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From the *New York Times* bestselling author of the *Legion of the Damned* novels comes the final novel in a post-apocalyptic military science fiction trilogy about a nation wracked by a civil war.

As people fight to survive the aftereffects of more than a dozen meteor strikes, a group of wealthy individuals conspires to rebuild the United States as a corporate entity called the New Confederacy, where the bottom line is law. As a second civil war rages, with families fighting against families on opposite sides, Union president Samuel T. Sloan battles to keep the country whole.

After the fateful battle with her sister, the New Confederacy places a price on Union Army captain Robin "Mac" Macintyre's head, causing bounty hunters to try to kill her. Mac will do all that she can to help Sloan reunify the country by reclaiming a strategic oil reserve in the heart of Confederate territory, and freeing hundreds of Union prisoners of war from appalling conditions in Mexico. But, to truly have peace, they will have to take down the New Confederacy's leadership--and that includes Mac's father, General Bo Macintyre.

Battle Hymn Details

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Gretchen says

Great Dystopian Military Fiction

Really enjoyed this series of three novels. Will look for more of Dietz's work. Looks like I've found a new favorite author.

Steven Allen says

I have enjoyed all of Dietz's writing. This last book in this trilogy is no exception. Now that the author is finished with this series I hope that he returns to the Legion of the Damned.

Peter Anderson says

A well-written ending to a good near-future series. Well paced with great battle scenes and well rounded characters.

Daniel says

While a fun military novel, I'm still baffled by Dietz's slaming of Libertarians in the novel and portraying them as villains. He has an apparent poor comprehension of that group's primary non violence fundamental value.

Dietz is claiming a coordinated attack and I guess is calling me a troll, but for the record I wrote this review alone. Claiming libertarians can coordinate anything is proof he fails to understand us! Lol.

"With the exception of some Libertarian Trolls, who didn't like the first book, and launched a coordinated attack on it..."

Martha says

At the end of book two Mac and her sister had a fateful confrontation. The New Confederacy, by the command of her own father, has placed a price on Mac's head making her the target of bounty hunters. Many of Mac's original platoon have been lost so there is a steady stream of new troops coming in. Some of those under her command have Confederate sympathies, or are just greedy, making it hard to know whom she can trust.

Mac's new commander views Mac as lucky and getting favoritism as the suspected 'lover' of Union

President, Sam Sloan. Mac gets a new team together and has to prove her worth through a treacherous rescue of abused POWs held in a Mexican prison. More losses occur but the battles don't stop.

Mac and her Marauders are assigned to capture a strategic oil reserve within Confederacy territory. The odds aren't good and get worse when unexpected Mexican troops begin to swarm from the south. The Confederacy leadership has made a devil's bargain with Mexican leaders in an effort to turn the tide of their losses.

President Sloan struggles to prevail as the engagements heat up and the Union faces fresh masses of troops arriving from Mexico. A ravaging hurricane hitting New Orleans adds to the confusion and the tense situation. A daring plan is implemented to take down the leaders of the New Confederacy hoping to stop the confrontation once and for all.

Between battles, corruption and betrayal are revealed. There are a few moments for Sloan and Mac to come together but they can't let their guard down as enemies continue to stalk them.

This final book in the America Rising series packs a lot of action and some inconsistencies. There are some early bounty attacks on Mac, but those threats pretty much stop in spite of her notoriety and visibility. Some chilling attack plans are discussed and then never mentioned again. This was a good thing, but it seemed strange that it was introduced as a possibility only to never be revisited.

As in the prior books some of the scenes are implausible and have to be accepted as just entertainment. In spite of these inconsistencies, I enjoyed the steady action and suspense that continues to the end. I liked the teasing relationship between Sloan and Mac even in their brief encounters. This series was entertaining and the ending was a satisfactory conclusion.

I received this title through NetGalley for an honest review.

Dale (Aus) says

This was a good finish to the trilogy. Full of action with good characters. I enjoyed all three and found no weak points in the series.

Hotrats says

Guess what, the good guys win.

Jo (Mixed Book Bag) says

America is still trying to recover from the meteor strikes and the war between the North and South is ongoing. The final battles are looming and we get to see each in detail. Robin "Mac" Macintyre and Union president Samuel T. Sloan are working together and still facing their attraction to each other. This is full of battles and behind the scenes action. I read the first book but not the second and had no trouble knowing

what was going on. Dietz does a really good job of working backstory into the story line and that kept me up to date on what was happening. A nice ending to a three book series.

I received a free copy of the book in return for an honest review.

Dale Russell says

Yes...It's finally here... the final book in the AMERICA RISING trilogy from William C. Dietz and the book is everything and more that we've been waiting for.

The 2nd American Civil War continues to rage...North versus South...Brother against Brother...Father against Daughter. The battlegrounds shift back and forth but the North - under the leadership of President Samuel T. Sloan - have begun to gain the advantage...pushing the Confederate Government into more and more desperate actions. The writing is on the wall and the North's "BIG PUSH" is only days away. But, the South still has a few cards up its sleeve and those could turn the complete tide of the war...But...at what a cost?

Dietz has once more created a masterpiece of military Science Fiction and spins a tale that explores one possible end to the American dream and the way of life that we, perhaps, all take for granted. He crafts an apocalyptic future that reveals an America teetering on the edge of the abyss...ruled by men and women whose only question is "What's in it for me?" A future that would send the country into bloody ruins with no hope of recovery.

Dietz has masterfully built the tension over the trilogy bringing it to a crescendo as the fate of the American people is finally decided.

Daniel says

The back blurb says "post-apocalyptic military science fiction" but you can also add alternate history to that list. This trilogy takes modern technology and the modern political climate and gives us a great read.

I enjoyed this story a lot. It is a quick and easy read but had a great story. "Battle Hymn" is the third book in a trilogy, but it provides enough info and in-the-moment explanation that it can be read as a standalone novel.

President Sloan is commander in chief of the Union of Northern States. He has a budding relationship with Major MacIntyre, who saved his life in the early stories and he pardoned from disobeying orders. Robin MacIntyre's estranged father is a confederate general who has put out a bounty for Robin based on his preexisting dislike for her, her siding with the north, and his belief that she is responsible for her sister's death.

The story follows several key operations involving Robin (Mac) and her unit. The action is classic military SciFi. The events lead up to the climatic ending to the civil war and aftermath.

Interesting characters and developments pop up throughout, like the involvement of Mexico and the Mexican general.

There are some cliché stereotype characters but it doesn't draw away from the story. People who enjoy military SciFi will love this book.

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