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This book recounts the military experiences of Charles O'Neil, a soldier in Lord Wellington's army during the Peninsular War and the Continental Campaigns from 1811 to 1815. It provides detailed accounts of significant battles, including the Battle of Barossa and the Siege of Badajos, and the eventual defeat of Napoleon. Through O'Neil's personal narrative, the book sheds light on the hardships and challenges faced by common soldiers, often overshadowed by the glory attributed to military leaders. The author aims to evoke empathy and understanding of the true cost of war, advocating for peace and recognition of soldiers' sacrifices. This work is intended for readers interested in military history and the human aspects of warfare.