

The Age of Napoleon; Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2002; 478 pages; 2002; J. Christopher Herold; 9780618154616

The Age of Napoleon a history podcast about the Napoleonic era. "Napoleon's life was the stride of a demi-god, from battle to battle, and from victory to victory. It might well be said of him, that he was found in a state of continual enlightenment. On this account, his destiny was more brilliant than any the world had seen before him, or perhaps will ever see after him." Johann Wolfgang von Goethe. "Napoleon was thoroughly unscrupulous. He would steal, slander, assassinate, drown, and poison as his interest dictated. He had no generosity; but mere vulgar hatred; he was intensely selfish; he was perfidious; he cheated at cards." Book Preview. The Age of Napoleon - Will Durant. Table of Contents. PREFACE. To J. Christopher Herold, whose books on Napoleon and Mme. de Staël have been a light and a treasure to us; and to Leslie A. Marchand, whose masterly three-volume Byron has moderated, with its wealth of information, a Byronic addiction already passionate in 1905, when WD prayed God to release the crippled poet from hell. The book is very well documented, and it goes into a bit of detail when explaining the sources so you come out with a basic knowledge not only of who wrote what about Napoleon, but much more importantly WHY. The last part is a summary of what happened after Napoleon, in the times of Napoleon II and Napoleon III, which I also found useful. It helps you situate Napoleon within the history of France. Overall, it's an excellent book and I would recommend it for people who want a good insight into the age of Napoleon. Read more. 16 people found this helpful.