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This book provides a detailed account of the Waterloo Campaign of 1815, authored by Henry Houssaye and translated by S. R. Willis. It explores the strategic and tactical decisions, movements, and battles

that defined the campaign, including the battles of Ligny, Quatre-Bras, and the climactic Battle of Waterloo. The narrative examines the roles of key figures such as Napoleon Bonaparte, Wellington, and Marshal Blücher, alongside their respective armies. Houssaye's work is aimed at military historians and enthusiasts, offering insights into the complexities of 19th-century warfare and the pivotal moments that led to Napoleon's ultimate defeat.
