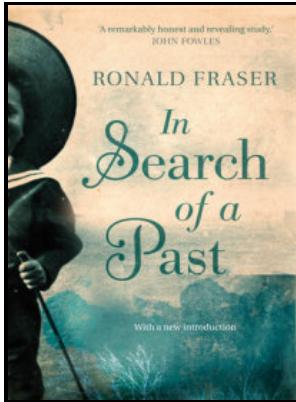


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Foreword Amid the vast compendium of histories of the Peninsular War, the appearance of yet another book requires some explanation. This meant that guild members had to provide legally acceptable proof that their recent forebears had not been Jewish or Muslim converts to Catholicism - mimicking the legal requirements of access to the first rungs of the nobility. And here's the key point that Fraser makes over and over: the Spanish wanted the French occupation over, that's what they were fighting for and why they saw it as a revolutionary war; while Wellington and the British army were interested in the 'big picture' - getting rid of Napoleon.

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Equally, if not more, significant was the proposal to rent plots of municipal commons annually to the rural landless with a sufficient number of draught animals to till them, a proposal that local oligarchies in general managed to obviate.

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At the end of the century the unmarried labourer could just manage to remain above absolute impoverishment; the really hard hit were married labourers with two children. The tribunal commissioner, who appeared not to know of Tamburini, demanded the forbidden works. Patriot soldiers were constantly reported by their commanders to be barefoot and in rags.

Employers guide to dismissal

He makes a lot of mistakes in his approach to the sources, the worst being an almost irritating inability to distinguish between fact and opinion. While the titled nobility occupied the largest single number of these lordships, the Church, monasteries and military orders also exercised and profited from them. But their literacy - if indeed they could do more than sign - derived from their occupational needs rather than from a desire for

edification.

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In doing so, he reconfigures historical understanding of that conflict. Religious passion and piety went only so far. The geo-political confusion was thus reflected in the overlapping administrative, judicial and political roles of the principal state institutions and official posts.

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Stemming from the immoderate Spanish conviction that manual work other than on the land was a degraded and degrading human condition - so pervasive a view that most urban manual workers shared it - artisans adopted a series of stratagems to alleviate their denigrated estate. South of Madrid, however, their numbers fell sharply, they tended to own land and their social status was higher. } Between 1797 and 1801, the desertion rate in Spanish infantry regiments increased from five percent of the total infantry strength to over nine percent.

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