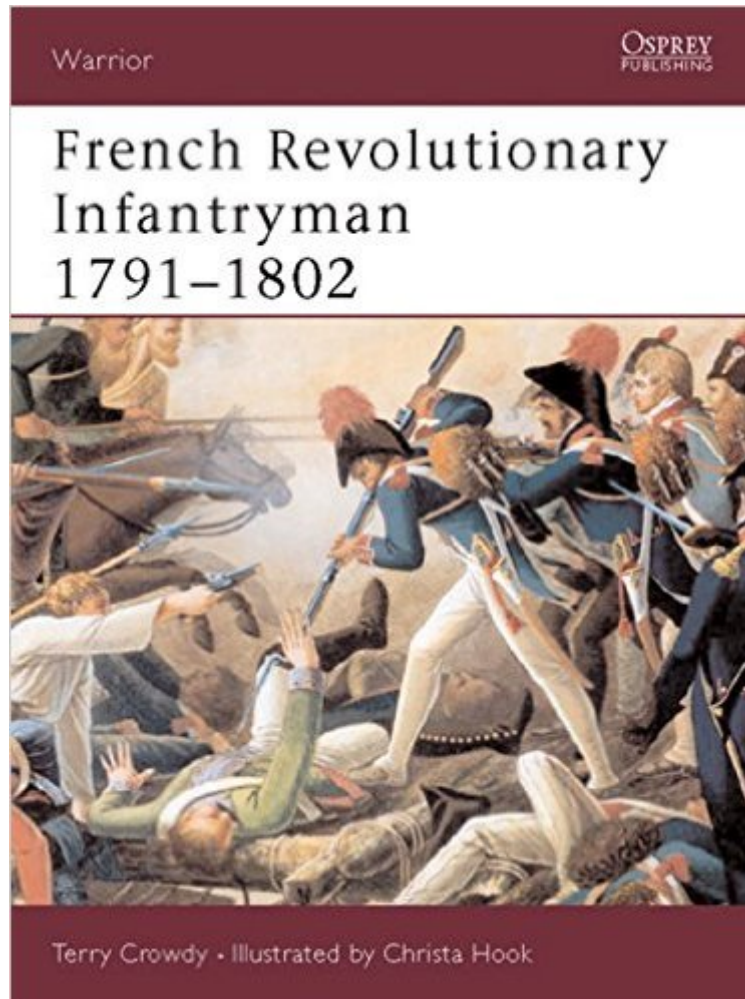


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Good book over all, this book has a lot of personal stories during this period. Book shows what the average french soldier went through and had to endure. Great drawing and colored prints are covered. The reader will like who the French nation actually out fought its enemies during this time of crisis.

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