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(plus shipping and handling, of course). My paperback has several quite legible and helpful maps. No problem there. Delderfield mentions that he utilized some background material from the 1864 French novel "History of a Conscript" by MM. Erckmann-Chatrain. That book, later translated into English, makes a fine companion to "Imperial Sunset." The authors had the opportunity to interview actual survivors of the 1813-1814 struggles, providing a convincing view of the life and attitudes of a common recruit. The novel is long out of copyright and is available from many sources, including and Project Gutenberg. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four Stars By H. Winters I knew very little about Napoleon or how brutal those battles were. I learned a lot.