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Sommario/riassunto

This book, originally published in 1835 and republished by Pickle Partners Publishing, is a memoir by a sergeant who served in the Forty-Third Light Infantry Regiment during the Peninsular War. It provides a firsthand account of military life, detailing various battles and campaigns, including the siege of Copenhagen and engagements in Spain and Portugal. The narrative also explores the author's personal transformation from Catholicism to Protestantism, reflecting on religious and moral themes. The memoir offers insights into the historical context of the early 19th century and the experiences of soldiers in the British army. It is intended for readers interested in military history and personal accounts of historical events.
