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The future vs the past. F22 Raptors vs Zeros. Prince Harry (yes, that Prince Harry) vs Hitler and Stalin. Ten years ago a powerful Allied battle fleet was sucked into a wormhole and thrown back into World War Two. History was blown apart. The Soviet Union now controls half of Europe and supreme dictator Joseph Stalin reaches for a weapon to enslave or destroy the rest of the world. Only Harry can stop him.

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Daniel Hamad says

I feel like this would work better if full novels of this time period had already been written and this was just filling in additional stories. Instead, we're trying to get our full understanding of ~1955 from these little short stories, which just does not work.

Definitely a fun read though.

Todd Simpson says

I really enjoyed this book. John Birmingham is such a talent, and every story I've read of his, I've been thoroughly entertained by. This story is no exception. It's hard to imagine a 21st century battle fleet ending up in the second world war. However, this is exactly what happens when Manning Pope's wormhole experiment fails. Prince Harry now finds himself part of this, and has to deal with the Nazi's in WWII. After the war he is talked into being a spy, and helping to keep a German rocket scientist away from the Russians. Harry is such a likeable guy in real life, and the Author has done a great job with him as a character. Stalin's Hammer: Cairo is a great read, and it gets you thinking what our world would be like if there was an alternate shift in history. This is a hard book to put down, and it's definitely worth a read.

I.F. Adams says

Another arch following around the alternate future...history.... timeline? Prince Harry in more cloak and dagger games with the NKVD.

Probably the weakest of the Axis of Time, but still solidly entertaining. Rather than being "Good", I'd describe it as "Fun". It had almost too many twists and turns that made it feel rushed and a little... hyper?

Balthazar Lawson says

Big hairy bollocks.....

A ripping yarn in the Axis Of Time series set in the mid 50's. How things got to be how they are is nicely covered and helps to prod the memory. It's nicely paced and not drawn out with plenty of action.

However.....the ending is in the next book of the series, which is hopefully not too far away.

Alex Sarll says

In the aftermath of a Second World War disrupted by the sudden arrival of a 21st century battlegroup, a Stalin who has learned from the records of his own mistakes is more powerful than ever. Against him stands one elite special agent: Prince Harry. Yes, that Prince Harry - he was in the battlegroup from a near future not quite our own. I downloaded this because it was free, and because that premise seemed irresistibly stupid (especially if you picture Harry as the version from *The Windsors*, which obviously I do). But it's really not bad. The espionage and derring-do is all competently (derring-)done, and if characters' internal monologues occasionally wander into bathetic musings on minutiae...well, isn't that more true to life than the utter focus alleged of your average action hero? True, it's a shame about Harry's occasional lapse into Americanisms, but I've certainly seen worse. And the ramifications of the sudden, one-way infusion of the future are nicely worked through. Social norms are dented rather than overturned, and moderns must mentally switch gears when dealing with the native 'temps'. Plays are performed before they should have been written, but given 'commemorative premieres' when they were meant to come out. Politics sees what was to come, and swerves it: revolutionaries are quietly disappeared by forewarned monarchs, and instead of history's mistakes being repeated, a whole new tranche can be made. And as for technology, well, some can be replicated, but not all, and it's often not cheap: never has it been more true that 'the future is already here, it's just not distributed evenly'. A lucky find, though perhaps not quite enough of one for me to read the rest of the series.

dennis barron says

A worm hole from the 21st century has opened, but instead of going forward , it goes backward...1944. Prince harry steps through. Stalin rules and is the evil power, hitler is gone.Harry is put into action, again of her majesty's service. He is a hardened war veteran. This is a fantastic action packed thriller, from the very first page. Treachery and deceit surfaces on the very last page. Can't wait for the sequel! Enjoyed immensely !!!

Steven Trewin says

Yep, usual witty clever writing from JB. Look forward to the Paris novella and a possible 4th axis of time novel ? (And the next "Dave" installment !)

michael Brill says

Not up to his normal level

This one would be maybe a few chapters in the earlier books. It reads like, and the tie in to the next work supports this, a serial rather than a novel.

Brandon says

A little better than the first one, hopefully leading up to a good conclusion in number three.

Peter says

Better than the last ebook, more focused, and the action in it focuses more of action and not boring stealth sequences. Where's the movie already??

Ross says

Love this series

I'm a big fan of this author and this series. This book was but a brief glimpse into a complex and detailed created world. But from this glimpse I know that I want more!

Stubbyjedi says

Loved it but hate the shortness of the story. It dragged me in and left me hanging. Not nice unless your trying to create a awesome story. Though I do wonder how the real prince sees his literary doppelgänger.

Dale (Aus) says

Very tight story with plenty of action and a cliff hanger ending. really great read and I look forward to the next installment.

Read Ng says

A gripping and tense middle book. It is best enjoyed if you obtain all three Stalin's Hammer books at one time and read them back to back.

Overall, the trilogy is a well put together follow up to the Axis of Time series. I enjoy the mash up of new technology trapped in the past.

This is a GoodReads.

Warren says

Cliffhanger

Another excellent book in this series. Wish it was longer, a bit of a cliffhanger...poor Harry. It's always interesting to contemplate what would happen if technology was introduced at an earlier time...like Turtledove's book "Guns of the South," AKA 47s introduced into the Confederate Army. HmMMM.
