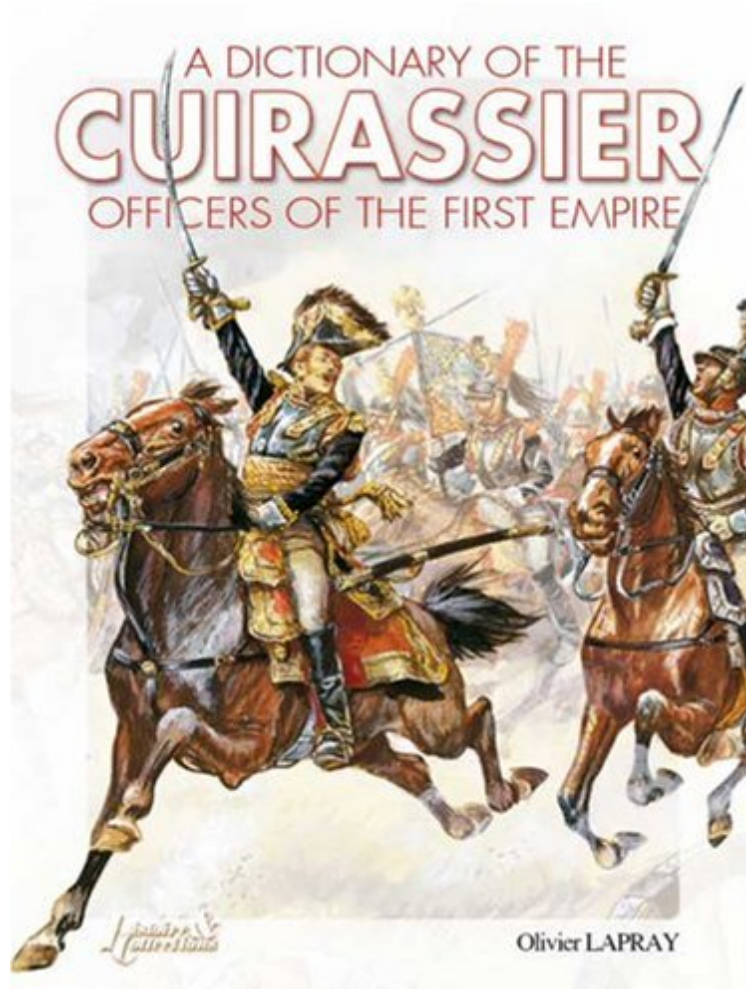


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About the Author Olivier Lapray, a navigating officer in the French Air Force, is also passionate about the First Empire. It is already the author of several books on the subject, including *Le Dictionnaire des Officiers de Cuirassiers*.