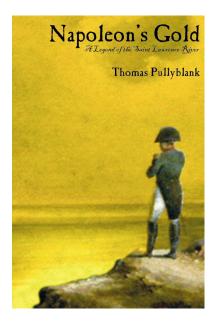
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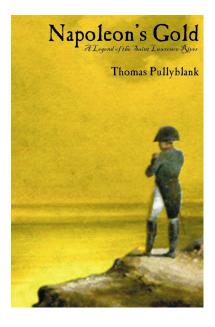
Once again, Thomas Pullyblank has delivered a tale full of history, wonder and spiritual healing that illustrates how our lives are intricately intertwined and elaborately decorated with poignant moments of intimacy, betrayal, collaboration and revelation. Based on both Napoleonic history and the history of upstate New York, *Napoleon's Gold* continues the story of Tom Flanagan, first begun in *Cornflower's Ghost*. Pullyblank's novel exudes a deep reverence for the Saint Lawrence River and the Thousand Islands that comes from personal knowledge, leaving the reader wanting to explore both the region and the deeper mysteries of their own experience.

**Author Bio:** Thomas Pullyblank was born and raised in rural upstate New York. Having earned degrees in history at the University at Albany and a Master of Divinity degree from the Boston University School of Theology, Pullyblank now teaches history at the SUNY College at Oneonta and serves as a United Methodist pastor near Cooperstown, New York. He lives on a small working farm with his wife and son. This is his second novel. He is currently working on a third upstate New York historical mystery featuring Tom Flanagan.



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—Susan Smith, Editor, www.ThousandIslandsLife.com

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—Carolyn Schuler, Ph.D., Author, Professor, Professional Storyteller, former North Country librarian

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