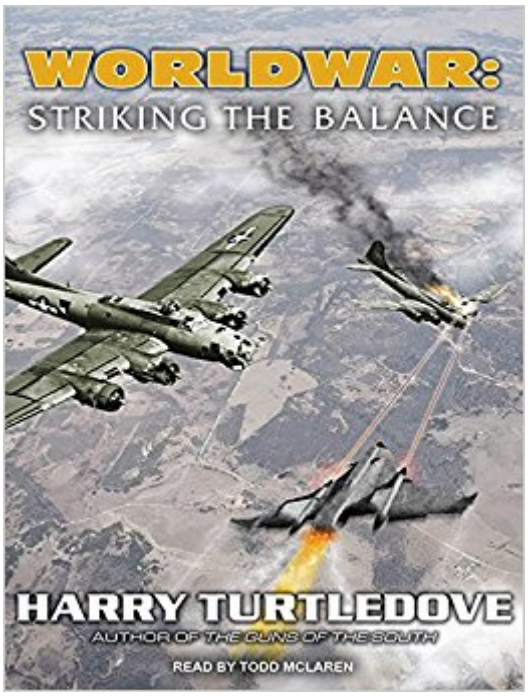
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# Worldwar: Striking The Balance




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## Synopsis

At the bloody height of World War II, the deadliest enemies in all of human history were forced to put aside their hatreds and unite against an even fiercer foe: a seemingly invincible power bent on world domination. With awesome technology, the aggressors swept across the planet, sowing destruction as Tokyo, Berlin, and Washington, D.C., were A-bombed into submission. Russia, Nazi Germany, Japan, and the United States were not easily cowed, however. With cunning and incredible daring, they pressed every advantage against the invaders' superior strength and, led by Stalin, began to detonate their own atom bombs in retaliation. City after city explodes in radioactive firestorms, and fears grow as the worldwide resources disappear; will there be any world left for the invaders to conquer or for the uneasy allies to defend? While Mao Tse-tung wages a desperate guerrilla war and Hitler drives his country toward self-destruction, U.S. forces frantically try to stop the enemy's push from coast to coast. Yet in this battle to stave off world domination, unless the once-great military powers take the risk of annihilating the human race, they'll risk losing the war. The fatal, final deadline arrives in Harry Turtledove's grand, smashing finale to the Worldwar series, as uneasy allies desperately seek a way out of a no-win, no-survival situation: a way to live free in a world that may soon be bombed into atomic oblivion.

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## Customer Reviews

Turtledove's grand tetralogy of an alternate WWII interrupted by an alien invasion draws to a satisfactory conclusion in this follow-up to Upsetting the Balance, and with a few surprises to boot.

The Chinese woman Liu Han, for example, is seen climbing the hierarchy of the Chinese Communist Party as it comes under the control of Mao Zedong. Moishe Russie helps negotiate the final armed truce between the alien Lizards and the humans, with the Lizards withdrawing from most human territory in return for being allowed to settle many deserts in anticipation of the arrival of their colonists. (Neither side can survive an indefinitely prolonged nuclear exchange, and the Lizard edge in technology has been rapidly vanishing.) Readers will be happy to see Ludmila Gorbunova and Heinrich Jaeger reunited, and to note their roles in the final disposition of the heroic lunatic Otto Skorzeny. Turtledove's historical scholarship, narrative technique, dry wit and deft characterization distinguish this novel just as they did its predecessors, making it a rousing wrap-up to a monument of alternate history from a master of the genre. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

In this fourth book and conclusion to the alternate World War II history series (the prior installment was Worldwar: Upsetting the Balance, LJ 12/95), Turtledove mixes historical and fictional characters in a war of combined Axis and Allied forces against invading reptilian aliens. Recommended for collections with the earlier books.Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I am currently reading this series, and am enjoying it quite a bit.What prompted me to write this review however, was the fact that in the kindle version of this book, the paragraph spacing has a full blank line between every paragraph. This causes my brain to think that there is a break in the narrative for a split second, and I have to realize that it hasn't switched characters or jumped in time, just the paragraphs are spaced apart.The previous novels in this series did not have this strange formatting, and I am about halfway through this book, and I still haven't quite gotten used to it. All the books in the series though have some word errors though, one word is listed when it is obvious it should have been a different word. Probably due to scanning software or something used to translate the book to digital version.To sum it up, good series, kindle version could use some editing love.

The level of detail is amazing. The research that went into this series of books shows in every chapter. If you enjoy WWII history and science fiction, this series is perfect.My only criticisms are, since I've read the actual hardcover books, I know there aren't as many spelling errors as I have found in the Kindle versions. And that has nothing to do with the story...

Excellent series, and excellent book!

Turtledove continues to maintain interest in the final book of the first subseries of World War. It is a satisfactory ending, and beginning. The plotlines are neatly wrapped up, with a number of shockers. But not too neatly wrapped up- there is a lot of room to see how the two species will develop next to each other.It is most enjoyable to see the development of history along parallel lines. After all, this is the purpose of alternative history books. We learn more about history by contemplating what might have been, and therefore learn what could be. Turtledove does this very well, showing how the major powers of WWII might have responded to an alien attack. He does this precisely and accurately, not simply using the 1940's as background to his real story, but trying to truly predict what might have been, based on what was- the facts and people on the ground. And so the ending is really very realistic- what we would expect from an advanced species attacking earth, but a species that has a much slower cultural evolution than do we.It is a bit depressing to see so many cities destroyed by nuclear warfare- especially a good number of cities I've lived in. This detracts a little from the enjoyment of the work. But I am eager to begin reading the next subseries.

There is a lot of repetition in these books, and by the fourth book, there is no doubt that it subtracts from the overall quality for those of us who have been following the series all along. It is almost like the oldtime Flash Gordon serials, because at the beginning of each new episode, you have to go thru a recap of the last few episodes, otherwise newcomers would be somewhat lost.I give this fourth book in the series 3.5 stars (rounded down to 3), as there just isn't enough unique material in this fourth book.A lot more of the main characters get bumped off in this book, and two of them happened to have been my favorites - but, this is a book about a deadly war, and if characters weren't dying off, it wouldn't be believable.I'm now moving on to the 2nd part of this Marathon series, with COLONIZATION: SECOND CONTACT. I'm hoping to find some new favorite characters.

Ever wonder what would have happened if aliens invaded Earth during world war 2?This book is dedicated to that concept. Let's just say the aliens are quite surprised at Earth's abilities to fight.

Runs out of steam toward the end. It's never bad, but it's pretty clear that Turtledove was finished with this phase of the project and wanted to move onto the next.

Loved this series and this book really left you hoping for more in this series.

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