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An electrifying new voice in military fiction, Joe Buff has written a riveting and totally realistic tale of military adventure-a spectacular novel that is sure to establish this outstanding author as the new master of the genre. Vividly authentic and impeccably researched, it takes readers into the not-too-distant future, when the United States is embroiled in a tactical nuclear war that will mark a new era of weapons and tactics, geopolitical alignments, and human courage....

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The year is 2011, and in South Africa a reactionary coup has established a military government that has begun sinking U.S. and British merchant ships. NATO quickly responds, with only Germany holding back-until Germany starts nuking Poland and eviscerating the French. Now the South Atlantic is a battleground where nuclear-tipped missiles rule-and the only gun worth using is one that seeks and fires from deep beneath the sea.

In response, Lieutenant Commander Jeffrey Fuller and the crew of the nuclear submarine USS Challenger are called in to help. Ceramic-hulled and designed for maximum stealth, the Challenger is being sent to South Africa for a mission critical to stopping the war. Together with a team of Navy SEALs and assisted by Boer freedom fighter Ilse Reebeck, Commander Fuller must infiltrate the enemy coast and attack a compound where scientists are putting together the ultimate biological weapon-a violent, deadly microbe that has the potential to wreak global devastation.

For Jeffrey Fuller, the operation will take him back to his former life as a SEAL. It's his job to steer the team of operatives to shore; penetrate concentric arcs of armaments, minefields, and sensors; and destroy the death lab. If the mission works, the

bioweapon will be destroyed and shock waves will cripple the South African government. If it goes wrong, fallout will kill thousands of innocent people.

Deep Sound Channel provides a rare and telling look into the future of our military's weapons-and into the horrific violence of tactical nuclear war. It is a cutting-edge masterpiece that takes readers on a wild and unforgettable ride of suspense, nuclear warfare, and underwater adventure

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Deep Sound Channel Details

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Lee says

Love WW3 novels written back when the U.S. had no clear, existential enemies. Techno-thriller writers had to just make up bad guys. To wit: this one's German-South African Axis with their ceramic-hulled supersub, and the U.S. ceramic hulled supersub that must evade it to carry out its mission--*of nuking South Africa*. Everyone is shooting nuclear torpedoes at each other. Wish there were half-star ratings for this type of jawn.

Ed says

#1 in the Jeffrey Fuller series. Satisfying, but perhaps a bit overlong, opening of WWIII in the new future.

Jeffrey Fuller series - World War III has begun, and Germany and South Africa, armed with nuclear weapons from a "neutral" Russia, are allied against the U.S. and Britain. Lt. Comdr. Jeffrey Fuller finds his state-of-the-art submarine, the U.S.S. Challenger, tasked to run a covert team of Navy SEALs into Durban, South Africa to destroy the lab where a biological weapon is being perfected. Ilse Reebeck, a marine biologist who worked at the lab is along as consultant. But first Challenger must navigate a heavily mined port and evade enemy tracking devices.

Jerry says

This was a very good book. The intensity kept increasing to the point I was trying to squeeze in a couple of pages any time I could during the last few chapters. It was a bit technical at times. I didn't realize there was a glossary in the back until about half way through. This would have helped with some of the technical terms. I definitely intend to read his follow on book.

Benton Mcpeak says

Great book. I'm excited to read the rest in the series. The plot was well developed and the underwater battle scenes were easy to follow.

Kathi Fowle says

Good reading

A god book, very believable alternative future. I always enjoy a good battle story. The possible romance was just a bit obvious.

Joe White says

Fairly detailed speculative look at contemporary to future sub missions; in this case a hypothetical WWIII. The action takes place in the Indian Ocean, near the coast of Africa at Durban. It includes a Seal mission to extract information from a closely guarded shore facility, and destroy the facility. A somewhat large portion of the book is devoted to internal recovery measures within a sub under attack and suffering from various failures including fire and distorted exterior hatches.

Unless you're a submarine vessel enthusiast, you may not care for the type of action and suspense that builds using acoustic techniques, an precise 3D measurements that are required to visualize relative positions to other in-water objects including subs, torpedos, mines, surface vessels, and the sea terrain of sea mounts, drop offs, canyons, as well as composition of the sea floor. Thermal and salinity characteristics of water need to be understood. Crush depth, compression, steel types, and ceramics (hull) need to be understood.

While this book is 10 years old, and speculated on the latest developmental technology at the time, I think it is still accurate in portraying an actual contemporary mission. The use of thermonuclear devices in unrestricted warfare is possible, regardless of the attempt to avoid it in contemporary war skirmishes.

The characters are modeled on contemporary service personnel, and are much more believable than Clive Cussler's action heroes. Unfortunately, given the large amount of sub-specific action detail with accurate characters, the book may get somewhat boring or tedious at some points. Since it adheres more to realism than super-action fantasy, the series may not become a best-seller.

Tim says

Excellent book - novel story and very technical from underwater standpoint. Would have given it 5 stars if they had gone into more detail on the background on the war itself.

Nate says

I wanted this book to be better than it was. Overall I liked it and gave it 3 stars. I find some of the technical details to be just too far out. This book couldn't be more sci-fi if the subs had rocket boosters and launched themselves into orbit and warped out for the far reaches of the galaxy when compared to what they do or are capable of in this book.

I also find it implausible how tactical nukes are tossed around like snowballs on the playground. It is just too much and becomes silly.

That said, the pacing and tension and character development is good. I am going to give the next book in the series a try.

With specific regard to the Kindle edition, there are many formatting problems that are somewhat irritating. It would be great if they could get fixed.

Harry Williams says

The best of the genre.

Steven Sims says

i love this series. the writing is tight and the story line is super engaging.

Samuel says

Riveting submarine novel. Can get really technical at times, but the authencity is cool. For military or submarine buffs.

Roland says

too long

Donald says**Technical**

A chilling view of future warfare in the oceans. Each page would make you waiting for the show to drop. The only the only slow down was the use of to many technical term that were hard to follow unless you had been a sailor in the submarine services.

Paul says

I got this book as a XMAS gift as I could not find this in any library....I have not read a book yet that had so many nuclear weapons used in this way. The book was a fantastic read and has me excited to read the next one in the series.

Jim says

Very entertaining. I very much enjoyed reading this book. I am looking forward to reading the next in the series. I recommend this book to everyone.
