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Calvin Morrison was a pretty good cop in Pennsylvania-until he was scooped up by the cross-time flying saucer and transported to Styphon's House Subsector, a 16th Century equivalent parallel time-line. Here the Indo-Aryan invasions went east across Asia and down the Aleutian Islands into North America, where they have stagnated for thousands of years. Dropped off into the middle of a local dispute, Corporal Calvin Morrison comes face to face with warriors armed with pikes and broadswords, not petty criminals. Lord Kalvan, as the locals call him, transforms the petty Princedom of Hostigos into a fearsome warrior Kingdom by inspired leadership and advanced military knowledge.

Now, after having created and saved his new nation of Hos-Hostigos from destruction by Styphon's House, a tyrannical theocracy that holds sacred the secret formula for gunpowder, Kalvan, now Great King of Hos-Hostigos, faces his greatest challenge-keeping what he has won.

The Holy Host of Styphon and the Royal Army of Hos-Harphax, two of the greatest armies in the history of the Five Kingdoms, are on the move and Kalvan will once again have to call upon his knowledge of military history to save his family and friends. This time it's personal!

## **Great Kings' War Details**

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## **From Reader Review Great Kings' War for online ebook**

### **Patrickr patrick says**

a sequel to Lord Kalvan of Otherwhen by H.Beam Piper. Very true to the spirit of the original. If you like this kind of work then also read the 1632 series and Jannasaries.

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### **Bfisher says**

A competent continuation of the Paratime world created by H. Beam Piper in "Lord Kalvan of Otherwhen". John F. Carr has continued to develop the Paratime/Kalvan story in subsequent novels. I'm currently reading the next in the series, "Kalvan Kingmaker".

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### **Bill Bowne says**

Didn't care for this redo of H. Beam Piper's much better tales. The innocence of Piper's writing is spoiled by Green's prejudices.

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### **Exrex says**

Great fun, the continuation of Lord Kalvan of Otherwhen - now available in hardcover at [www.hostigos.com](http://www.hostigos.com) (I have no connection with this website, but I like the books).

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### **Charles Temm says**

Awesome book. Green and Carr remained faithful to Piper's original short story premise of an everyman dropped onto another timeline (a world where Europeans had migrated en masse overland through Siberia down throughout N.America to set up a 14/15th century society) in the middle of an ugly religious war.

The background is well explained and the battle scenes/political turmoil are well done. The story line is well set up to foster a series as Lord Kalvin (formerly Calvin Morrison of the PA State Police) struggles to survive a war and drag a world forward from the stagnation it was mired in.

The book does well as a stand alone and as a start to the follow on books written by John Carr (Siege of Tarr Hostigos, The Fireseed Wars, Gun Powder God, and soon The Hos Bletha Affair).

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## **Mike says**

My first eBook. A continuation of "Lord Kalvan of Otherwhen" which is one of my favorite stories. Following my most recent re-read of "Lord Kalvan of Otherwhen, I thought that there must be sequels and I discovered <http://www.hostigos.com>. While H. Beam Piper ,the author of the original story, is deceased, this author provides an enjoyable, consistent, and well written installment.

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## **Jonathan Palfrey says**

I picked this up free from Baen Ebooks, so I have no complaint about the price.

It's a sequel to *Lord Kalvan of Otherwhen*, a popular book by the late H. Beam Piper; it imitates Piper's style (without improving on it) and maintains his scenario and characters acceptably enough.

At least one of the authors evidently takes an interest in war, because battlefield tactics are described with some imagination and enthusiasm.

However, I found the book rather slow and plodding. Piper's original book wasn't a work of fine literature, but it was better paced, livelier, and more concise.

For anyone who liked Piper's book and wants a sequel, this is adequate, but I think Piper himself could have done better. And a good writer could have improved on Piper's writing style without straining himself.

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## **Cindy says**

Written as a sequel to H. Beam Piper's Time Patrol stories by another author and it doesn't quite work, at least not as a sequel. Not a bad read as a stand-alone...

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## **Ralph McEwen says**

Continuation of Lord Kalvan of Otherwhen. Downloaded free from [baen.com](http://baen.com)

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## **Sean Helms says**

This has been one of my favorite books for a long time. I've read it several times through the years until it's started to fall apart on me!

For the most part, this book is set in an alternate America in an age that is late middle ages to early Renaissance era where the use of black-powder has gained popularity, but in which there is still cavalry in heavy armor (although starting to be phased out). Drop in a Pa. State Trooper by accident, due to a Para-Police screw up and you've got one heck of a story when he finds himself helping lead one side in a wonderful full scale war (and landing the princess, of course)!

Read it if you're lucky enough to scrounge up a copy; you'll thank me for it.

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