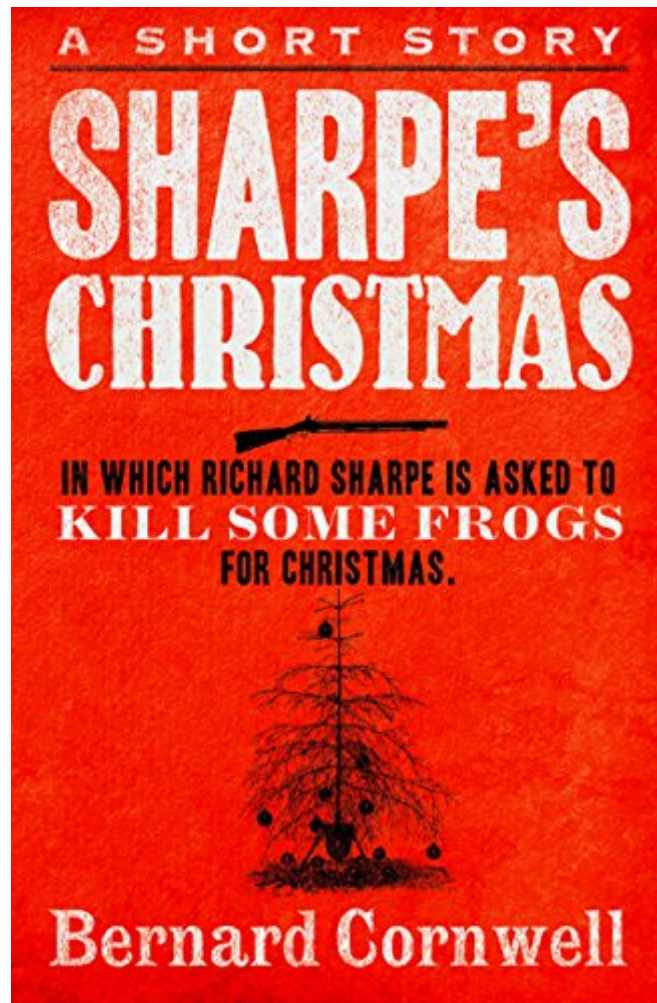




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Sharpe's Christmas



Synopsis

A Richard Sharpe short story, featuring scenes of action and adventure at Christmas. "You'll like Irati," Colonel Hogan said. "It's a nothing place, Richard. Hovels and misery, that's all it is and all it ever will be, but that's where you're going for Christmas." Sharpe was sent to Irati because maybe the French were going there. The garrison planned to march at Christmas in the hope that their enemies would be too bloated with beef and wine to fight, but Hogan had got wind of their plans and was now setting his snares on the only two routes that the escaping French could use. One, the eastern road, was by far the easier route, for it entered France through a low pass, and Hogan guessed it was that route that the French would choose. But there was a second road, a tight, hard, steep road, and that had to be blocked as well and so the Prince of Wales's Own Volunteers, Sharpe's regiment, would climb into the hills and spend their Christmas at a place of hovels and misery called Irati. Soldier, hero, rogue – Sharpe is the man you always want on your side. Born in poverty, he joined the army to escape jail and climbed the ranks by sheer brutal courage. He knows no other family than the regiment of the 95th Rifles whose green jacket he proudly wears.

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Customer Reviews

Even though it was only a short story, I enjoy Sharpe anytime. I have read all the books and I presently have SEVENTEEN books because I didn't have a kindle and got caught up in almost superman adventures I also like the historical notes and got an insight into how the Red Coats had rifles before the French, knowledge of promotion and generally life in the army at that time. Reading about Sharpe's activities is always a pleasure for me.

Hooray, Sharpe is back! The bad news is, it's only a short story. The good news is, Sharpe is as deadly as ever, but this time he reveals a softness hitherto unveiled, at least when it comes to providing for the dinner table. Having read the entire series - some several times - my only complaint has been that I want more Sharpe. As for the terrific BBC TV series, the worst thing Sena Bean ever did was leave it to pursue a movie career, where, if memory serves, he usually gets killed off in the second reel (ditto in Game of Thrones).

Sharpe never misses, where this household is concerned. Always absolutely on target. Great character, rousing yarn. What more could you want?

For lovers of Richard and Patrick a great, humorous sort story set at Christmas in the Pyrenees, with an old friend from India

Another episode with Sharpe of the 95th Rifles, Sergeant Harper and the men of the Prince of Wales Own. Excellent escapist entertainment with solid historic facts underpinning the plot. "Rifles - fix swords!"

Being a big fan of the Sharpe Series, this is just another great adventure that draws the reader in to the story making you apart of the whole adventure.

Another great story. I love Sharpe and his values and would recommend reading this short story. We could do with more Sharpes in this day and age :-)

An excellent short story which left one wishing for more

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