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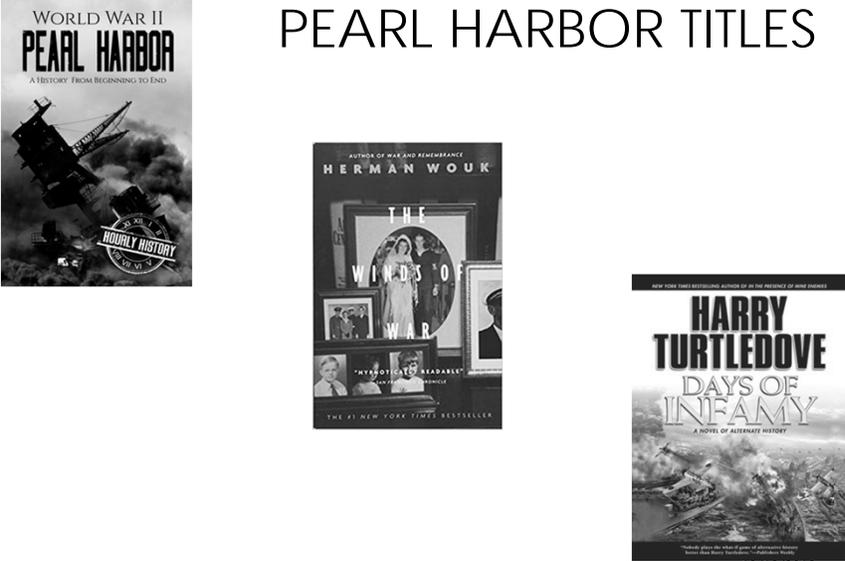
ALTERNATIVE HISTORY

IS IT HISTORY? IS IT HISTORICAL FICTION?

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PEARL HARBOR TITLES



The slide displays three book covers. On the left is 'World War II Pearl Harbor: A History from Beginning to End' by Roughly History, featuring a ship at sea. In the center is 'The Winds of War' by Herman Wouk, showing a woman in a circular frame. On the right is 'Days of Infamy' by Harry Turtledove, depicting a battle scene. The date '12/18/2018' is printed at the bottom right of the slide.

IS IT HISTORY?

- Told primarily by historians and authors
- Creates vivid story or evocative description from vast amounts of research
- Told in variety of ways
- Uses variety of writing styles and story lengths

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IS IT HISTORICAL FICTION?

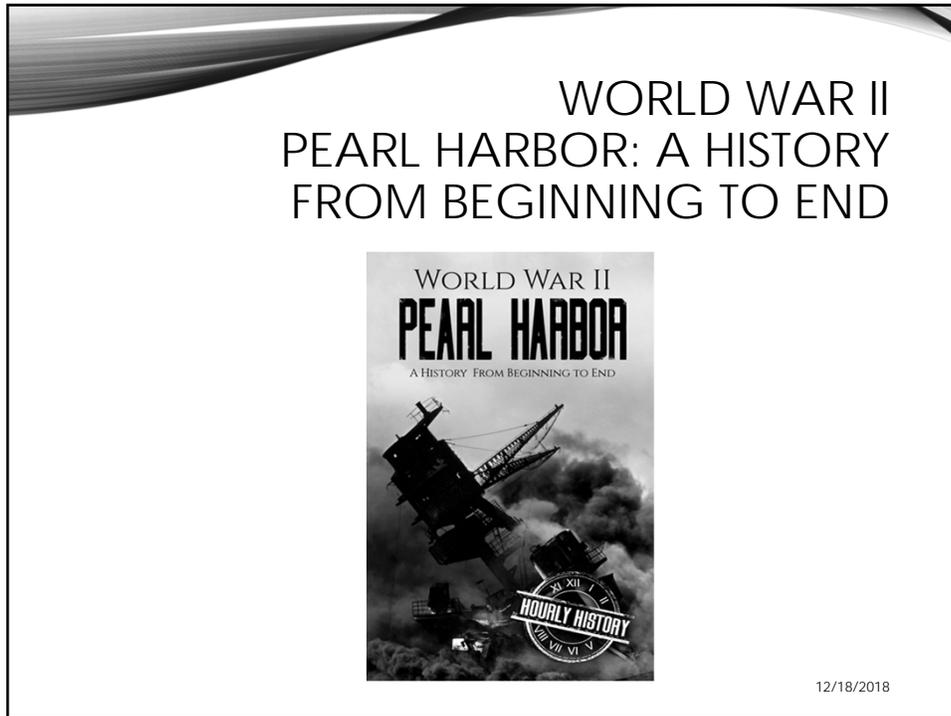
- All action in the past
- "Historical" aspect set at least 50 years in the past
- Based on what's real—including personal stories, reminiscences and feelings
- Attractive to people wanting to learn more about themselves, other people or the world
- Can consist of very factual and nonlinear to very narrative
- Strong sense of place
- Strong descriptions of settings

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IS IT ALTERNATIVE HISTORY?

- Pose a very specific kind of "what if" question
- Author tinkers with recognizable history to create "divergence point"
- Crafts a story that follows new, alternative historical timeline
- Will include historically accurate details alongside speculative elements

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by Hourly History (Author)
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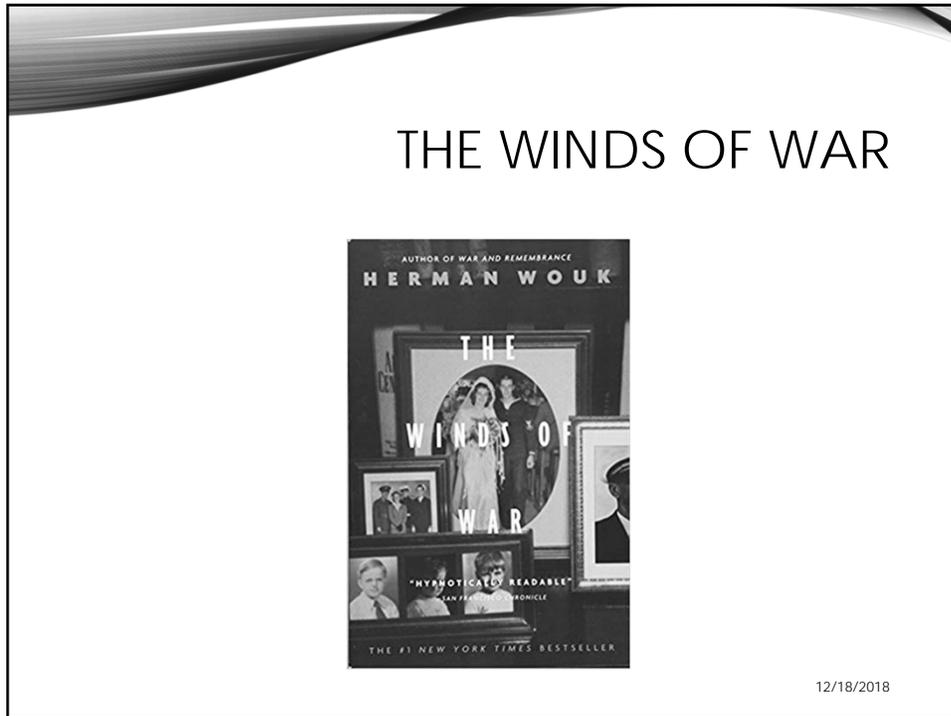
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The Winds of War Kindle Edition

by Herman Wouk (Author)
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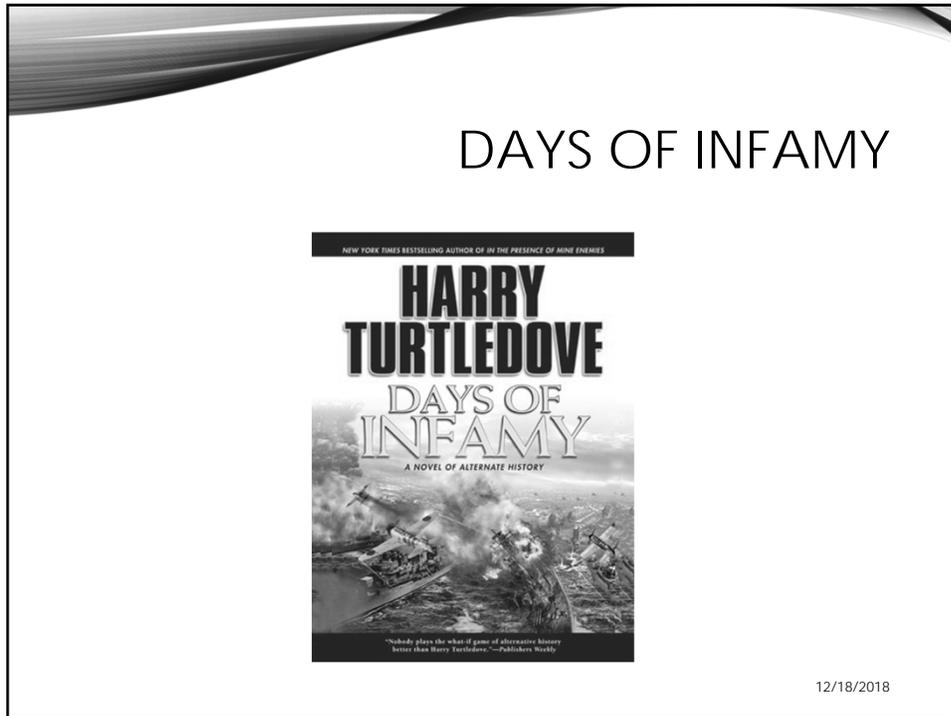
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HARRY TURTLEDOVE
DAYS OF INFAMY
A NOVEL OF ALTERNATE HISTORY

by Harry Turtledove (Author)
★★★★☆ 79 customer reviews
Book 1 of 2 in Pearl Harbor (2 Book Series)

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Length: 444 pages | Word Wise: Enabled | Enhanced Typesetting: Enabled | Page Flip: Enabled | Audible book: Available

Follow the Author: Harry Turtledove

Held captive for years, teenage Sienna is on the run and discovering she possesses mysterious powers. Can she elude...

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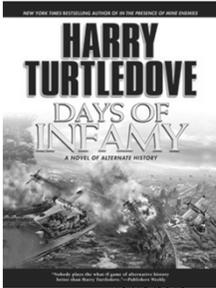
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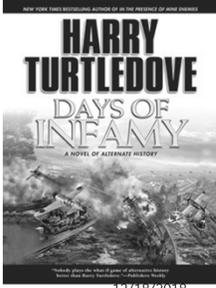
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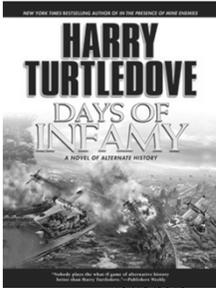
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WHICH IS ALTERNATIVE HISTORY?



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ALTERNATIVE HISTORY

"What if . . ."

WHAT HAPPENS IN AN ALTERNATIVE HISTORY NOVEL?

- Specific historical event altered
- Can shift timelines by introducing technologies or political concepts before they actually happened
- May use alternative natural history

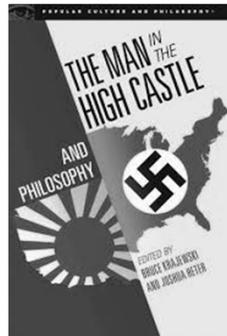
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WHY POPULAR WITH FANS

- Fires up imagination
- Fun and safe way to envision world that might have been
- Often includes real historical figures
- Can visit lives in other eras
- Zestful stories because of anachronisms

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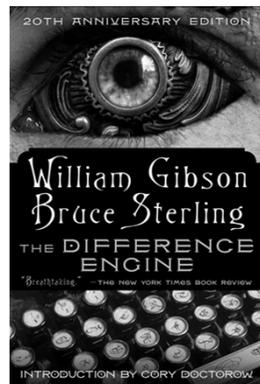
Author: Philip K. Dick

Examines life in 1962 in country formerly known as United States, now under control of Japan and Nazi Germany

Blends science fiction with espionage and adventure

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KEY TITLE: THE DIFFERENCE ENGINE



Authors William Gibson and Bruce Sterling

Age of computer has arrived early and a group of people are fighting to obtain powerful computer cards in Victorian setting

Example of steampunk

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KEY TITLE: RIVER OF TEETH

Author Sarah Gailey



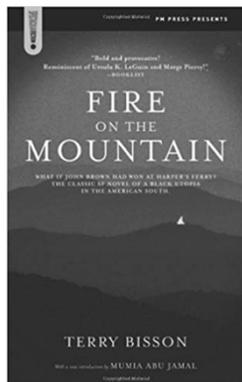
U. S. Congress has imported hippos to the Mississippi River area

Heist story with ensemble cast of colorful ruffians, outlaws and ne'er-do-wells

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KEY TITLE: FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN

Author Terry Bisson



South secedes and becomes independent black state, Nova Africa

Century later, a woman mourns loss of husband killed on a mission to Mars

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KEY TITLE: 11.22.63



Author Stephen King

English teacher steps through time portal to September 9, 1958

Over next five years develops plan to stop JFK assassination

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KEY AUTHOR: HARRY TURTLEDOVE

Book Appeal Terms

Genre: Alternative histories; Fantasy fiction; Historical fantasy; Science fiction; Thrillers and suspense

Character: Flawed

Storyline: Intricately plotted; Plot-driven

Pace: Fast-paced

Tone: Atmospheric; Suspenseful

Writing Style: Compelling; Richly detailed

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KEY AUTHOR: ERIC FLINT

Book Appeal Terms

Genre: Alternative histories;

Military science fiction; Science fiction

- Character: Large cast of characters
- Storyline: Plot-driven
- Pace: Fast-paced
- Tone: Offbeat
- Writing Style: Engaging

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KEY AUTHOR: S. M. STIRLING

Book Appeal Terms

Genre: Alternative histories;

Apocalyptic fiction;

Canadian fiction; Science fantasy;

Science fiction

Storyline: Intricately plotted; Plot-driven

Pace: Fast-paced

Tone: Atmospheric; Thought-provoking; Violent

Writing Style: Compelling

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KEY AUTHOR: NAOMI NOVIK

Book Appeal Terms

Genre: Fantasy fiction; Historical
fantasy; Military fantasy

Character: Well-developed

Storyline: Character-driven; World-building

Pace: Fast-paced

Tone: Dramatic; Suspenseful

Writing Style: Richly detailed; Witty

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KEY AUTHOR: CHERIE PRIEST

Book Appeal Terms

Genre: Alternative histories; Ghost
stories; Historical horror; Horror;
Steampunk

Storyline: Plot-driven

Pace: Fast-paced

Tone: Atmospheric; Creepy; Menacing; Suspenseful

Writing Style: Compelling; Richly detailed

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HOW DO I HELP FANS?

- Look for alternative histories in related genres and subgenres
- Ask for desired level of historical authenticity desired
- Fans wanting historical authenticity may prefer historical fiction
- May appear in some literary fiction
- Many themed anthologies of alternative history stories

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NOTABLE TRENDS

- Popular settings
 - American Civil War
 - World War II
- Time travel popular

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MORE INFORMATION

NoveList "Getting Up to Speed in Alternative History"
(January 2018)

Goodreads "Alternate History"
<https://www.goodreads.com/genres/alternate-history>

Uchronia: The Alternative History List
<http://www.uchronia.net/>

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