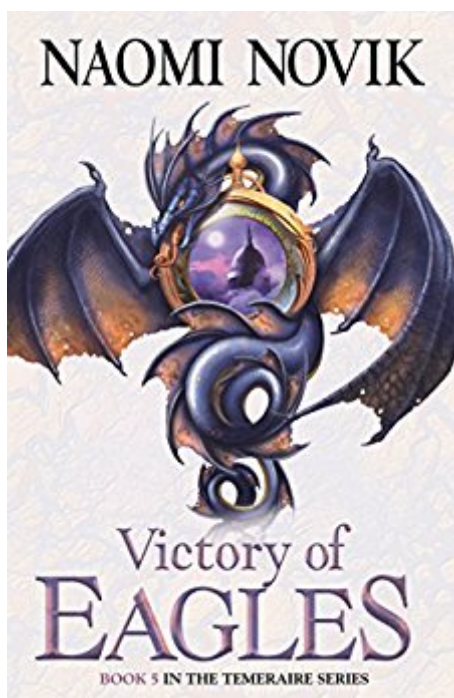


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Synopsis

The fifth instalment of the New York Times bestselling series, Temeraire. Laurence waits to be hanged as a traitor to the Crown, and Temeraire is confined to the breeding grounds as Napoleon invades Britain, and takes London. Laurence and Temeraire have betrayed the British. They have foiled their attempts to inflict death upon the French dragons by sharing the cure they found in Africa with their enemy. But following their conscience has a price. Laurence feels he must return to face the consequences, and as soon as they land they are taken into custody. Laurence is condemned to the gallows and Temeraire faces a life of captivity in the breeding grounds. None of their friends or allies can come to their aid, for every hand is needed elsewhere. Britain is completely unprepared for Bonaparte invasion and the advanced tactics of his own celestial dragon – Temeraire's mortal enemy – Lien.

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Customer Reviews

While the previous books somehow had connection to real history, this book take a different

path. While in Wikipedia it claims: "Napoleon's planned invasion of the United Kingdom at the start of the War of the Third Coalition, although never carried out..." this book is all about the invasion. So if you were still looking for a real history with the added twist of dragoons, this is not for you. The book also took a good twist, starting to tell the story from Temeraire point of view which is well written and upgrade Temeraire from a sidekick character to a major one. All in all it is a good book in the series and well written.

I absolutely love this book. It has been my favorite of the Temeraire books so far. Laurence and Temeraire are separated for the first part of the book. We get to see chapters from Temeraire's point of view, which I thought was a welcomed change. When they reunite, they're on a mission to hold Napoleon's forces back from invading England. Highly recommended.

I enjoyed this. Although the series goes on, I think this will be the last I read. There's several problems which make this a good stopping point. Most notable is the next one, about Australian transport, has even less action according to most reviews. I think what has made the series so fun is both Temeraire's voice and perspective (which is less artfully drawn here, and much less original) and Larry's "no show" status. His presence is barely felt in the plot development - practically a non-entity. So, if you're a luke-warm fan of the series, and have read the previous books (some of which were worse than this, iirc) I'd recommend this one as a solid end to the series...not in the same category as the first *His Majesty's Dragon*, but an adequate stopping point.

I especially liked the treatment of Napoleon in this novel -- larger than life, the master of the grand gesture, etc. As with all books in the series, the story mixes historical military fiction elements (Sharp's rifles, master and commander, etc.), adventure novel elements, and fantasy tropes. And it does so really well. Ms. Novik clearly has a better understanding of this historical period than I do. One of her challenges (self-imposed, but righteous) was to include racial minorities, women, etc. in a meaningful way into a narrative set in a historical period where they might otherwise be invisible or absent. She does so with consummate skill, naturally, and in a manner which enhances her storytelling rather than drawing attention to their presence for the sake of being present. Great stuff, highly recommended.

I am loving this series! This book is the darkest of the series so far. Will Laurence has been convicted of treason, and is condemned to hang. However, to keep his valuable - and dangerous -

dragon cooperative, the sentence has been postponed. Then, when Napoleon invades, Will and Temeraire are asked to fight for Britain. Hoping to earn a pardon, Will gets suckered into some very dirty work. As always, the human drama is excellent. And Temeraire continues to push the dragon/human status quo. However, I could not help noticing that the last third or so of the book missed out on proofreading. It is littered with misplaced commas, awkward phrasings, and missing words! What happened?

Naomi Novik has created an alternate history using the Napoleonic Wars and given us dragons. I have enjoyed the development of the characters of the dragons and their captains and crews.

The Napoleonic war is getting tedious and old. I am glad we will not have so much of it in the next book- I hope.

I have been a huge fan of the Temeraire series and I did finish the book, but it is not what I would call a page turner. It starts and stops and sputters along and has some truly great moments but it lacked the really solid pacing and engrossing storytelling the first three books had. That being said, it's worth reading because the series gets its groove back.

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