



## Leonie and the Last Napoleon

Tony Boulemier

This remarkable and highly acclaimed novel is based on the diary of the author's great-grandmother Leonie Michel, born at the height of the 1848 revolution in Paris.

Deadly illness and danger stalk her early life and her father, a doctor, faces ruin when he is prosecuted for treating patients with a revolutionary new cure before he is qualified. But when the Emperor Napoleon III calls on his brilliant medical skills, Leonie finds herself catapulted into glittering Paris society.

As a blonde beauty of 17, she naturally catches the eye of the ageing emperor and his son and Napoleon encourages her to become an actress.

Leonie finds herself mixing with celebrated writers, musicians and artists, plus the dashing soldiers of the Imperial Guard and their gilded women. But her life is threatened when she is kidnapped and held to ransom. And then France stumbles into war. When the enemy invades, Leonie's circle is torn apart and some of her closest friends are killed. She flees to England for safety, where she discovers that the exiled emperor is planning one last throw of the dice.

Praise for *Leonie and the Last Napoleon*:

"Racy tale about a fascinating period" – Richard Holmes. "Historical hit. Riveting read" – Kelvin MacKenzie. "A romp of a read" – Evening Tribune, Nassau. "Swashbuckling saga" – Chronicle & Echo, Northampton.

**About the Author:** Tony Boulemier was born in Newcastle and worked as a journalist there and in Fleet Street. He launched his own newspaper group in Northampton and ran it for 14 years before selling to a multinational. Tony is married with two children, this is his first novel.

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