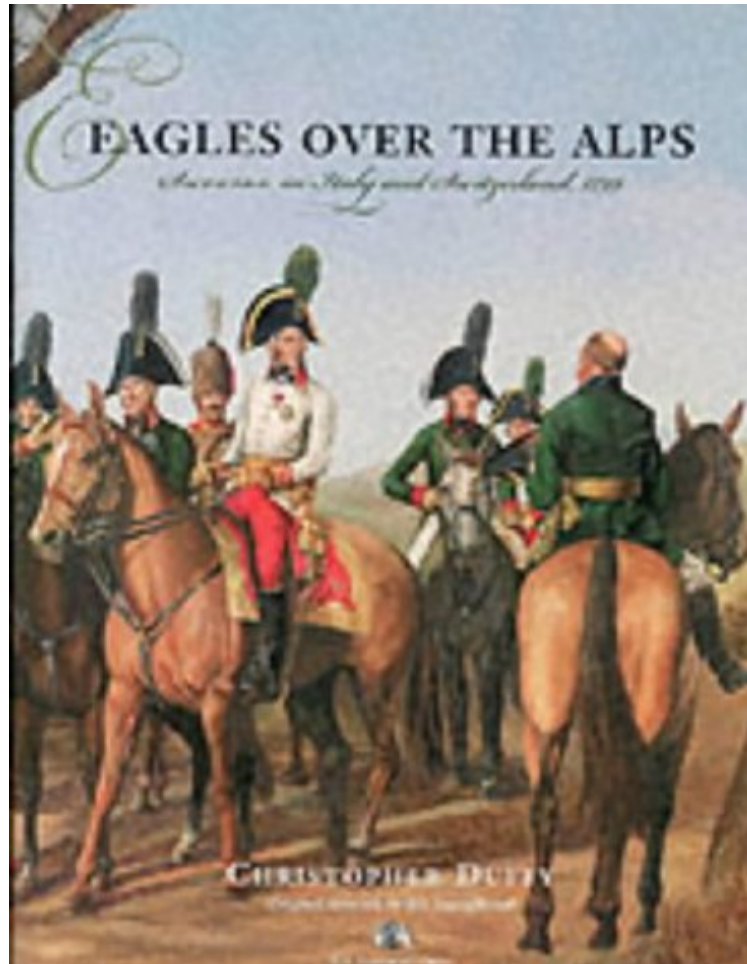


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5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Superb account of Suvorov's epic mountain campaignBy sedgewickNotwithstanding the editorial lapses mentioned by other reviewers, this is an important book on Marshal Suvorov's Italian and Swiss campaigns. Late September 2008 I had the opportunity to follow in his footsteps over all of the Swiss passes he crossed with his army. Despite its weight, I carried "Eagles over the Alps" with me in my packsack and did not regret it.The superb maps, the text with detailed descriptions of the military operations and troop strengths on both sides...superb! It brought history truly alive for me during my encounter with the rugged geography Suvorov's army had to deal with. As an aside, following Suvorov's army through the Alps is an adventure in itself and takes about 8 days from Taverne, weather permitting. I highly recommend both the book and the trip to any

Suvorovian. 13 of 14 people found the following review helpful. Flawed but still recommended
By James Carpenter
First the bad news - the typos in this book were atrocious. For the price you are asked to pay the publishers should have been able to pay a proofreader to go through the book and correct the glaring errors. An excellent work was given the appearance of something rushed into print to make a buck. Having said that, *Eagles Over The Alps* is still worth having, both for the military historian, and for the wargamer. The fascinating history of the Italian and Swiss campaigns of one of the period's premier generals is well treated. Napoleon deservedly overshadows all other military men of his time, but Suvorov is arguably the better of the two generals in 1799, and this book helps to bring his career out of the shadows. Especially helpful for the wargamer are the line maps and orders of battle with detailed unit strengths. This book contains information that will be difficult to find anywhere else, and presents it in a lively style that is constantly engaging. Even with its flaws, this is still a good book.
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By Nicholas Roberts
Very few books cover the Swiss campaign in the War of the Second Coalition but this one did it. All the information that you want to know about the campaign will be in this book. Commanders, armies, terrain, leaders etc are all examined to figure out how and why the campaign went as it did. If you want to learn more about the Swiss campaign then this book is for you.
For the negatives, I personally am not a fan of Christopher Duffy's writing style so I found the book difficult to get sucked into, however this is a personal preference. I also was not a fan of the size and structure of the book. The book is tall and thin rather than short and fat. In addition there are pictures located all over the book. This made the book difficult in my opinion to read because it is as big as a picture book. The text is in columns that are often interrupted by pictures. This caused me to miss a small block of text and lose the flow of my reading. Finally the book is very praiseful of Suvorov without going into his detractors. So I did not get the idea of why he was great but rather that he won a lot of battles. Some of Suvorov's greatest victories were against the Turks, but the French armies in Egypt had one's as good if not better than his against the Turks but the explanation of why Suvorov's victories were different was left out. The book is definitely worth it however!

1799--Russia's greatest soldier was at war in Italy and Switzerland. Led by Suvorov, believed by many to be the equal of Napoleon, the Russian and Austrian troops claimed one victory after another against the French. Much more than strategy and tactics, this is a story of adventure as a Russian army fights desperate rearguard actions, and tries to escape through cruel mountain passes in the night. Suvorov's memory is still treasured in the Russian armed forces today. The last and greatest campaign of this legendary soldier has found a fitting narrator in Christopher Duffy. Suvorov's marches and battles can be traced on the many maps, photographs, and original artwork recreates the appearance of the troops.