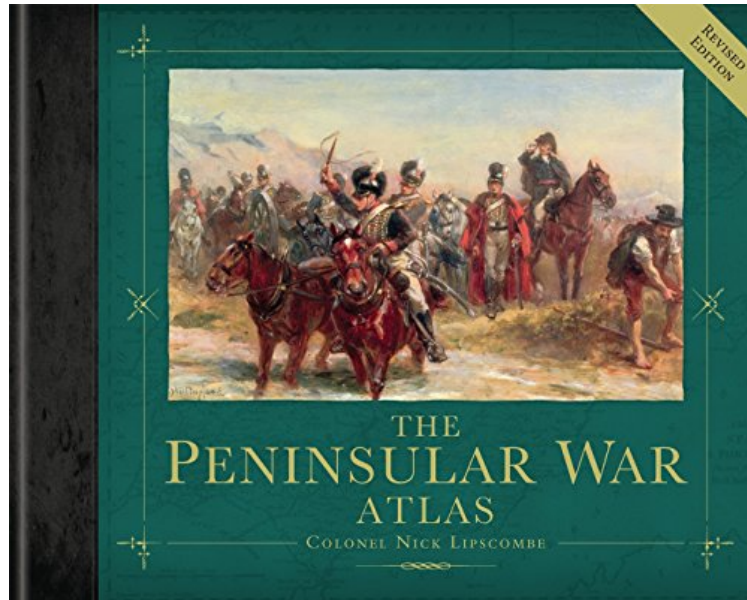


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Nick Lipscombe : The Peninsular War Atlas (Revised) (General Military) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Peninsular War Atlas (Revised) (General Military):

27 of 27 people found the following review helpful. Absolutely magnificent military history book.By Dan Fillion, LCDR, United States NavyMy copy of The Penninsular War Atlas just arrived and I'm very pleased with it. At first glance, I was suprised as to the quality of the production itself given the reasonable price; it's a thick, hard-bound tome with exquisite paper stock, a beautiful cover, and even a well-constructed, high-quality slip cover. Just looking at it, one would think it's more of a coffee-table conversation piece than a historical study. However, the real value is in the book itself. For anyone familiar with (or interested in learning more about) European military history, in particular Spanish, Portuguese, British and French military history, this is a must-have.An ardent or amatuer military historian of any era will feel at home in this book. The maps are very clear, depict the campains overall, and then the precise battles of the war. The key is common to that of most military atlases, and the text is opposite the map page so it's easy to follow the train of events.The chapters themselves follow the chronology of the Penninsular War. The details of the force dispositions, the battles themselves, and the commanders' correspondance are extremely well-researched. It's very easy to see why it took the author, a British Army Colonel, ten years to write it. Just by reading the early chapters, it's clear that he was able to get inside the heads of the commanders on the ground, and that he spent time walking the battlefields in Spain and Portugal. Perhaps most interestingly of all, he shows his work; the appendicies hold a wealth of detail indespensible to a student of the war.On a side note: the current Duke of Wellington penned the forward (I say 'current' because a former Duke actually fought during the Penninsular Wars).I'm really looking foward to going through it page-by-page, map-by-map. I also hope to walk the battlefields myself, maybe someday...4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A WinnerBy Kevin F. KileyThis is an outstanding work that should be on the shelf of every period enthusiast, historian, and wargamer. The maps are excellent, the text is easy to follow, and the table of contents is easy to use and find anything on the Peninsular War that is in the volume.This is the perfect

compliment to *A Military History and Atlas of the Napoleonic Wars* by Vincent J. Esposito and John R. Elting as that equally excellent volume does not cover the Peninsular War in detail because Napoleon's personal involvement only lasted from late 1808 to early 1809. This volume and another excellent volume by the author, *Napoleon's Guns*, are highly recommended. Not only are they both highly useful, they are excellent volumes to rely on for further research into the period and both are first-rate military histories. As another reviewer mentioned, this Atlas can and should be used together with any solid volume on the Peninsular War, such as Oman's venerable history of the Peninsular War. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Lovely book but requires some TLC! By Richard Fietz This is an excellent presentation, with sturdy binding, clear graphics and a reasonable amount of text. With over 150 maps, but priced at \$85.00, it is obviously not going to be found in many private collections, but it sets an enviable standard for Napoleonic military cartography. There is a problem in that the symbols are by the legend to be found in four different colours, but the printing ink choice has led to little distinction between French (blue), Portuguese (dark Green) and Spanish (black) units. The British red is easily distinguished however. If you own the book, and only if you own it, a few hours work with some pencil crayons could supply the problems with the unit markers...but only the owners can hand colour! Col. Liscombe's text is usually clear, and he does explain some difficult points. As a hardcover, this book is very collectible, but reduction in size or in a paperback format will involve considerable difficulty. Pressure your local library to come up with the \$85.00.

Now back in print, this new and revised edition of *The Peninsular War Atlas* has added new and updated maps and content to reflect the latest research into the long struggle for control of the Iberian Peninsula, all in an attractive slip case gift package. Colonel Nick Lipscombe, who is based in Spain and is the chairman of the Peninsular War 200 organization, has used his unique perspective to make this new edition the very best study of the subject on the market. The Peninsular War saw some of the bloodiest fighting of the Napoleonic Wars. Over a period of five years it is estimated that half a million soldiers and civilians were killed in this bloodbath, however the battles there are far less well-known than other Napoleonic battles like Waterloo. Despite the exposure given this theatre in the Sharpe novels, the soldiers who fought there have received little public recognition. The bicentennial commemorations of this war aim to bring the war to wider recognition, bringing the Spanish, Portuguese and British together in remembering the dead, and re-examining the war in a balanced way.

This sensational, 384-page hardback book is handsomely presented in a slip-case. Overall this is an important and essential book for anyone interested in Napoleonic history. -- Toy Soldier Model Figure '... a prodigious achievement ... I particularly admire the way [Lipscombe gives] such serious treatment to campaigns in which there was no British involvement, and to the relatively minor sieges whose details are usually so obscure. Overall, I do not believe that Lipscombe's effort will ever be surpassed.' -- Richard Holmes From Trevor James (Historical Association website and *The Historian*) A fascinating exercise in mapping. This is also a way to understand and value the emergence of the Duke of Wellington as a European military tactician. Clearly chronicled and explained. Extremely specialist piece of scholarship. About the Author Colonel Nick Lipscombe was born in 1958 in Angers, France. He has a degree in business studies and an MSc in Defense Studies and was commissioned into the Royal Artillery in 1980. During his 30 years in the British Army he has seen considerable operational service with the British and American armies, as well as with NATO and the UN. He was awarded the US Bronze Star in 2006. A keen interest in military history followed his academic studies at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst concentrating on the Napoleonic era and the Peninsular War in particular. He is Chairman of Peninsular War 200, the UK's official organization for the commemoration of the bicentenary of the Peninsular War. He is the author of the acclaimed *Wellington's Guns* (Osprey, 2013). The author lives in Alicante, Spain.