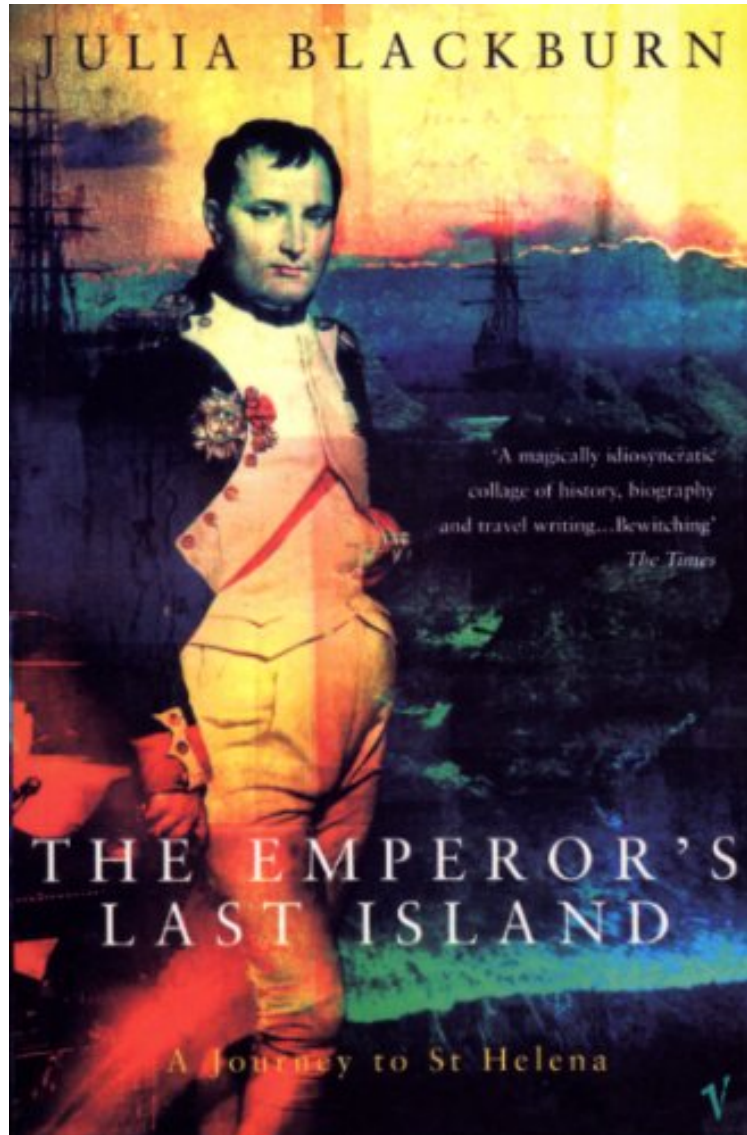


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. I have seen Napoleon face to face.Von Ein KundeI have dined off his fine china and watched him play with the children of his initial host on the island. I have been transported through time and space, a reaction I have had only rarely. Ms. Blackburn has created a reality worthy of attention. The aura of the house, the luminosity of Napoleon's complexion

and the thinking of his English overseers are only a part of that reality. The prose is clear and compelling. The past, the natural history of St. Helena and Ms. Blackburn's present day doings complement one another. On the map, St. Helena is as much "in the middle of nowhere" as any place on earth. And Ms. Blackburn makes going there an enlightening journey. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A brilliant, subtle meditation on solitude. Von Ein Kunde Julia Blackburn, a finalist for this year's Orange Prize, has crafted a luminous meditation on Napoleon's final exile to the distant island of St. Helena. Not just a book for history buffs, "The Emperor's Last Island" combines travelogue, natural history, and Blackburn's thoughts on the weight of the past and the corrosive effects of isolation. The writing contained in this slim volume is simply beautiful - limpid, direct, evocative. For all who admire the gentle art of the essay, this book should not be ignored. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Beautifully written but pointless Von Ein Kunde Julia Blackburn's meditation on St. Helena is beautifully written but nearly as dull as Napoleon's years in exile. The early chapters about Fernando Lopez were quite the best thing in the book -- after that, I wondered why the author had wasted her prodigious talents on material this boring. I also found her "personal" insights grating! It was truly a struggle to finish this one.

Kurzbeschreibung The Emperor's Last Stand is a book about St Helena, an island with a sad, strange history, and about the tangle of stories and myths, absurdities and simple facts that have accumulated around Napoleon and his sojourn here. It follows him through the eyes of those who lived with him, who guarded him, who managed only to catch a brief glimpse of him, alive or dead. It is also a personal account: a description of Julia Blackburn's own journey to St Helena and at the same time a journey through the private memories and associations evoked by the telling of this poignant and curious story..de After his defeat at Waterloo in 1815, Napoleon was exiled to the island of St. Helena-- "further away from anywhere than anywhere else in the world," writes Julia Blackburn, who describes the final years of Napoleon's life on this remote rock in the South Atlantic Ocean, where he died in 1821. A handful of quarreling sycophants accompanied him during his exile, all vying for favors and tolerating the former general's constant cheating at card games. Meanwhile, a contingent of British soldiers kept him under close observation. They feared that he would escape, but an attempt was never made. Interestingly, Blackburn disputes the theory that Napoleon was assassinated by arsenic poisoning. She adds details of her own trip to the island, which continues to serve as a bleak outpost of the British Empire. It was apparently once a place of great natural splendor, but early visitors cut down its trees, which loosened the soil for the eroding winds; the island never really recovered. A few maps and photos would have helped, but this unique book deserves attention from all Napoleon fans..com After his defeat at Waterloo in 1815, Napoleon was exiled to the island of St. Helena-- "further away from anywhere than anywhere else in the world," writes Julia Blackburn, who describes the final years of Napoleon's life on this remote rock in the South Atlantic Ocean, where he died in 1821. A handful of quarreling sycophants accompanied him during his exile, all vying for favors and tolerating the former general's constant cheating at card games. Meanwhile, a contingent of British soldiers kept him under close observation. They feared that he would escape, but an attempt was never made. Interestingly, Blackburn disputes the theory that Napoleon was assassinated by arsenic poisoning. She adds details of her own trip to the island, which continues to serve as a bleak outpost of the British Empire. It was apparently once a place of great natural splendor, but early visitors cut down its trees, which loosened the soil for the eroding winds; the island never really recovered. A few maps and photos would have helped, but this unique book deserves attention from all Napoleon fans.