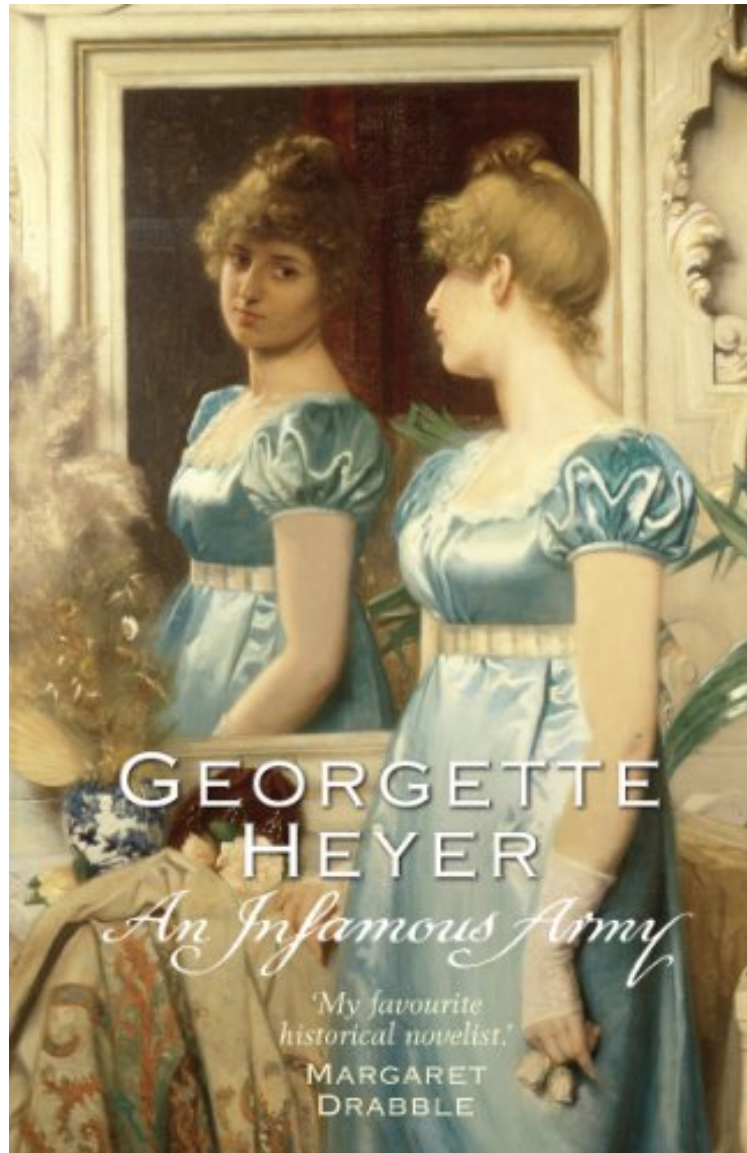


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen7 von 7 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The battle of Waterloo from the master of historical fictionVon Helen HancoxGeorgette Heyer was the master of historical fiction, particularly in the Regency era. 'An Infamous Army' focuses rather more on historical events than the romance

than most of her other novels, its central theme being the description of the Battle of Waterloo and the events leading up to it. The main characters in this story are Colonel Charles Audley and Lady Barbara Childe; Charles Audley appeared as the younger brother of Lord Worth in "Regency Buck" and Barbara Childe is the granddaughter of Dominic and Mary from "Devil's Cub". There has been a slight fudging of historical dates to fit these characters in but it is interesting to read more of Lord Worth and Judith's marriage in this story as parts of the book are told from Judith's point of view. Many readers may find Barbara Childe a rather unsympathetic character, her wild behaviour and rather cavalier treatment of Charles Audley can be hard to stomach; however, as the book continues and the battle takes place she shows more depth to her character, despite her faults. Charles's instant attraction to her isn't always understandable but in some ways the love story in this book feels very much as a hook upon which to pin the main thrust of the book, the battle itself. The romance in the story is definitely subsidiary to the historical events which are described with an excellent attention to detail. The way that society in Brussels continued its usual round of Balls and Soires as the French troops drew nearer was fascinating, as were the portrayals of several historical characters, not least the Duke of Wellington, the horror and agony of war and the real possibility that Napoleon's troops might have prevailed. Although an excellent book the heavy emphasis on the fighting of the battle of Waterloo means that it isn't particularly easy reading. It's also quite a long book and with the usual Heyer writing style which is full of cant phrases that can be hard to understand for a first-time Heyer reader. Still she is many people's favourite historical novelist for good reasons and this book does not disappoint with the quality of the writing, the historical detail and the author's excellent storytelling ability. Originally published for Curled Up With A Good Book, [...] Helen Hancox 20072 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Sehr gut und sehr lesenswert, aber weder schn, noch sehr heiter. Von sigrunTGeorgette Heyer war eine sehr gute Historikerin, die neben vielen heiteren historischen Romanzen, die etwa zwischen 1750 und 1830 spielen, auch sehr ernste historische Romane geschrieben hat. Dieses Buch steht ein Stck weit zwischen beiden Kategorien, auch wenn es offiziell zu den heiteren Romanzen zahlt. Das Buch beschreibt - und dieses unwahrscheinlich gut - die Schlacht bei Waterloo und war fr mich bei der ersten Lektre ein ziemlicher Schock, da ich ein leichtes heiteres Buch erwartet hatte. Ich habe es daher in der Folgezeit auch gemieden und es wurde nicht, wie die meisten "meiner Georgette Heyers", immer und immer wieder gelesen. Es hat buchstblich Jahrzehnte gedauert bis ich es zum zweiten Male gelesen habe. Dabei habe ich festgestellt, dass es keinesfalls so schrecklich ist, wie ich es in Erinnerung hatte. Die Beschreibung eines solchen grausigen kriegerischen Ereignisses kann auch bei aller Zurckhaltung der Autorin -die ohne Frage da war- nicht "nett" sein, aber sie verursacht auch keine Alptrume. Nett ist die Romanze, die in dem Buch auch enthalten ist, und die Beschreibung der englischen Gesellschaft, die sich vor der Schlacht in Brssel befunden hat. Besonders gefallen hat mir, dass eine ganze Reihe des Personen dieser englischen Gesellschaft mir als fleiigem Georgette-Heyer-Leser schon aus anderen Bchern bekannt waren oder wenigstens ihre Familien, aber man kann das Buch auch ohne diese Kenntnisse genieen, sofern man mit den richtigen Erwartungen daran geht. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Auerordentlich Von Christine Hagel Wie andere Rezensenten vor mir stelle ich fest, dass dieses Buch mit der genauen Schilderung der Schlacht von Waterloo einen ungewohnten Ernst um die Liebesgeschichte im Kern spinnt. Trotzdem, oder gerade deshalb, hat mir dieses Buch besonders gut gefallen. Man merkt einfach, dass G. Heyer auch anders kann, als "nur" in Seide und Spitze zu schwelgen, um Spieltische und Wettfahrten zu kreisen oder mehr oder minder teuflische Perckentzger Duelle ausfechten zu lassen und Mdels zu entfhren.

KurzbeschreibungThe Battle of Waterloo. A heart-racing tale of adventure, love and fate against the backdrop of one of the most decisive battles in history by one of the greatest and best-selling romantic novelists of all time. In 1815, beneath the aegis of the Army of Occupation, Brussels is the gayest town in Europe. And the widow Lady Barbara Childe, renowned for being as outrageous as she is beautiful, is at the centre of all that is fashionable and light-hearted. When she meets Charles Audley, dashing aide-de-camp to the great Duke of Wellington himself, her joie de vivre knows no bounds - until the eve of the fateful Battle of Waterloo ... Georgette Heyer was the creator - greatest practitioner - of the Regency romance, and An Infamous Army shows why she has won the hearts of a whole new audience with her sweeping historical fiction. From Library Journal This must be the most accurately researched and detailed battle description that has ever appeared in a book of romantic fiction. The battle itself, and the weeks before and after it, forms the time line and backbone of this novel. The title refers to the Duke of Wellington's unkind nickname for the motley collection of national armies under his command in 1815 at Waterloo. Set in Brussels, as the French and Allied forces are converging, Heyer's story concerns the stormy courtship between Lady Barbara Childe and Col. Charles Audley. Lady Barbara, forced into an unloving and ugly marriage in her youth, has buried her hated husband and become a scandalous widow. Colonel Audley is a popular member of the Duke of Wellington's staff who knows the wicked widow's reputation but falls for her anyway; after their first meeting, he proposes marriage. Lady Barbara, fascinated by this direct attack on her defenses, consents to an engagement but refuses to restrain her shocking behavior. The Battle of Waterloo in all its glorious and horrifying detail then becomes the center around

which the book's characters orbit. Definitely a romance for the historically minded reader, there is no fluff here. As the conflict rages, Lady Barbara helps to nurse the wounded men who wander back into the city, learning much about life, death, and love in the process. No magical happy endings occur, just the contentment of two people who have grown into their love for one another. Well read by Clare Higgins, *An Infamous Army* is highly recommended for public libraries. Barbara Rhodes, Northeast Texas Lib. Syst., Garland Copyright 2001 Reed Business Information, Inc. Pressestimmen "My favourite historical novelist - stylish, romantic, sharp, and witty. Her sense of period is superb, her heroines are enterprising, and her heroes dashing. I owe her many happy hours" (Margaret Drabble) "Wonderful characters, elegant, witty writing, perfect period detail, and rapturously romantic. Georgette Heyer achieves what the rest of us only aspire to" (Katie Fforde) "A writer of great wit and style ... I've read her books to ragged shreds" (Kate Fenton Daily Telegraph) "Georgette Heyer is unbeatable" (India Knight)