## Marengo 1800: Napoleon's Day of Fate

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## **Comments:**

As you would expect from this series, the book concentrates on opposing armies, commanders and plans, followed by a battle narrative. But the campaign narrative is very detailed indeed and I had trouble following it ó more maps were needed. The wargaming section is written by Stuart Asquith and gives advice on reconstructing the campaign as well as the battle ó the latter split into two phases, the Austrians in the ascendancy early in the battle, followed by the French comeback. There is advice on command and control as well as tactics, what-ifs and figure scales.

Recommended for the sheer detail if you like that sort of thing ó personally, I was soon bewildered and ended up not caring.

--Paul Le Long

