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**From Louis XIV to Napoleon** Professor Jeremy Black, Jeremy Black, 2013-04-03 Much of the period 1661 1815 appeared to be the age of France France was the greatest power in Western Europe in the late seventeenth and eighteenth centuries and Louis XIV and Napoleon seemed to dominate their periods yet when Louis XIV died in 1715 and again after Napoleon's attempt to resume power was defeated at Waterloo a century later France appeared as a waning power This failure in Europe was matched on the world scale France was overtaken by Britain in the struggle for maritime predominance and ended the period with her empire in ruins From Louis XIV to Napoleon is a scholarly yet accessible account which considers why France was not more successful and throws light on French history international relations warfare and the rise and fall of French power Crown, Church, and Episcopate Under Louis XIV Joseph Bergin, Dr Joseph Bergin, 2004-01-01 Joseph Bergin explores the king's practice of appointing qualified and worthy men as bishops and of the difficulties and tensions inherent in it Candidates generally began their careers with theology degrees and graduated to minor clerical positions where they might gain valuable practical experience prior to their appointment as relatively mature men Rarely were archbishops chosen who had not served as bishops but appeal was to be found in family credit as well as demonstrable ability The author explains the provenance of this system illustrating it with numerous well drawn examples and examining it in detail In addition he accounts for the deficiencies of this elastic policy of appointment which occasioned a group of some 120 bishops not all of whom the king and his advisers could have personal knowledge This book uncovers a crucial part of the reign of Louis XIV and is essential for anyone with a serious interest in early modern French history BOOK JACKET

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crucial to understanding the evolution of Napoleon's fascination with imperial Rome. It also charts Napoleon's manipulation of the populist rhetoric of Republican France and Rome as he moved from being a general fighting for the Revolutionary cause to become the absolute ruler of a new empire. **The Age of the Ship of the Line** Jonathan R. Dull, 2009-05-21

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Louis outside Versailles and shows the true extent of his global ambitions with stops in London Madrid Constantinople Bangkok and beyond We witness the importance of his alliance with the Spanish crown and his success in securing Spain for his descendants his enmity with England and his relations with the rest of Europe as well as Asia Africa and the Americas We also see the king's effect on the two great global diasporas of Huguenots and Jacobites and their influence on him as he failed in his brutal attempts to stop Protestants from leaving France Along the way we are enveloped in the splendor of Louis's court and the fascinating cast of characters who prostrated and plotted within it King of the World is exceptionally researched drawing on international archives and incorporating sources who knew the king intimately including the newly released correspondence of Louis's second wife Madame de Maintenon Mansel's narrative flair is a perfect match for this grand figure and he brings the Sun King's world to vivid life This is a global biography of a global king whose power was extensive but also limited by laws and circumstances and whose interests and ambitions stretched far beyond his homeland Through it all we watch Louis XIV progressively turn from a dazzling attractive young king to a belligerent reactionary who sets France on the path to 1789 It is a convincing and compelling portrait of a man who three hundred years after his death still epitomizes the idea of le grand monarque

The Seven Years' War Mark Danley, Patrick Speelman, 2012-11-09 In *The Seven Years War Global Views* Mark H Danley Patrick J Speelman and sixteen other contributors reach beyond traditional approaches to the conflict Chapters cover previously understudied aspects of the war in Europe Asia Africa and the Western Hemisphere

*Napoleon's Conquest of Europe* Frederick C. Schneid, 2005-05-30 Poised to strike at England in the summer of 1805 Napoleon found himself facing a coalition of European powers determined to limit his territorial ambitions Still in less than one hundred days Napoleon's armies marched from the English Channel to Central Europe crushing the armies of Austria and Russia the first step in his conquest of Europe In this telling new account Schneid demonstrates how this was possible Schneid details how Napoleon's victory over the Third Coalition was the product of years of diplomatic preparation and the formation of French alliances He played upon the prevailing conditions of the European state system and the internal politics of the Holy Roman Empire to improve France's strategic position This war must be understood in the context of the French Revolution and its influence on major and minor European states In some cases Napoleonic diplomacy returned to France's traditional and historic relationships in others he capitalized upon longstanding competition and animosities to gather allies and create wedges Schneid approaches the campaign from a broad diplomatic economic and military perspective including not only the French perspective but the points of view of the other powers involved as well This telling account reveals that the road to Vienna was paved long before Napoleon's armies marched upon the enemies arrayed against them

The Wars of the French Revolution Charles J Esdaile, 2018-10-03 *The Wars of the French Revolution 1792 1801* offers a comprehensive and jargon free coverage of this turbulent period and unites political social military and international history in one volume Carefully designed for undergraduate students through twelve chapters this book offers an

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revolutionary process and also its consequences      Escaping the Deadly Embrace Andrea Bartoletti,2022-11-15

Encirclement Andrea Bartoletti argues is an essential strategic possibility of the international system and a key trigger of major war Using historical case studies Escaping the Deadly Embrace examines how great powers try to escape the two front war problem and seek to preserve their security Encirclement is a geographic variable that occurs in the presence of one or two great powers on two different borders of the surrounded great power The surrounding great powers may not have the capacity to initiate a joint invasion Yet their threatening presence triggers a double security dilemma for the encircled great power which has to disperse its army to secure its borders When the surrounding great powers become capable of launching a two front attack the encircled great power initiates war This situation disastrous in itself can also lead to war contagion when other great powers intervene in the new conflict owing to the rival based network of alliances Combining archival work and historiographical analysis Escaping the Deadly Embrace demonstrates the efficacy of this by assessing three major wars the Italian Wars the Thirty Years War and World War I These findings Bartoletti shows have important implications for future major wars Challenging the current focus on the US China rivalry he argues that the most concerning strategic scenario is the encirclement of China by India and Russia      **Do Good Fences Make Good Neighbors?** Brent L. Sterling,2009-10-30

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empirical research the report explores how seven characteristics of a society determine its competitive standing and distinguish dynamic and competitively successful nations If the history surveyed in this report provides an accurate guide to the future the fate of the United States in today s rivalries will not be determined solely or even in significant degree by the numbers of its weapons or amounts of defense spending or how many proxy wars it wins but by the basic characteristics of its society The author applies the seven leading characteristics that affect national standing to the United States to create a snapshot of where the country stands That application provides some reason for optimism The United States continues to reflect many of these characteristics and the overall synergistic engine more than any other large country in the world However multiple trends are working to weaken traditional U S advantages Several such as the corruption of the national information space pose acute risks to the long term dynamism and competitiveness of the nation raising the worrying prospect that the United States has begun to display classic patterns of a major power on the far side of its dynamic and vital curve

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