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**Jay Luvaas : The Campaign of 1812 in Russia. (West Point Military Library)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Campaign of 1812 in Russia. (West Point Military Library):

10 of 11 people found the following review helpful. excellent summary of Napoleon's defeat at his own hands.By A CustomerAlthough I found the book insightful and rather stimulating, there was a large lack of precise detail regarding the mindset of the Emperor himself and just why he would attempt such a foolhardy invasion. Along with the maps and depictions, it was totally enjoyable, one of the few books I have not been able to put down.1 of 23 people found the following review helpful. Maybe you have to really like military history -By D. A. JohnsonBut to me, as a person seeking a first-hand account of 1812, there just really was not much to this book.I am admittedly not a military history sort, but I just could not find the substance of the campaign that I was looking for. I kept moving forward, looking for a flicker of the larger picture. Von Clausewitz is so highly regarded, I do wonder if it is just me here.I have another such history on my reading list. I just hope this military experience was an aberration.But my disappointment and irritation led me to do the unthinkable - I threw this one onto the trash. No use having such a book taking precious shelf space.

This account of Napoleon's disastrous Russian campaign is by the author of the famous treatise, On War. A preface by the original 19th century translator precedes the editor's preface.

Language NotesText: English, German (translation)From the Back CoverIn this book, Clausewitz analyzes all the significant players with sharp and enlightening characterizations, and provides perhaps the best eyewitness accounts of the battle of Borodino and the Convention of Tauroggen. The Campaign of 1812 in Russia is a brilliantly observed study of one of the major turning points of history.About the AuthorCarl von Clausewitz remains one of history's most important military theorists, recognized primarily for his masterpiece *On War*. Less well-known, however, is his role as a historian, of which *The Campaign of 1812 in Russia* is an outstanding example. Clausewitz was appointed a lieutenant colonel by the czar, and played an important part in ensuring Napoleon's ultimate downfall.