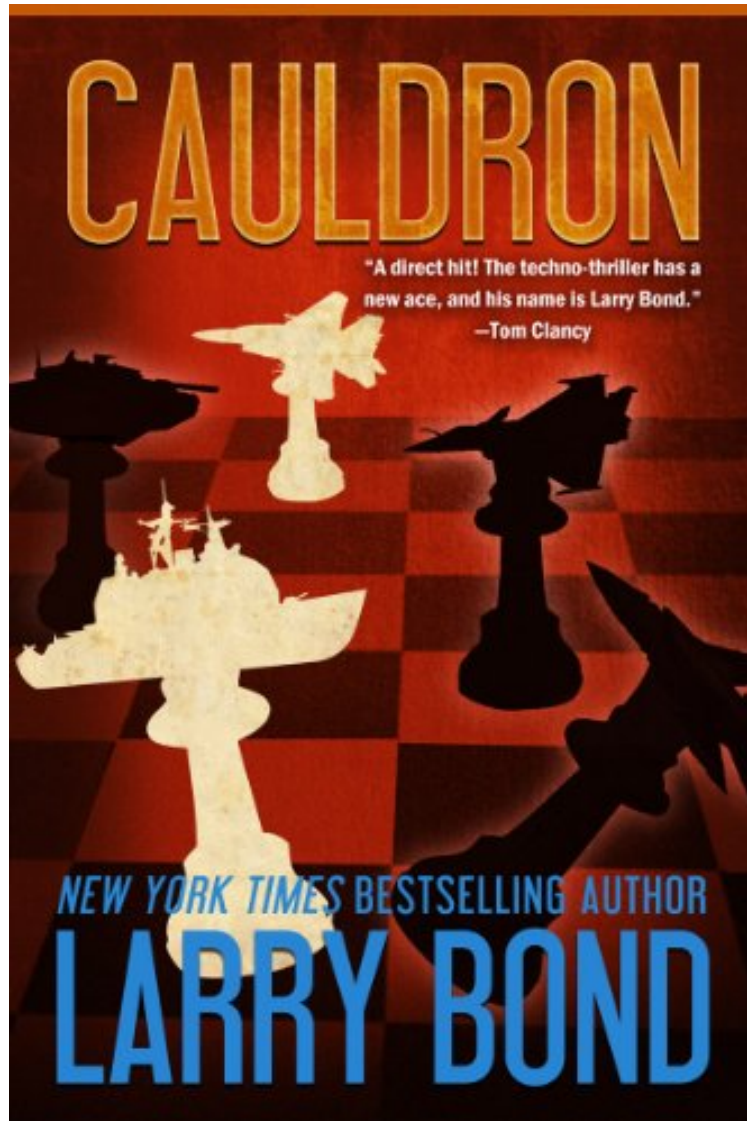


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**Von Larry Bond, Patrick Larkin : Cauldron (English Edition)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Cauldron (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Too biased,not even close to realityVon Ein KundeLarry Bond writes fiction... that is good, because his plot is such a far cry from reality as Clancy's have never been. I don't even want to start discussing the results of the vaunted Polish army vs. the badly equipped and trained European forces, what else would you expect from an American writer? Within a mater of small time, America rides to the rescue tadah! But even apart from that, his characters remain

shallow and two-dimensional, when do American writers get around to do some serious research on the other countries they are writing about? Just looking at the names of the Germans depicted here makes me sick, though I cannot make any statement on the french ones... All in all, a serious letdown after Red Phoenix. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Bond dropped the ball on this one. Von Andrew Fair After reading Red Phoenix, a flawed but easy to read and very entertaining novel, I picked up Cauldron, expecting much of the same. I got what I asked for, that's for sure. This book holds nothing new as far as the action sequences, with the possible exception of the French attack on the carrier group, it is rather dull. I really enjoyed the combat in Red Phoenix, and though it, saw Bond's influence in Clancy's Red Storm Rising (still the best all-out-war in Europe novel), but this time around it seemed recycled and boring. Also, Bond's depthless characters and annoying sideplots (the BS relationship between the U.S. officials in Moscow) started to get in the way. He would have done us a world of good if he had just eliminated all non-nessecarry dialogue. The other issue of dispute is the paper-thin justification for the action that does take place in the book. The behavior of the French and German officials are totally irrational, unless you Bond means to assert that they are Hitleresque madmen. The Russian intelligence types were all cliches as well. As much as a kick-ass, no brains story (which this painfully tries to be at times) can be fun, this novel merely flops in its own ridiculousness. Stick to the old style technothrillers, when the missiles were the stars and the politics seemed to, at least at a distance, make sense! Of course, Clancy's been pretty poor in recent years also. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Disappointing retreat. Von Ein Kunde Larry Bond had such potential. His first book (well, if you don't include his collaboration with Tom Clancy on RED STORM RISING) demonstrated a combination of good story-telling and the best of military-techno thriller details. He continued with a solid, if not spectacular second novel. Unfortunately, CAULDRON is a disappointing retreat that leaves Bond's future success in this genre questionable. The plot of the book is similar to that of RED PHOENIX, and indeed many of the characters appear to have been recast with different names for this offering, with stereotypes from his second novel also making appearances. None of the characters are well-developed and the dialogue is comprised of boiler-plate and banal cliches. While the story is enough to keep the reader going--admittedly, Bond's lack of freshness is balanced by his expertise on military matters--it is based on a very flimsy and precarious foundation: a Franco-German alliance beginning a war in Europe. No matter how far along the European Community is (or was, when the book was first published), it is difficult to imagine such an alliance--especially one in which France was the motive force--given the history of enmity between the two nations and France's historical proclivity to following its own course apart from the rest of Europe on many issues. Although certainly stronger and more believable than his later books (THE ENEMY WITHIN, for example), CAULDRON marks the beginning of a decline in Larry Bond's career that has yet to be arrested.

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