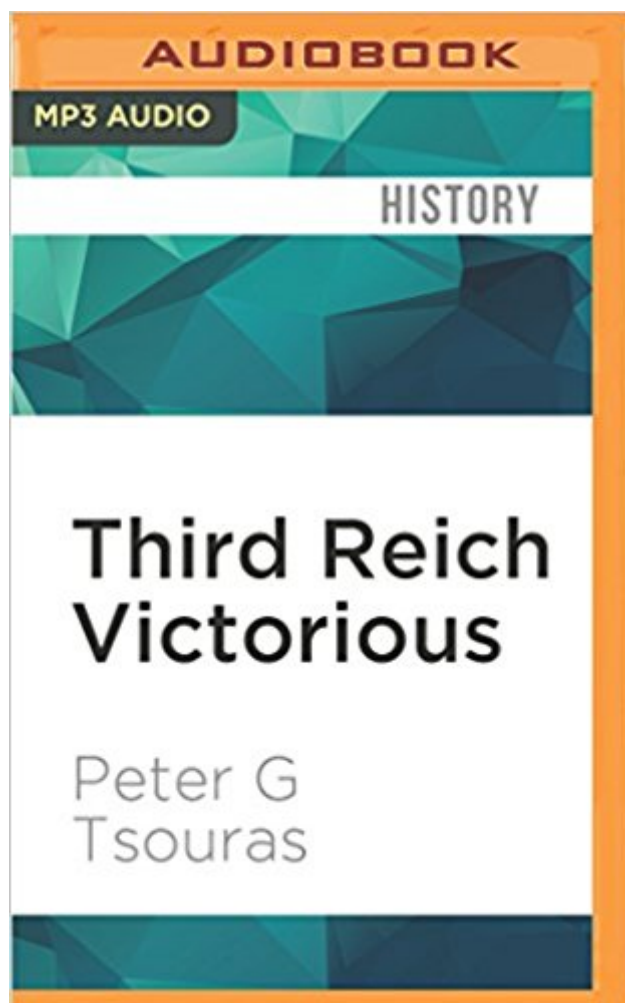


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Third Reich Victorious: Alternate Histories Of World War II



Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

If you have an interest in the Second World War than this book is a must. It has a number of scenarios where various battles and campaigns that germany did badly in, went well for them. For example, what if Hitler had been in the German navy in WW1? For WW2, he might have realised that the key to making Britain keep out of the war was to cripple the Royal Navy. Or what if Hitler had made sure to keep all the German nuclear physicists that fled for Britain and the US? Might he have developed the atom bomb before he was defeated and used it on London and Moscow? What makes the book effective is that each scenario is written as if it were a history book and that is what happened. It never uses the words 'what if' - it pretends that the scenario is what happened. Only at the end does it say what really happened and how. A brilliant book in my opinion and a must-read

for anyone with an interest in WW2 --By B. Taylor

As a history buff for some fifty years, I have until relatively recently avoided these 'alternative' histories on the basis that they are mere fantasy, often driven by the ideological sympathies of the writer, but a chance purchase of Sid Meier's splendid computer game [[ASIN:B0002LIAJK Civilization III Deluxe Gold Edition: Civilization III + Play The World + Conquests + Fan Kit changed my opinion completely. Having now spent several highly enjoyable years attempting to build a civilization (Roman, Greek, British Empire, Soviet etc... that will 'stand the test of time', I am now clearly aware that chance events have sometimes influenced human history enormously; just one real-life example being the discovery of steam power in Roman times, and its rejection as 'economically unviable' in the slave based economy of those times! When read from this viewpoint, 'Third Reich Victorious' raises some very interesting questions indeed. I now quote the summary printed on the cover:- "This book is a stimulating and entirely plausible insight into how Hitler and his generals might have defeated the Allies, and a convincing sideways look at the Third Reich's bid at global domination in World War II. What would have happened if, for example, the Germans had managed to capture the whole of the BEF at Dunkirk? Or if the RAF had been defeated in the Battle of Britain? What if the Red Army had really been shattered in the summer of 1941 or if Axis forces had achieved the conquest of North Africa?" The ten scenarios are:- 1. The Little Admiral, 1939. 2. Disaster at Dunkirk, 1940. 3. The Battle of Britain 1940. 4. The Storm and the Whirlwind. 5. The Hinge. 6. Into the Caucasus. 7. Known Enemies and Forced Allies. 8. Luftwaffe Triumphant. 9. Hitler's Bomb. 10. Rommel versus Zhukov. Obviously World War II was a highly industrialized war, and as other reviews make clear, long term strategic economic/production decisions taken during the 1930's were crucial, with Britain's development of the Spitfire fighter and long range bomber fleets, Russian research into tank design and America's construction of a 'two ocean navy' all being of major significance to it's course and outcome. This makes some scenarios more plausible than others, but each is followed by a section detailing 'the reality' on which it is based. To my mind the most plausible are 2, 3, 4 and 8; which back up the points made by David Hoffman in How Hitler Lost the War [DVD] [Region 1] [US Import] [NTSC]. To conclude; this well written and highly entertaining book illustrates just how close Nazism came to emerging victorious from WWII; but Hitler and his generals misplayed the hand Fate had dealt them, with effects that have changed Western society irrevocably and for ever. --By C. W. Bradbury

An excellent collection of WWII what-ifs. If you have ever played Hearts of Iron you will recognize that many of the options from the Technology Tree. This basically allows you to change the strategy of the axis by changing their research emphasis to other areas such as Naval, Air and Nuclear. Most of the strategies in this book are built around changes in technology direction or changes in leadership. However having

played loads of war games here are my tips for German Victory. 1. Don't Invade Russia - wait for them to come to you. 2. Build lots of fighter aircraft and naval bombers, take down the RAF and then bomb the royal navy to dust then invade, 3. give Rommel more troops in the desert and let him take the Middle East. --Lee Hanley --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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An awesome book of alternate history. Even when Nazi Germany lose the war the war is completely different(from nuking Berlin to lasting 2 more years and most of the big germans city are nuked in 45-46!). All of them are possible if a minor chance had occured(from Hitler not being offensive minded in 1943 and exhauasting the Stavka armor at a reverse Kursk to Lord Gorth not being killed before Alamein in July 1942). In 8 out of ten germany wins and in one of the two thant the nazis lost one last longer.Hope Peter G Tsouras will edit more alternate history book

This book contains scenarios by a number of period specialists and rather than the usual sensationalist and poorly thought out bilge that doesnt even follow its own faulty logic, this is a superb example of the 'what if' genre. OK , some of them - the Germans adopting a different strategy and still 'winning' at Kursk require some stretching of credulity - others - the Germans not pausing while we evacuated Dunkirk or just going for the radar stations and airfields instead of switching to cities and winning the Battle of Britain - are very well executed. OK - these are not new theories, but the way that the respective authors progress these scenarios rationally and in historical context makes for unsettling reading, especially when you consider what the final outcome might have been. Anyway - its an excelent and entertaining read and I commend it to you ...

A good read. Interesting perspective.

This compilation of 13 alternate history scenarios in which Nazi Germany won is a little uneven but I found it hard to put down. The different stories illustrate various requirements for military success. These include rational leadership, flexible planning, unified command, planning for what the enemy could do rather than what they will do, and more. It may seem dated to be post-morteming WWII at

this late date but some of the blunders illustrated continue to be made to this day. If you are interested in military affairs, WWII, or the military aspects of international relations, I recommend it.

Great book

I thought the book was EXCELLENT it did give a outlook to What if? The German Airforce was one of the biggest advantages they had. In the book a General who Hitler admired (who died early in the war) convinced Hitler to get the jet program going and included long range bombers,also the ships did have a Advantage in a strike first operation that might have turned the tide.....

Not sure why you would title a book "victorious" when many of the scenarios in it just hypothesize how Germany's defeat could have been delayed - but (thankfully) no road to victory. I did really like the navy scenario though, and agree with other commentators that this deserved its own book.

For the most part, this was an enjoyable experience in reading some what ifs and alternative histories on Germany possible doing things different to win WWII. Some minor gripes:* In a few of the 10 essays, Germany still lost the war...so therefore, they were not truly victorious so a bit of a misleading title in that case, but maybe a few of the people that wrote their individual essays just did their own unique thing and did not adhere strictly to directions? So, I'm not going to crucify the book on a couple of those.* Some of the essays were bogged down with tedious military details. I'm not in the military and not joining the military anytime soon, so all the numerous divisions, corps, regiments, etc, can hurt the eyes after a while and you find yourself going back a page to make sure the division on the next page is the one you remember from earlier, etc. For the most part I could handle this but a couple of the author's went a little excessive on that front. That said, enjoyable read for the most part. Some great alternative scenarios explained very well by each author I thought. Very well written, the tedious military details in a few scenarios notwithstanding. My favorite one had to be the first one, Little Admiral, I thought it was very well done and coincidentally my favorite scenario in the Japanese WWII alternative history by Tsouras was written by the same historian that wrote Little Admiral. Overall, this is a good book and for the price a good buy in my opinion.

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