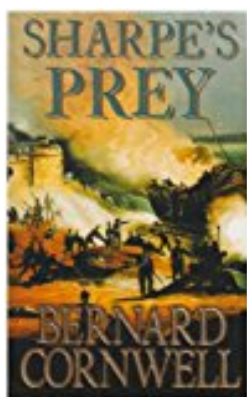


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Description:

From Publishers Weekly The traditional military adventure yarn remains alive and well in the capable hands of Cornwell, as his up-from-the-ranks hero, Richard Sharpe, though stuck in the lowly role of regimental quartermaster, finds himself in the thick of the 1807 British campaign to destroy the Danish navy anchored in Copenhagen before the French can seize the ships and pose another invasion threat. As ever, the story starts fast, here with the murder of an English army officer in

London by Captain John Lavisser a traitor working for the French and as vile a villain as any Sharpe has faced and scarcely lets up until Sharpe's final confrontation with Lavisser during the British bombardment of Copenhagen. Along with the swashbuckling action, Sharpe finds romance with the widowed daughter of Britain's top Danish agent, Astrid Skovgaard, who helps him get over the loss of Grace, the aristocratic young woman he met in his last outing, Sharpe's Trafalgar, but who died in childbirth. Much of the suspense hinges on whether Sharpe will quit the army and remain in Denmark, or persuade Astrid to return with him to England. Unlike Patrick O'Brian, Cornwell doesn't dwell on the details of early 19th-century life, writing in plain prose that neither evokes nor obviously violates period. This is the 18th installment in the Sharpe series (which now covers the years from 1799 to 1821, with a few small gaps). It's anyone's guess how many more are still to come, but Cornwell fans will welcome each and every one.

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From The eighteenth installment in Cornwell's impeccably researched and plotted Richard Sharpe series bristles with action and intrigue. Though Sharpe usually spends his days foiling enemies on gritty battlefields, this time around he is assigned to a delicate diplomatic mission. After returning from a successful tour of duty in India, Richard has a difficult time readjusting to the petty distinctions and distractions of His Majesty's army in Britain. Humiliated by his relegation to the post of quartermaster and desolated by the death of his beloved Grace, an embittered Richard contemplates resigning his recently acquired commission. Persuaded by a wily old general to serve as bodyguard to Captain John Lavisser, aide to the duke of York, on a top-secret expedition to Denmark, he welcomes the change of scenery and relishes the opportunity to flex his considerable muscles. When Lavisser is exposed as a double agent determined to secure the Danish fleet for France, Richard must rely on his native intelligence and his formidable combat skills to stay alive in an elaborately crafted game of cat-and-mouse. The undisputed master of the military adventure, Cornwell delivers another suspenseful, historically accurate episode in the chronicles of a resourceful Napoleonic-era soldier. *Margaret Flanagan*

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