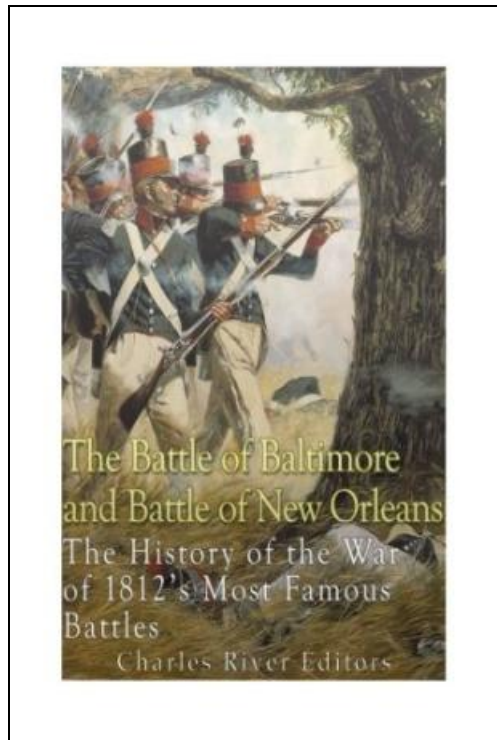# The Battle of Baltimore and Battle of New Orleans: The History of the War of 1812 s Most Famous Battles (Paperback)

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