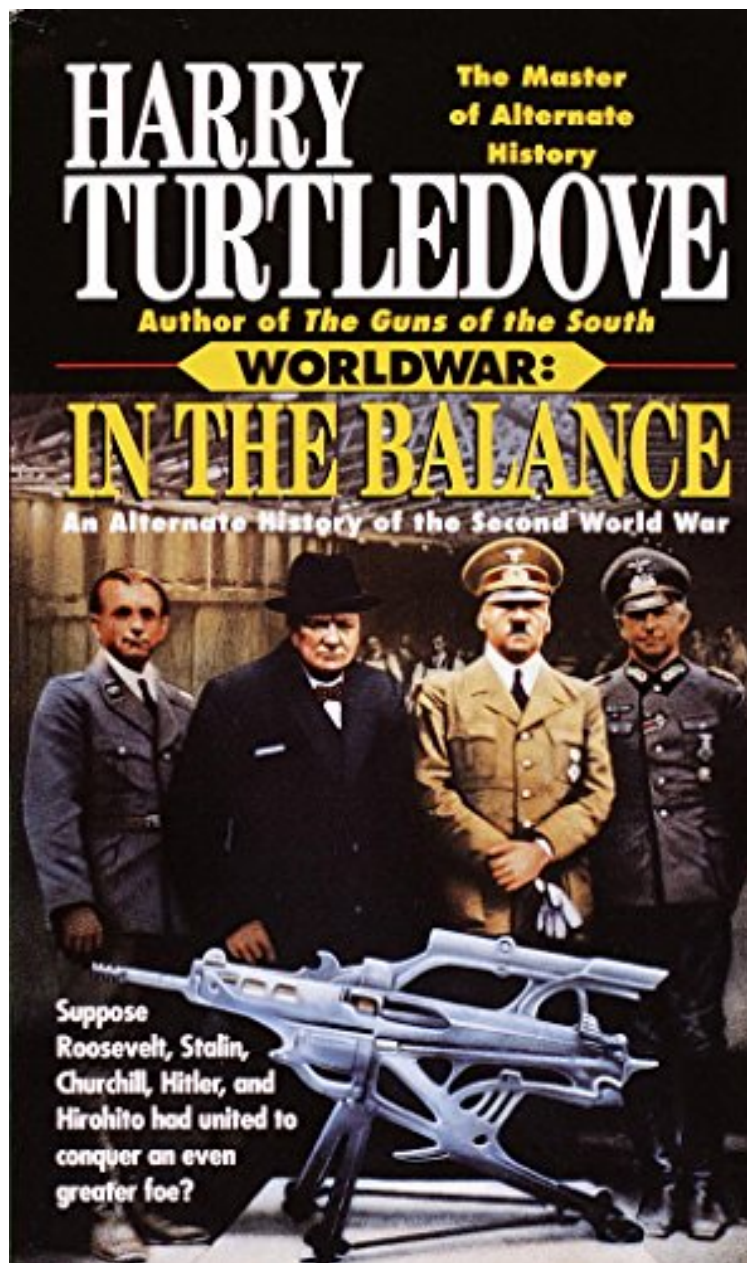


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That not being the case, I probably will not buy another book from him.6 von 6 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Military history... Science fiction... FUN!Von Jeph Gord SF blockbuster meets alternate history! It's 1942, and WWII is going strong. Germany is fighting Russia and Britain, the USA is fighting Japan, and the action has never been faster and more furious. But it's about to be.Strange lights appear in the sky. Radars in Britain detect a mysterious new presence over Europe. Impossibly fast aircraft begin tearing the fighters and bombers of the world to shreds. THE ALIENS HAVE LANDED!Suddenly, the beleaguered nations of Earth are faced by a more powerful menace than ever before. The newcomers attack all over the world, armed with jet planes, helicopters, automatic rifles, and A-bombs. The Earthlings are taken aback, but they fight back with everything they have: Panzer tanks, railroad guns, propellor planes, and anything that might explode. They're outclassed in almost every respect by their technologically superior foes, but they soon discover one thing they have which the aliens lack: creativity. Earth's defenders employ every guerrilla tactic in the book, while scientists struggle to perfect jet engines and nuclear bombs. They may be outclassed, but they have no intention of giving up.Meanwhile, the small, reptilian "lizards" are also quite taken aback. Their space probe, which sent its report a mere eight centuries ago, led them to expect spear-wielding savages. Where did these tanks come from? Where did these "big uglies" (as the aliens call humans throughout the series) learn about powered flight? How could so much happen in 800 years? And more to the point, how did the locals learn such dirty tactics?This series succeeds brilliantly as both military adventure and science fiction. The aliens' military technology is about at the 1990s level: Abrams-like tanks, F-15-like fighters, and so on. The clash between superior lizard technology and superior big ugly tactics leads to some terrific combat action.The lizards are a strangely endearing creation, several of whom are viewpoint characters. They are the ultimate high-tech innocents. Although reactionary and expansionistic, they are not really evil; they merely see themselves as spreading the word of Civilization to less fortunate races. Their society epitomizes order, law, and staticity. Faced by such psychotic, technologically advanced barbarians as these big uglies, their world view is shattered. How can they reconcile these high-tech barbarians with their logical, rational mindset?One of the most exciting SF epics of recent years.4 von 4 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Intelligent gemacht und unterhaltsamVon LeseratteAliens landen mitten im 2. Weltkrieg auf der Erde? Klingt auf den ersten Blick nach einer ziemlich abstrusen Story. Sie sollten diesem Buch aber trotzdem eine Chance geben. Denn was Harry Turtledove sich da ausgedacht hat ist wirklich intelligent gemachte gute Unterhaltung.Die Story: Viele Jahre war Flottenchef Atvar mit der imperialen Invasionsflotte reptilienartiger Auerirdischer unterwegs, um zu einem viele Lichtjahre entfernten Planeten zu gelangen, den Aufklärungsraumschiffe 800 Jahre zuvor entdeckt und als bewohnbar eingestuft hatten. Man erwartet dort einen Planeten mit ein paar rckstndigen Ureinwohnern vorzufinden, deren strkste Waffen Schwert, Bogen und Speer sind. DOch weit gefehlt, denn in den zurckliegenden 800 Jahren hat sich hier einiges getan: Die verblfften Auerirdischen finden einen Planeten vor, auf dem sich bis an die Zhne bewaffnete Nationen und Millionen kampferprobter Soldaten gegenberstehen. Jetzt hat Atvar ein Problem - denn fr einen solchen Einsatz ist er nicht wirklich gut ausgerstet. AUch sind die Erdlinge bei weitem in der berzahl - und seine Nachschubbasen sind Lichtjahre entfernt...Turtledove beschreibt ein vergngliches "Was-wre-Wenn"-Szenario, das mit viel historischem Detailreichtum und gut recherchierten Fakten glntz. Lesenswert!

KurzbeschreibungFrom Pearl Harbor to panzers rolling through Paris to the Siege of Leningrad and the Battle of Midway, war seethed across the planet as the flames of destruction rose higher and hotter.And then, suddenly, the real enemy came.The invaders seemed unstoppable, their technology far beyond human reach. And never before had men been more divided. For Jew to unite with Nazi, American with Japanese, and Russian with German was unthinkable.But the alternative was even worse.As the fate of the world hung in the balance, slowly, painfully, humankind took up the shocking challenge . . .From the Paperback edition.From Publishers WeeklyThis intelligent speculative novel depicts an alternate history in which, at the height of World War II, Earth is attacked by alien beings with weapons far more destructive than any possessed by the Allied or Axis forces. Turtledove ( The Guns of the South ) gives a surprisingly convincing flavor to the time-worn story of warring nations uniting to repel extraterrestrials; his human characters, both actual and invented, ring true as they struggle to trust each other after years of enmity, and although the alien threat has a B-movie feel, he makes an effort to portray the invaders

sympathetically as well. The first in a projected series, the book ends where it began: in and around a battle. The smooth writing is marred only by slightly overdone dialogue for real-life figures like General Patton. The historical details, especially those concerning the weapons and methods available in the 1940s to defend Earth, are accurate and well rendered. Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist With this engrossing volume, Turtledove launches a four-book