular force which decimated Arab rebel bands and taught a future generation of Israeli generals (including Moshe Dayan and Yitzhak Rabin) how to fight. In 1941, Wingate led another guerrilla-style force into Italian-occupied Ethiopia and was instrumental in restoring Emperor Haile Selassie to his throne. But his most famous campaign was conducted behind enemy lines in Burma, where his Chindits shattered the myth of Japanese invincibility in jungle fighting. A brilliant maverick, Wingate was a difficult if not impossible subordinate. He was also - as this riveting new study reveals - an inspiring leader.

Few men have made as outstanding contributions to their country's cause as Orde Wingate, yet few have divided opinion so completely. "We don't want any more Wingates in the British Army," says an Army Council minute written after the end of the Second World War, and after his death. In contrast, no less than Winston Churchill himself said, before the House of Commons, "There was a man of genius, who might well have become a man of destiny." John Bierman and Colin Smith's enlightening and rigorous biography of this brilliant man amply demonstrates how the conservative establishment of the British Army could come to adopt such an ungracious attitude to one of their most dynamic sons, who contributed so much to the war effort with dazzling performances in Abyssinia and Burma, and so much to future strategic thinking with his bold formulation of new methods. He ruffled feathers with his uncompromising style, unconventional thinking, and eccentric nature (perhaps most memorably expressed in his unaffected penchant for receiving visitors in the nude). Together with an acute intelligence and great breadth of learning, Wingate was a man possessed of awe-inspiring will and single-minded application, and he was often seen flying into a rage when things were not done as he thought they should be. Many, regardless of rank, felt the lash of his tongue. His almost fanatical commitment to the cause of Zionism, a highly sensitive and ambivalent political hot potato for the British at the time, seems also to have rankled many who simply could not understand a man so unlike the typical public-school-educated officer. Although not Jewish himself, to this day he is widely honored in Israel. Zvi Brenner, his Jewish bodyguard in Palestine before the war when he was commanding the Special Night Squads, elegantly encapsulated the man when, in describing Wingate's uncanny ability to negotiate all terrain in darkness, he said, "Wingate didn't follow any paths but walked in straight lines." A truly exceptional man; there is, unfortunately, little chance of the British Army's having any more Wingates.

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