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This collection of alternate history scenarios looks at what would have happened if, for example, the Germans had captured the whole of the BEF at Dunkirk, the RAF had been defeated in the Battle of Britain, or if Rommel had been triumphant - in short, how the Germans could have won the war, and what the consequences would have been.

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## **From Reader Review *Third Reich Victorious: Alternate Decisions of World War II* for online ebook**

### **Lauren says**

Interesting. Sometimes hard not to get bogged down in details. Not for a person unfamiliar with WWII battles and personnel. Passing that, 10 different alternative courses the war could have taken that would have led to a very different outcome.

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### **Christoph Weber says**

Tsouras at work again with some alternate history

<http://www.weberseite.at/buecher/thir...>

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### **Rob Roy says**

If you are looking for an interesting story, look elsewhere. These 10 alternate history tales are military studies of events that did not occur. If you are a historian who is very interested in World War II, then this is an excellent read. For the majority, don't bother. That said, I did enjoy a few of the alternatives. In one, there is much creativity making Adolph Hitler a sailor in World War I.

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### **Steven Raszewski says**

More good Tsouras stuff.

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### **Louis says**

*Third Reich Victorious: Alternate Decisions of World War II* edited by Peter G Tsouras is a companion book to *Rising Sun Victorious: An Alternate History of the Pacific War*.

In this volume military historians have written a series of essays on ways that the European theater of WWII could have gone differently allowing Germany to win.

The essays are not stories per se, but rather historical essays that recount a historical event, in this case military campaigns. While I liked the style, the writings are very dry. I would say this book is an acquired taste. It would probably appeal to those that are steeped in readings of this sort that they may read when researching what really did occur on the battlefield.

As I mentioned in my review of the first book in this series, the essays don't simply tell of the Allies

immediately surrendering after a battle is won by Germany. Rather they try and show how the Allies would have reacted to the changing circumstances. The end result isn't a case of just winning and losing, but rather the extent by which the Axis could have won.

I gave this volume one less star. I'm not sure if it's just that this set was a bit more distant in pulling me in, or that reading it so close to the first just wore me down due to its scholarly style.

But if the subject interests you, and you are already well versed on what actually did occur, then this is a book that can fire your imagination of a world scorched by war.

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### **James Arlemagne says**

An enjoyable look at the possible decisions that could have changed what happened. The mix of authors allow different styles, some very textbook dry. You should already be interested in the subject matter to approach this book.

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### **Chris Brimmer says**

Fun romp as far as it went.

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### **Kathy Sebesta says**

This is a book that muses on how WWII history might have been changed, with Germany being the victor. What if Hitler hated Brits instead of Jews? What if Turkey had come into the war on the Axis side? And so on. I rate it three stars because you have to have a whole lot of very detailed knowledge of the military campaigns to fully appreciate the subtleties of what they are suggesting. I have a more general knowledge of the war, thus couldn't appreciate a lot of what was said.

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### **Mpz says**

very interesting scenarios about World War II.

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### **David R. says**

This collection of ten counterfactuals generally satisfies, but is best appreciated by the most serious students of the military arts. The authors are predominantly military historians and analysts, and they're playing to their bench. The real trick is spotting the point of divergence in each case. I think the standout essay is the 9th, where the Germans develop an atomic bomb first, and wherein Werner Heisenberg's internal conflicts take center stage. The least plausible is the 1st, where a young Hitler is molded into a non-anti-Semitic naval

officer who comes into the 1930s with sufficient tools to defeat England.

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### **Thomas Lehman says**

It was ok. A couple Chapters were pretty cool What ifs and a few seemed toooo impossible.

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### **Stig says**

The title is not altogether correct - some of these alternate WWII decisions do not lead to a German victory, but only to temporary setbacks for the Allies, but perhaps that is nitpicking. We are treated to a good selection of what-ifs by different authors, from "Hitler joins the German navy in 1914" to "Germany gets The Bomb first". Some are very well written, others are very dry; some are plausible, others less so. A couple of mind-numbingly detailed accounts earn this book three stars, though some of the individual entries would well warrant four or maybe even five.

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### **Charles says**

Based on plausible alternate events

Alternate histories of the results of battles and wars can be very good or bad. They are good if they are based on facts before veering off into a lane of a plausible difference. Furthermore, while that difference can be based on some action taken by a military or political leader, it cannot include any actions by some single or small group of supersoldiers. People knowledgeable of the history must also read the alternate and have no reason to dispute the premise that it could have happened, albeit unlikely.

Of course, the simplest scenario whereby Hitler emerged victorious in World War II was the early development of nuclear weapons by Germany. That is one of the ten scenarios and even though it was a predictable inclusion it was well done. However, it is not the best of these scenarios.

The most plausible scenario is the one where the smallest number of men made the greatest difference, in the Battle of Britain. The Germans made some fundamental mistakes in their air attacks that could have led to RAF fighter command being overwhelmed, leading to German overwhelming air superiority in southern England. If that had happened, then Germany could have successfully invaded England if Hitler had any understanding of sea power.

I enjoyed reading these stories, while they deviate from what actually happened, they all retain enough reality so that you think, "That could have happened." This is a great book and I am now interested in tracking down Tsouras' other alternate history collections.

This review also appears on Amazon

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## **Daniel Williams says**

Seven out of ten good scary realistic sounding scenarios for alternative endings to WWII.

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## **Stefan says**

I felt "Third Reich Victorious" was a bit uneven. For a book focused on exploring historically plausible scenarios of German victory some of the ideas were just a bit too far fetched. I thought the best examinations of how history could have taken a different turn were the ones based on tactical turning-points in battlefield situations as opposed to ones where Hitler had a major shift in his strategic thinking. Still, "Third Reich Victorious" was a fascinating book full of food for thought how history could have been so dramatically different.

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