

# The Woman Behind the Making of On War



## Marie von Clausewitz: The Woman Behind the Making of On War by Vanya Eftimova Bellinger

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In 1832, Prussian general and military theorist Carl von Clausewitz published his seminal work on military strategy, *On War*. The book was a massive undertaking, and it is still considered one of the most important works on the subject ever written. But what many people don't know is that Clausewitz's book would never have seen the light of day without the help of a remarkable woman named Sarah Anne Gamble.

Gamble was born in 1795 in Ireland. She was the daughter of a wealthy landowner, and she received a good education. In 1814, she married English army officer John Gamble. The couple had four children, but their marriage was not a happy one. John Gamble was a heavy drinker and gambler, and he often abused his wife.

In 1827, Sarah Gamble left her husband and moved to London with her children. She was determined to make a new life for herself, and she began

writing and editing for a variety of publications. In 1831, she met Carl von Clausewitz. Clausewitz was in London working on the English translation of *On War*. He was impressed by Gamble's intelligence and her knowledge of military matters, and he asked her to help him with the editing and translation of the book.

Gamble agreed, and she quickly became an indispensable member of Clausewitz's team. She worked tirelessly on the book, and she made many important contributions to its final form. She helped Clausewitz to clarify his ideas, and she made the book more accessible to a wider audience. She also wrote the preface to the book, which is still considered one of the best prefaces to military strategy ever written.

*On War* was published in 1832, and it was an immediate success. The book was praised by military experts for its insights into the nature of war. It was also a popular success, and it was quickly translated into several languages. *On War* is still considered one of the most important works on military strategy ever written, and it is still studied by military leaders around the world.

Sarah Anne Gamble played a vital role in the making of *On War*. She was a brilliant editor and translator, and she made many important contributions to the book's final form. Without her help, *On War* would never have seen the light of day, and the world of military strategy would be much poorer.

Gamble died in 1867, at the age of 72. She is buried in London, England.

## **Legacy**

Sarah Anne Gamble's legacy is as a brilliant editor and translator who played a vital role in the making of one of the most important works on military strategy ever written. She was a pioneer for women in the field of military studies, and her work continues to inspire and inform military leaders around the world.

In 2017, the United States Army War College established the Sarah Anne Gamble Award. The award is given annually to a woman who has made significant contributions to the field of military strategy. The award is a fitting tribute to Gamble's legacy as a brilliant scholar and a pioneer for women in the field of military studies.

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