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Review

“Page-turners [that] fan clubs all over the world are devoted to.” (Wall Street Journal)

“The direct heir to Patrick O’Brian.” (The Economist)

“The world may have a new literary hero. His name is Richard Sharpe.” (Philadelphia Inquirer)

“Cornwell writes more gripping battle scenes than any other contemporary author.” (Kirkus Reviews)

From the Back Cover

"It was a bloody awful shot," Sharpe said.

"My mother could lay a gun better than that."

"I didn't think you had a mother," Private Garrard said.

"Everyone's got a mother, Tom."

"Not Sergeant Hakeswill," Garrard said, then spat a mix of dust and spittle. . . . "Hakeswill was spawned of the devil."

Richard Sharpe—Soldier, hero, rogue—the man you always want on your side. Born in poverty, he joined the army to escape jail and climbed the ranks by sheer brutal courage. He knows no other family than the regiment of the 95th Rifles, whose green jacket he proudly wears.

About the Author

Bernard Cornwell was born in London, raised in Essex, and now lives mainly in the USA with his wife. In addition to the hugely successful Sharpe novels, Bernard Cornwell is the author of the Starbuck Chronicles, the Warlord trilogy, the Grail Quest series, the Alfred series and standalone battle books Azincourt and The Fort.

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