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The Führer is dead ... but the war still goes on!

Backed by a cadre of SS officers, Himmler seizes control of the Reich and instigates a plan to change the course of the war.

First, an armistice with Russia.

Second, the mass production of jet fighters.

And third, the appointment of legendary "Desert Fox" Erwin Rommel to the European theater, leading to a very different Battle of the Bulge where he must confront "Blood n Guts" George Patton in a campaign that will determine the fate of Europe . . . and possibly the entire free world.

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Singleton Mosby says

I quite liked this book and would most certainly recommend it to anyone interested in WWII. It is well researched (for the most part) and quite well written. Even though the conversations are very... "American".

There wer some moments of raised eyebrows in the later part of the book. First of all, the Tiger tanks racing to and crossing the Muesse river. Quite a feat for a tank not really suitable for mobile warfare and long rides. But it went weirder when the fighting approached Dinant from the south. Now, I know this part of terrain quite well and it is obvious the writer doesn't and has never been to Dinant. Had he done so, he would know a company could hold an entire division, now, an entire army at bay when it is approachin from the south. The southern appraoches of Dinant are more then formidable as a defencive position. First of all there is the steep hills of Heer over which the 'main road' in those days runs. It is wooded, has ravines and can only be traversed when driving over the road due to the rugged terrain. Second there is the crossing of the river Lesse. Either were it runs into the Muesse at a compactly built village or a bit further upstream (with impossible approaches for anything heavier then a jeep). Blow one of the two small bridges and it is over. Keeping them is easy and possible with a single AT gun. Then you appraoch Dinant proper and there are two problems. First of all the bend in the river, because of which younare completely out in the open when approaching. Secondly the passing at Roche Bayard. The passage between river and rock is so small it will be hard to fit one tank, let alone an entire tank battalion as is done in the book. And then they approach a park (which park?) and enter a medieval city (there is none?).

Ah well, it was a nice book and apart from this and a few other nitpicks a very enjoyable read.

Read1000books says

Add one small incident to history (in this case, a phone call) and watch what happens! [spoilers ahead] The plot to kill Hitler with the briefcase bomb succeeds. Hitler dies, Heinrich Himmler becomes the new Fuhrer, and the plot just gets better from there. Probably the best and most believable alternate history I have ever read.

George says

Excellent alternative history. Rommel was a German patriot who should have actively joined the conspiracy to kill Hitler (in real life) but did not and suffered the ultiamte price for it any way.

In this alternative he joins forces with the Allies to turn on Himmler.

An excellent read

David says

Enjoyed the take on alt history. At first it was a bit hard for me to accept some parts, such as the truce with Stalin, but after considering the points made I felt that I could almost see it happening. The make a good case for it. All in all an enjoyable read for a history that might have been, even if it does stretch things a little bit.

Worth picking up the next book and seeing how it turns out. In which we see Patton was right.

Liam Thompson says

Great read i loved it

David Hicks says

This was an excellent book. So good in fact, I have read it multiple times. The history is fairly accurate and the characters are ones you can identify with. The author has done a lot of research into Irwin Rommel as I felt that his portrayal of that character was very close to the historical descriptions. I am glad it is in print again because my copy has worn out.

Alan Miller says

Meh

J. says

I'm a sucker for really good, well plotted and executed alternative World War II scenarios. This one's excellent. The characters, both fictional and historical, are mostly believable, even if Rommel is portrayed a bit too heavily as a paragon, the German supply officer comes across as a bit too bumbling, and the Waffen SS always live down to their black hats. The authors don't seem to like Monty much... The settings are realistic and vividly drawn, and the story engaged me so thoroughly, the first three hundred pages flew past in one sitting. The rest of the book didn't hold me quite as much, although the ending is dramatic and satisfying. I'll definitely be finding a copy of the sequel.

Ralph McEwen says

A good thought exercise. A well balanced story that explore both side in the war. Showing the personalities as true believers and patriots. The war is shown as the life and land destroying force that it is to both sides. The characters are well developed and seem possible.

Christopher says

One of the issues that I have had with alternate history books is that many times they take very serious liberty with changing how events unfolded. Instead of minor plausible changes, the authors will make these grand sweeping recreations of history. Fortunately that is not so with Fox on the Rhine. How this book plays out is very believable and written in such a manner that you are wanting to turn the page to see what happens next. It is a fascinating examination of how differently World War II could have played out and I can't wait to start Fox on the Front.

Not Henry G says

A long time ago I read my first Alternate History book, How Few Remain. It was amazing, a perfect blend of world building and a war showing both the grunts and the commanders, letting you see all the sides, tactics and politics behind the conflict. Unfortunately the majority of the books I read afterward were really bad, and none captured the magic of that first novel.

Until I read Fox on the Rhine.

The book is just amazing, the characters are three-dimensional, you see the war from all sides and levels, the battles are spectacular. There isn't much more I can say about this book, except that if you like Alternate History, or just military action, this is the book for you.

Larry Bissinger says

Great book. Really liked the fictional spin on Rommel surviving his wounds to continue the fight and the conversion of the Me-262's from a bomber to fighter mission. Historical fiction well done!

Stefan says

An excellent, fast paced, well researched book of what could have been. The characters were life like, easy to connect with, and realistic in a surprisingly vivid way. The portrayal of Erwin Rommel was accurate, detailed, and quite lifelike. The portrayal of the allied commanders (Ike, Patton, Bradley, Monty ect.) was also well done, I felt like I was inside their heads as they decided the course of action that would effect the future course of humanity. The use of dispatches, letters, and passages from a history book all helped make the plot and dialogue all the more interesting, vivid, and fascinating. The development of the supporting characters and settings was also excellent. Highly Recommended.

carl theaker says

If it's possible to read a war game - this is it! I found this

alternate history of the World War II western front quite the thriller.

Part of studying history is the "Gee, what would have happened if?" This novel, by a pair of game designers, twists and turns as the July 20th plot to assassinate Hitler is successful and Erwin Rommel takes over the armies of the Western Wall:

"En Garde General Patton!"

The authors use a variety of methods to tell the tale; along with the obvious historical characters, there are the fictional men in the trenches, reporters, intelligence officers scheming generals, air force crews; there are letters home, the history book excerpts from the future, and page turning action scenes.

Even at almost 600 pages, I sometimes wanted more detail as the new! improved! Battle of the Bulge took place.

Occasionally the characters are a bit cartoonish, especially any bad guys. You almost expect them to be wearing black, except well, since they are usually SS, they already are. All in all - a fun read!

Chuck says

I got lucky again. Once again I succumbed to a book's cover and the inside flap synopsis and found a winner. This is a WWII historical, what if, novel. What if Operation Valkyrie had been successful and Colonel Count Claus von Stauffenberg had been able to position his briefcase bomb in such a position as to kill Adolf Hitler. This novel assumes that Hitler did die and what that event would have done to alter the course of the war. These authors did a heck of a good job in my opinion.
