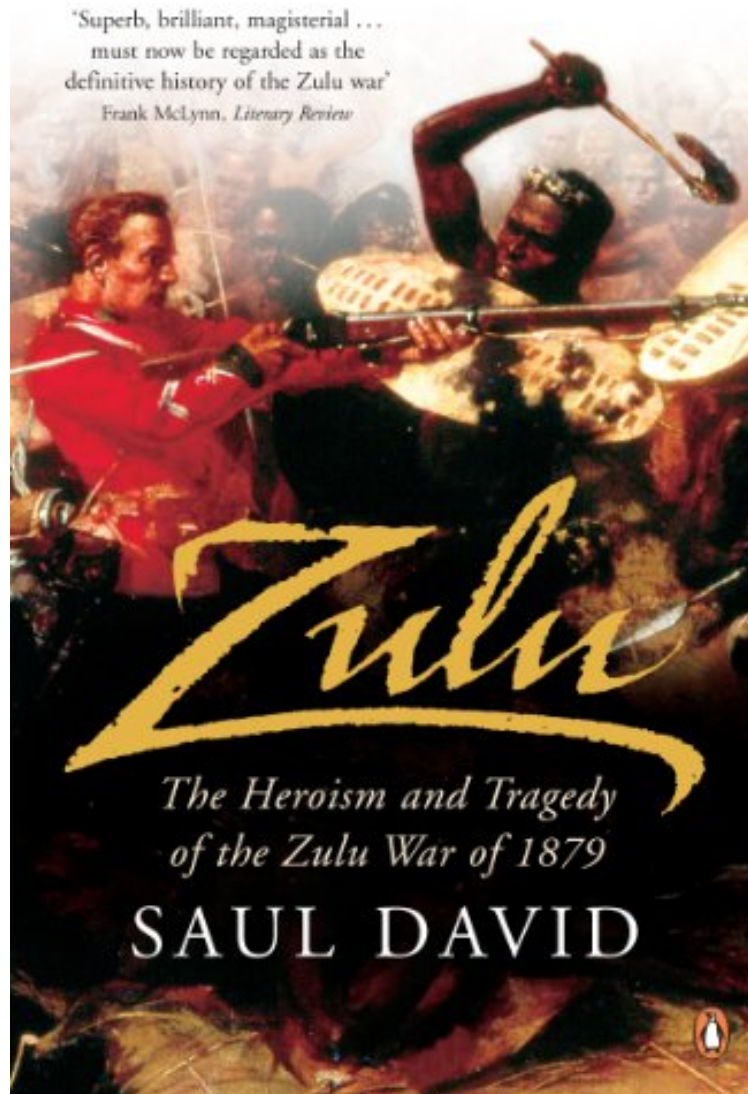


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Not so glorious daysVon Roman NiesThis book is mainly covering the Anglo-Zulu War which lasted during 1879 between the British Empire and the Zulu Kingdom, which was independent since it`s rise before the British had appeared on the scene. It is about particularly bloody battles, but also depicting the kind of colonialism methods of the British. And

there is the criminal story of the intrigue how a commanding general was whitewashed at the cost of one of his subordinates. The war was not started by the Zulus who wanted to live in peace according to their traditions. It was the British government's representatives in South Africa who looked out for personal achievement and promotion and started a war although the British homeland had not ordered it. Not yet, the general aspiration of Whitehall was for expansionism, but not at all costs. The Zulu kingdom's neighbouring area was already British colony (Natal), sacked from the Boers. Britain's High Commissioner Sir Henry Bartle Frere wanted to provoke a conflict with the Zulus out of personal interest and in that goal he succeeded. He delivered the Zulu king Cetshwayo an ultimatum, that could not possibly be accepted. The king was demanded to let British customs and laws be practiced in his independent state. The Zulu king answered: We Zulus also do not go to Britain and tell the British people to live according to Zulu laws. While reading the book, you cannot avoid being reminded of politics of Britain or his ally USA as for Iraq or Afghanistan. Nothing new under the sun. Lord Chelmsford, the Commander-in-Chief of British forces during the war, had his 15,000 troops in five columns. He did not regard the Zulu forces, some 25 thousand warriors as an earnest opponent. Out of pure overestimation he committed a series of wrong and fatal decisions which led to the almost total annihilation of an English army at Isandlwana. This battle, the gravest defeat of any modern army by aboriginal force, and the defense of the mission station Rorke's drift at the same day are depicted at length in this book. This also, because Lord Chelmsford made his sub-commander Colonel Durnford responsible for the defeat to deviate from his own orders. Chelmsford's military reputation remained, therefore, largely intact during his lifetime. His claim that Durnford's disobedience of orders had caused the loss of the camp at I. was never properly refuted. Although he had been in possession of the correct version of the order for over a year. They must have assumed that it would not see the light of day. Chelmsford basked in the glory of his one-sided victories at Gingindlovu and oNdini. The queen showered him with honours while the family of Durnford had to take the shame. Until the Durnford papers finally came to light in the 1960s. The author succeeds in describing a stunning episode of the British colonial area. He brings to life the persons and events and more often than not you think you read in an actual report of a conflict in our times. How less the human nature and its dubious, short-lived achievements have changed! By the way, the British left South Africa and the Zulu nation is some Million people strong. Recently voices are raising on the regain of independence. A good reading for those interested in the history of the Zulu nation and European Imperialism of the 19th century. It makes also a lecture on military history.

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