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Editorial Review

Amazon.com Review

World War II screeched to a halt as great military powers scrambled to meet an even deadlier foe, armed with formidable technology that made victory seem inevitable. The menace worsens in this, the second novel in the four-book alternate-history saga that *Booklist* called "possibly the most ambitious in the subgenre's history and definitely the work of one of alternate history's authentic modern masters."

From Publishers Weekly

The second volume of Turtledove's Worldwar series (after *Worldwar: In the Balance*), an alternate-history saga in which lizard-like aliens invade Earth during WWII, quickly bogs down. As the plot moves among the huge cast of characters, including many historical figures (Ribbentrop, Roosevelt, Zhukov), and as Turtledove meticulously describes various tanks, planes and guns, readers will realize that they, too, must suffer for the author's research. And none of that homework has bred any subtlety: good people have good sex, while corrupt people suffer appropriate retribution. National and ethnic stereotypes abound, too: the British are more capable than they seem; the Germans are keen mechanics; most Americans, of course, are paragons. There are exceptions, of course—a few interesting lizards and a peace-talking Chinese woman—but it isn't hard to figure out which world leader will "tilt the balance" by using the first human-made atomic bomb. With so much attention paid to the machinery of war and the machinery of history, Turtledove rarely engages the subtleties of character, resulting in a novel that, despite offering its share of mind candy, never makes its many intrigues sufficiently gripping.

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From Library Journal

Following Earth's invasion by an extraterrestrial race of lizardlike beings, World War II veers drastically off its intended course as Axis and Allied powers reluctantly engage in cooperative efforts to resist conquest by a technologically superior common enemy. Revolving around the race to achieve nuclear parity with the aliens, the second volume in Turtledove's latest alternate history series focuses on efforts in the United States, the Soviet Union, Japan, and Germany to unlock the secrets of the atom—regardless of cost or consequence. Historic and fictional characters blend seamlessly in this superbly crafted, compelling venture into speculative history. This sequel to *Worldwar: In the Balance* (LJ 11/15/93) belongs in most sf collections.

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