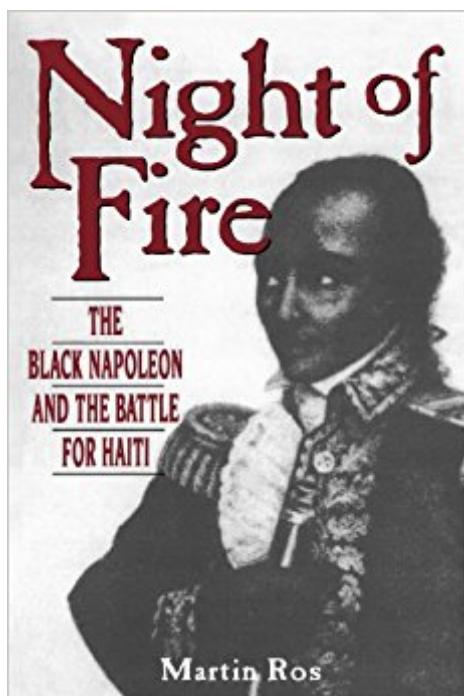


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Synopsis

Napoleon was forced to divert badly needed troops to deal with a slave army in Haiti led by Jean Jacques Dessalines.

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It is most certainly not for the faint of heart. Not having been educated on the history of Haiti, I was interested when some suggested that the natural disasters occurring in Haiti in the past few years were God's punishment for its past. Of course, I was generally familiar with Toussaint Louvertere which I had seen spelled a different way. However, I had not studied his life in detail and was not in any way familiar with the particulars of the history in that country. While I am a strong believer in the basic goodness of human nature, I am well aware of the many examples of man's inhumane treatment of his fellow man. The details provided in this book will not be appealing to most and should likely be avoided by those not desiring knowledge of the precise description of how slaves were tormented by their most perverse masters and what atrocities the slaves could inflict, themselves, when the tables are turned. But, of course, it is possible to skip over those graphic accounts and concentrate on the general history which is fascinating. The accounts of the fierce military campaigns, espionage, intrigue and political machinations are all extremely interesting and intriguing. Reading about the day to day events in the life of a slave growing up in Haiti more than 200 years ago is illuminating. Being the son of a reported son of an African king, Toussaint Louvertere is likely to have had a better life than most slaves. He was permitted to learn to read and write and also learned some Latin which is probably a better education than many of us are exposed

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