# War is Hell: Military Fiction, Reporting for Duty

## **About Military Fiction:**

- Based in history
- Re-interpretation of events
- Primary action is in field of combat
- Characters are preparing for, in, returning from war
- Features battles, war horrors/atrocities
- Common themes are heroism, nationalism, cowardice, morality

## **Common viewpoints:**

- Company-level
- Platoon and squad also common
  - Company K by William March
  - o The Thin Red Line by James Jones
  - o Fives and Twenty-Fives by Michael Pitre
- Command-level
  - Wide variety of characters
  - Melting pot of "American boys"
    - Early: Civil War army units from same state
    - Later: national units led to cliché of melting pot
  - o Battle Cry by Leon Uris
  - o The Naked and the Dead by Norman Mailer
  - Three Soldiers by John Dos Passos
- Change with Vietnam War
  - Minorities featured more prominently
  - Men sent as replacements
  - Veterans isolated, alienated, loyal to each other
  - o Fields of Fire by James Webb
  - o Paco's Story by Larry Heinemann
- Middle East
  - Soldier and journalist memoirs most common
  - Fiction tends to be soldier-focused
    - First person or close third person
  - The Yellow Birds by Kevin Powers
  - Redeployment by Phil Kay

- War experience is often personal
  - Individual being tested
  - Becoming a man/coming-of-age
  - The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane
  - o Going After Cacciato by Tim O'Brien
  - o All Quiet on the Western Front by Erich Maria Remarque
- Consequences of war
  - On person, country, culture
  - o How do you put war behind you?
  - o Indian Country by Philip Caputo
  - o In Country by Bobbie Ann Mason
  - o Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk by Ben Fountain

## Appeal:

- Better understanding of events
- Students learning about a place/time
- Exploring unfamiliar/exotic cultures
- Current events
- Action-packed books
- Certain author/time period
- Shared experiences
  - Combat soldiers/vets, wives/spouses, children
- Details of combat
  - Emotions, physical challenge, soldier skills
- Moral issues

#### In this class:

- Major wars with U.S. involvement
- War is main subject, not just part of the setting
  - See historical fiction for war as setting

## Revolutionary War (1775-1783)

- Also called American War of Independence
- Defining war of American character and experience
- Pamphlets written during war
  - American Revolution series by Jeff Shaara (2001-2002)
  - Love and Honor by Randall Wallace (2004)

- o The Hornet's Nest by Jimmy Carter (2004)
- George Washington novels by Newt Gingrich (2009-2012)
- o The Fort by Bernard Cornwell (2010)

### Civil War (1861-1865)

- Popular military fiction topic
- Early novels focused on romance of the South
  - Gone With the Wind by Margaret Mitchell (1936)
- Very few Civil War veteran authors
  - Reasons are debated
  - o Civil War trilogy by Jeff & Michael Shaara (1974-1998)
  - o The March by E.L. Doctorow (2005)
  - The Battle of the Crater by Newt Gingrich (2011)
  - o Novels of the Civil War by Jeff Shaara (2012-2015)
  - The Battle Hymn Cycle by Ralph Peters (2012-2017)

## World War I (1914-1918)

- U.S. joined late, in 1917
- "Lost Generation" writers
  - Hemingway, Fitzgerald, Dos Passos, Faulkner
- Mass casualties led to criticism, disillusionment
- Introduction of realism
- Hemingway most associated with this time period
  - o A Farewell to Arms (1929)
  - o Flanders by Patricia Anthony (1998)
  - o To the Last Man by Jeff Shaara (2004)
  - The First of July by Elizabeth Speller (2013)
  - o 1914 by Jean Echenoz (2014)
  - The Harlem Hellfighters by Max Brooks (2014)

### World War II (1939-1945)

- Lots written, varied
- Pragmatic, non-romantic fiction
- Common themes:
  - o Battle, loyalty, courage/cowardice, endurance...
- Combat novels are most numerous
- Began seeing books critical of military command

- The Naked and the Dead by Normal Mailer (1948)
- From Here to Eternity by James Jones (1951)
- Josh Thurlow novels by Homer Hickam (2003-2007)
- World War II novels by Jeff Shaara (2006-2011)
- o Killing Rommel by Steven Pressfield (2008)
- The Commodore by P.T. Deutermann (2016)
- o Red Sky at Noon by Simon Segan-Montefiore (2018)

## Korean War (1950-1953)

- "The Forgotten War"
- Much written during/immediately following
  - Don't Touch Me by Mackinlay Kantor (1951)
- Resurgence due to Memorial & anniversary
- Focus on Army & Marines
- Most follows whole war or last two years
- Much written by veterans
- Recent works often self-published
  - o Retreat, Hell! by W.E.B. Griffin (2004)
  - o War Remains by Jeffrey Miller (2011)
  - o Hope in Hungnam by David Watts, Jr. (2012)
  - Divisions by Larry Krantz (2013)
  - o The Frozen Hours by Jeff Shaara (2017)

### Vietnam War (1954-1975)

- Tradition of distinguished war literature
  - o The Quiet American by Graham Greene (1955)
- Realistic/naturalistic
- Heller's Catch 22 (1961) influenced Vietnam authors
  - o The Bamboo Bed by William Eastlake (1969)
- Much written on war's effects on veterans
  - Matterhorn by Karl Marlantes (2010)
  - Vietnam series by Chris Lynch (YA, 2011-2014)
  - Don't Mean Nuthin' by Ron Lealos (2015)
  - Viet Man by D.S. Lliteras (2015)
  - o The Low Bird by David L. Robbins (2016)

### The Middle East (1990-)

- Gulf War, Afghan War/Iraq War/War on Terror
- Cultural and historical appeal:
  - Historical villains (bin Laden, Hussein, Qaddafi...)
  - Birthplace of three major religions
  - Previous conflicts/wars
- Terrorism threat ensures popularity
- Much is set in U.S.
- Focus on individual soldiers
  - Sniper Elite series by Scott McEwen (2013-)
  - Fives and Twenty-Fives by Michael Pitre (2014)
  - Redeployment by Phil Klay (2014)
  - Wynne's War by Aaron Gwyn (2014)
  - And the Whole Mountain Burned by Ray McPadden (2018)

#### **Technothrillers**

- Hunt for Red October by Tom Clancy (1984)
- Plot revolves around military weapons system
- Technology, action, pacing over characters
- High, sustained action; military jargon & acronyms
- Hero fights for truth, justice, America
- Very, very bad guys
- Usually highly researched
  - The Last Line by Anthony Shaffer (2013)
  - Troy Pearce series by Mike Maden (2013-)
  - o Trident Deception novels by Rick Campbell (2014-)
  - o <u>Drone Strike</u> by Dale Brown (2014)
  - Tom Locke novels by Sean McFate (2016-)

#### **POW Stories**

- Stories of human condition, survival
- Overlaps with non-military incarceration tales
- Tough-skinned readers or history buffs
  - o The Special Prisoner by Jim Lehrer (2000)
  - War Trash by Ha Jin (2004)
  - o In the Shadows of the Sun by Alexander Parsons (2005)
  - Dawn of a Thousand Nights by Tricia Goyer (2005)

Shame and the Captives by Thomas Keneally (2015)

## **Literary Military Fiction**

- Poetic, lyrical language; slower read; character-driven
- Straightforward or experimental
- Good for book groups
- Often critically acclaimed
- "Literary" refers to style, not quality
  - o Three Day Road by Joseph Boyden (2005)
  - o The Judas Field by Howard Bahr (2006)
  - The Coldest Night by Robert Olmstead (2012)
  - Youngblood by Matt Gallagher (2016)
  - Bring Out the Dog: Stories by Will Mackin (2018)

### **Alternate History**

- What if...?
- One event that changes everything
  - o Carries out premise in great detail
- Authors typically have good historical knowledge
- Appeal to fans of technothrillers
  - Historical military readers may shun
- May appear under Sci-Fi or speculative fiction
  - The Great War series by Harry Turtledove (1997-2007)
  - The Plot Against America by Philip Roth (2004)
  - Pacific War series by Newt Gingrich (2007-2008)
  - Leviathan trilogy by Scott Westerfeld (YA, 2009-2011)
  - The War that Came Early series by Harry Turtledove (2009-2014)
  - o <u>Liberty 1784</u> by Robert Conroy (2014)

## **Readers' Advisory Tips**

- Military fiction RA = reference interview
- Listen for references to historical accuracy
- Match readers to books based on tone, style, language
- Suggested questions:
  - o Time period or theater preference?
  - o Land, air, or sea battles?
  - o Interest in future/ imaginary battles?

- Has your patron "read it all?"
  - o Sci-Fi military fiction Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card
  - Sea adventures = conflicts and history <u>Master & Commander</u> by Patrick O'Brien
  - Non-fiction war accounts <u>Band of Brothers</u> by Stephen Ambrose
- Don't be intimidated... be prepared!
  - Bibliographies/lists
    - By place
    - By subject
    - What-to-read-next
  - Create a bookmark

## **Selection Tips**

- Scan catalog and stacks
  - o Too heavy/light in certain sections?
- Judging historical accuracy
  - Know the "Old Faithfuls"
  - Read reviews
  - o Look for bibliographies, notes, epilogues, maps, photos, etc.

### **Marketing Tips**

- Create shelf talkers
  - Recommend other books/authors
- Popular with your patrons?
  - Designated section
  - Genre stickers
- Useful, relevant subject and genre headings
  - War stories, Military fiction, Alternative histories, Techno-thrillers, Literary fiction, etc.
- Include in book group selections
- Create a display!
  - Educate your patrons on military anniversaries
  - Mix fiction and non-fiction
  - Movie tie-ins
  - Books featuring veterans
  - Include local history materials
  - Passive programming
    - Operation Gratitude, Military Missions

#### **Recommended Websites**

- D-Day/Battle of Normandy 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary dday-anniversary.com/#
- WWI Centennial Commission: <a href="http://worldwar-1centennial.org/">http://worldwar-1centennial.org/</a>
- Vietnam War Commemoration: http://www.vietnamwar50th.com/
- Military.com: <u>www.military.com</u>
- KY Dept. of Veterans Affairs: http://veterans.ky.gov/Pages/default.aspx
- U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs: http://www.va.gov/
- VetFriends: <a href="https://www.vetfriends.com/organizations/directory.cfm?state=KY">https://www.vetfriends.com/organizations/directory.cfm?state=KY</a>
- U.S. Army Center of Military History: <a href="http://www.history.army.mil/index.html">http://www.history.army.mil/index.html</a>
- National Military Appreciation Month: <a href="http://www.nmam.org/index.htm">http://www.nmam.org/index.htm</a>
- Novelist: http://www.kyvl.org/resources.shtm

### References

- Blood, Bedlam, Bullets, and Bad Guys: A Reader's Guide to Adventure/Suspense Fiction by Michael B. Gannon (2004).
- Encyclopedia of American War Literature, ed. by Philip K. Jason and Mark A. Graves (2001).
- <u>Historical Fiction: A Guide to the Genre</u> by Sarah L. Johnson (2005).
- Integrated Advisory Service: Breaking Through the Book Boundary to Better Serve Library Users, ed. by Jessica Moyer (2010).
- Read On... Historical Fiction: Reading Lists for Every Taste by Brad Hooper (2006).
- The Readers' Advisory Guide to Historical Fiction by Jennifer S. Baker (2015).

## **Military Observances**

- May National Military Appreciation Month
- May 18 Armed Forces Day
- May 27, 2019 Memorial Day
- June 6, 2019 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy
- June 28, 2019 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Versailles
- November 11, 2019 Veteran's Day
- December 16, 2019 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge
- June 25, **2020** 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of the Korean War
- September 2, **2020** 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of V-J Day
- Armed Forces birthdays:
  - o Air Force Sept. 18, 1947
  - Army June 14, 1775

- Coast Guard Aug. 4, 1790
- Marine Corps Nov. 10, 1775
- National Guard Dec. 13, 1636
- Navy Oct. 13, 1775

#### **Recommended Books**

### Revolutionary War

- o Redcoat by Bernard Cornwell (1987)
- Revolution at sea saga by James L. Nelson (1996-2000)
  - By Force of Arms (1996)
  - The Maddest Idea (1997)
  - <u>The Continental Risque</u> (1998)
  - Lords of the Ocean (1999)
  - All the Brave Fellows (2000)
- American Revolution series by Jeff Shaara (2001-02)
  - Rise to Rebellion (2001)
  - The Glorious Cause (2002)
- Geoffrey Frost series by J.E. Fender (2002-04)
  - The Private Revolution of Geoffrey Frost (2002)
  - Audacity, Privateer out of Portsmouth (2003)
  - Our Lives, Our Fortunes (2004)
- o Love and Honor by Randall Wallace (2004)
- The Hornet's Nest by Jimmy Carter (2004)
- o Ghost Legion by Johnny D. Boggs (2005)
- o Shadow Patriots by Lucia St. Clair Robson (2005)
- Saratoga by David Garland (2005)
- o Valley Forge by David Garland (2006)
- George Washington novels by Newt Gingrich (2009-2012)
  - To Try Men's Souls (2009)
  - Valley Forge (2010)
  - <u>Victory at Yorktown</u> (2012)
- The Fort by Bernard Cornwell (2010)
- Woods Runner by Gary Paulsen (YA, 2010)
- o The Secret Mission of William Tuck by Eric Pierpoint (2015, YA)
- The Rifleman by Oliver North (July 2019)

### Civil War

- o Civil War trilogy by Jeff & Michael Shaara (1974-1998)
  - Gods and Generals by Jeff Shaara (1996)

- The Killer Angels by Michael Shaara (1974)
- The Last Full Measure by Jeff Shaara (1998)
- Starbuck chronicles by Bernard Cornwell (1993-96)
  - Rebel (1993)
  - Copperhead (1994)
  - <u>Battle Flag</u> (1995)
  - The Bloody Ground (1996)
- Civil War at sea series by David Poyer (2001-2005)
  - Fire on the Waters (2001)
  - A Country of Our Own (2003)
  - That Anvil of Our Souls (2005)
- o <u>A Distant Flame</u> by Philip Lee Williams (2004)
- Sons of Liberty by Marie Jakober (2005)
- The March by E.L. Doctorow (2005)
- o The Widow of the South by Robert Hicks (2005)
- Fort Pillow by Harry Turtledove (2006)
- No Greater Courage by Richard Croker (2006)
- The Better Angels of Our Nature by S.C. Gylanders (2006)
- o The Battle of the Crater by Newt Gingrich (2011)
- Novels of the Civil War by Jeff Shaara (2012-2015)
  - A Blaze of Glory (2012)
  - A Chain of Thunder (2013)
  - The Smoke at Dawn (2014)
  - The Fateful Lightning (2015)
- Nostalgia by Dennis McFarland (2013)
- The Battle Hymn Cycle by Ralph Peters (2012-2017)
  - Cain at Gettysburg (2012)
  - Hell or Richmond (2013)
  - Valley of the Shadow (2015)
  - The Damned of Petersburg (2016)
  - Judgment at Appomattox (2017)
- <u>Divided We Fall</u> by C. Alexander London (2014, YA)

#### World War I

- o Three Soldiers by John Dos Passos (1921)
- All Quiet on the Western Front by Erich Maria Remarque (1929)
- Fear by Gabriel Chevallier (1930)
- o Company K by William March (1933)
- Paths of Glory by Humphrey Cobb (1935)

- o Parade's End by Ford Madox Ford (1950)
- Johnny Got His Gun by Dalton Trumbo (1959)
- Regeneration trilogy by Pat Barker (1992-1996)
  - Regeneration (1992)
  - The Eye in the Door (1994)
  - The Ghost Road (1996)
- o Flanders by Patricia Anthony (1998)
- o To the Last Man by Jeff Shaara (2004)
- o The First of July by Elizabeth Speller (2013)
- 1914 by Jean Echenoz (2014)
- o The Harlem Hellfighters by Max Brooks (2014)
- o The Great War: Stories Inspired by Items from the First World War (2015, YA)

#### World War II

- o The Naked and the Dead by Norman Mailer (1948)
- Battle Cry by Leon Uris (1953)
- o The Thin Red Line by James Jones (1962)
- Todd Ingram series by John J. Gobbell (1995-2014)
  - The Last Lieutenant (1995)
  - A Code for Tomorrow (1999)
  - When Duty Whispers Low (2002)
  - The Neptune Strategy (2004)
  - Edge of Valor (2014)
- World War II series by David L. Robbins (1999-2009)
  - War of the Rats (1999)
  - <u>The End of War</u> (2000)
  - <u>Last Citadel</u> (2003)
  - <u>Liberation Road</u> (2005)
  - Broken Jewel (2009)
- Josh Thurlow novels by Homer Hickam (2003-2007)
  - The Keeper's Son (2003)
  - The Ambassador's Son (2005)
  - The Far Reaches (2007)
- Nobody Comes Back by Donn Pearce (2005)
- World War II novels by Jeff Shaara (2006-2011)
  - The Rising Tide (2006)
  - The Steel Wave (2008)
  - No Less Than Victory (2009)
  - The Final Storm (2011)

- Killing Rommel by Steven Pressfield (2008)
- Pacific Glory by P.T. Deutermann (2011)
- Code Name Verity by Elizabeth Wein (YA, 2012)
- Shadow on the Mountain by Margi Preus (YA, 2012)
- o One Man's War by P.M. Kippert (2016)
- The Commodore by P.T. Deutermann (2016)
- o Red Sky at Noon by Simon Segan-Montefiore (2018)

#### Korean War

- o The Bridges at Toko-Ri by James A. Michener (1953)
- The Hunters by James Salter (1955)
- MASH by Richard Hooker (1968)
- o <u>Chrysanthemum in the Snow</u> by James Hickey (1990)
- Dog Company Six by Edwin Simmons (2000)
- The Marines of Autumn by James Brady (2000)
- The Marine by James Brady (2003)
- o Retreat, Hell! by W.E.B. Griffin (2004)
- War Remains by Jeffrey Miller (2011)
- o Ice, Fire, & Blood by Norman Black (2012)
- Hope in Hungnam by David Watts, Jr. (2012)
- o Divisions by Larry Krantz (2013)
- The Frozen Hours by Jeff Shaara (2017)

### Vietnam War

- Fields of Fire by James Webb (1978)
- Going After Cacciato by Tim O'Brien (1978)
- o In Country by Bobbie Ann Mason (1985)
- Paco's Story by Larry Heinemann (1986)
- Indian Country by Philip Caputo (1987)
- The Things They Carried by Tim O'Brien (1990)
- o The Stone Ponies by Tom Willard (2000)
- Jackson Monroe novels by Richard H. Dickinson (2002-04)
  - <u>The Silent Men</u> (2002)
  - The Warlord (2004)
- o The Fearless Man by Donald Pfarrer (2004)
- The Quick and the Dead by Randy Lee Eickhoff (2005)
- o Tree of Smoke by Denis Johnson (2007)
- Matterhorn by Karl Marlantes (2010)
- Red Flags by Juris Jurjevics (2011)
- Vietnam series by Chris Lynch (YA, 2011-2014)

- I Pledge Allegiance (2011)
- Sharpshooter (2012)
- Free-Fire Zone (2012)
- Casualties of War (2013)
- Walking Wounded (2014)
- Who Shot the Water Buffalo? by Ken Babbs (2011)
- Don't Mean Nuthin' by Ron Lealos (2015)
- o Viet Man by D.S. Lliteras (2015)
- o The Low Bird by David L. Robbins (2016)

#### Middle East

- Michael Parson series by Thomas W. Young (2010-14)
  - The Mullah's Storm (2010)
  - Silent Enemy (2011)
  - The Renegades (2012)
  - The Warriors (2013)
  - Sand and Fire (2014)
- The Sandbox by David Zimmerman (2010)
- Sand Queen by Helen Benedict (2011)
- The Towers by David Poyer (2011)
- o Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk by Ben Fountain (2012)
- o Fobbit by David Abrams (2012)
- o The Yellow Birds by Kevin Powers (2012)
- Fire and Forget: Short Stories From the Long War (2013)
- SEAL Team Six outcasts series by Howard E. Wasdin (2013)
  - Outcasts: SEAL Team Six (2013)
  - Easy Day for the Dead (2013)
- Sniper Elite series by Scott McEwen (2013-)
  - Sniper Elite: One Way Trip (2013)
  - Target America (2014)
  - The Sniper and the Wolf (2015)
  - Ghost Sniper (2016)
- Fives and Twenty-Fives by Michael Pitre (2014)
- Pashtun by Ron Lealos (2014)
- Redeployment by Phil Klay (2014)
- Wynne's War by Aaron Gwyn (2014)
- And the Whole Mountain Burned by Ray McPadden (2018)

### Technothrillers

o The Hunt for Red October by Tom Clancy (1984)

- Patrick McClanahan series by Dale Brown (1987-)
  - 22 books in series; most recent: The Moscow Offensive (2018)
- o Tales of the Modern Navy series by David Poyer (1988-)
  - 18 books in series; most recent: Deep War (2018)
- Jeffrey Fuller/USS Challenger series by Joe Buff (2000-2006)
  - Deep Sound Channel (2000)
  - Thunder in the Deep (2001)
  - Crush Depth (2002)
  - Tidal Rip (2003)
  - Straits of Power (2004)
  - Seas of Crisis (2006)
- Navy pilots series by Ward Carroll (2001-04)
  - Punk's War (2001)
  - Punk's Wing (2003)
  - Punk's Fight (2004)
- Goliath by Steve Alten (2002)
- By Dawn's Early Light by David Hagberg (2003)
- More Than Courage by Harold Coyle (2003)
- Typhoon by Robin White (2003)
- Jerry Mitchell novels by Larry Bond (2005-)
  - Dangerous Ground (2005)
  - Cold Choices (2009)
  - Exit Plan (2012)
  - Shattered Trident (2013)
  - Fatal Thunder (2016)
  - Arctic Gambit (2018)
- Cat and Mouse by Harold Coyle (2007)
- The Last Line by Anthony Shaffer (2013)
- Troy Pearce series by Mike Maden (2013-)
  - Drone (2013)
  - Blue Warrior (2014)
  - Drone Command (2015)
  - <u>Drone Threat</u> (2016)
- Trident Deception novels by Rick Campbell (2014-)
  - <u>The Trident Deception</u> (2014)
  - Empire Rising (2015)
  - Ice Station Nautilus (2016)
  - Blackmail (2017)

- Drone Strike by Dale Brown (2014)
- Tom Locke novels by Sean McFate (2016-)
  - Shadow War (2016)
  - Deep Black (2017)

#### POW novels

- Andersonville by MacKinlay Kantor (1955)
- o The Special Prisoner by Jim Lehrer (2000)
- War Trash by Ha Jin (2004)
- o In the Shadows of the Sun by Alexander Parsons (2005)
- <u>Dawn of a Thousand Nights</u> by Tricia Goyer (2005)
- Escape from Andersonville by Gene Hackman (2008)
- Rose Under Fire by Elizabeth Wein (YA, 2013)
- Shame and the Captives by Thomas Keneally (2015)
- o Prisoner of War: A Novel of World War II by Michael P. Spradlin (YA, 2017)

### Literary Military Fiction

- The Wolf Pit by Marly Youmans (2001)
- The Navigation Log by Martin Corrick (2002)
- o When the Emperor Was Divine by Julie Otsuka (2002)
- Wilderness Run by Maria Hummel (2002)
- Once Two Heroes by Calvin Baker (2003)
- o Three Day Road by Joseph Boyden (2005)
- The Judas Field by Howard Bahr (2006)
- Coal Black Horse by Robert Olmstead (2007)
- Day by A.L. Kennedy (2008)
- The Lotus Eaters by Tatjana Soli (2010)
- The Coldest Night by Robert Olmstead (2012)
- The Watch by Joydeep Roy-Bhattacharya (2012)
- Somewhere in France by Jennifer Robson (2013)
- Sparta by Roxana Robinson (2013)
- The Daughters of Mars by Thomas Keneally (2013)
- Youngblood by Matt Gallagher (2016)
- Brave Deeds by David Abrams (2017)
- Bring Out the Dog: Stories by Will Mackin (2018)

### Alternate History

- o The Man in the High Castle by Philip K. Dick (1962)
- o <u>1945</u> by Newt Gingrich (1995)
- The Great War series by Harry Turtledove (1997-2007)
  - 11 in series; last is <u>In at the Death</u> (2007)

- Includes subseries "American Empire" and "Settling Accounts"
- o A Date Which Will Live in Infamy, ed. by Brian M. Thomsen (2001)
- Gettysburg trilogy by Newt Gingrich (2003-05)
  - Gettysburg (2003)
  - Grant Comes East (2004)
  - Never Call Retreat (2005)
- o The Plot Against America by Philip Roth (2004)
- o MacArthur's War by Douglas Niles (2007)
- Pacific War series by Newt Gingrich (2007-2008)
  - <u>Pearl Harbor</u> (2007)
  - Days of Infamy (2008)
- Leviathan trilogy by Scott Westerfeld (YA, 2009-2011)
  - <u>Leviathan</u> (2009)
  - <u>Behemoth</u> (2010)
  - Goliath (2011)
- The War that Came Early series by Harry Turtledove (2009-2014)
  - Hitler's War (2009)
  - West & East (2010)
  - The Big Switch (2011)
  - Coup d'Etat (2012)
  - <u>Two Fronts</u> (2013)
  - <u>Last Orders</u> (2014)
- <u>Liberty 1784</u> by Robert Conroy (2014)