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Lieutenant Samantha "Spike" Hunt thought she knew what she was getting into when she transferred from flying radar planes into F-14 Tomcat fighters. But when her aircraft carrier, the USS Carl Vinson, travels back in time to 1941, she must not only fight for her right to fly the world's best fighter plane, she must also fight in the opening air battles of World War II. She must fight her father's war.

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neil fowler says

Brilliant

Fast paced from the start. Interesting plot, characters are well developed. Then it is action all the way. Will definitely read the series.

CHRISTINE H FLAVELL says

An very different type of story

Interesting, a different take on the normal style and to make it a better story its nice and long with good characters.

Patrick Barnes says

Rough

The most disturbing part of the very first chapter was the realism of the misogyny expressed by the carrier aircrew. The talk between pilots and senior officers about female pilots was horrible.

I was excited about the premise but the demeaning of female crew wouldn't let me continue. The female crew seemed in more danger from U.S. personnel than any enemy and with belated investigation into the thousands of sexual assault cases in the services this was a documentary I couldn't watch.

I bailed about twelve pages in. The story might be good but it might get uglier.

Julian R Rouse says

Nice

Quite a good read slightly derivative story I sure I remember a Kirk Douglas film that has similarities but worth reading

Cathy Myers says

Excellent book

An excellent read. It was exciting. It was a combination of war story, history and sci-fi. The author defiantly knew his subject matter. The characters were well formed and interesting.

Volpot says

3.5 stars. Not sure why I read this. It's very derivative. Having said that, something new might appear in a sequel and I might by it. Go figure.

Richard E. says

Fighting her father's War

The 'Final Countdown' withOUT the TimeStorm returning. USS Carl Vinson, a 1990s era Nuclear Carrier, with a chunk of her Carrier Task Force are suddenly transported back in time to a couple of weeks After the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbour on 7 DEC 1941. No Comms, No GPS, No National Chain of Command except what they have embarked. Where to go, what to do, who to report to are all up in the air until they confirm the date and check the 'Histories' then decide to attack the Imperial Japanese Fleet's Next target. They are now assisting in fighting WW2. Then, when trying to get a jump on the Doolittle Raid, they discover than the Japanese have a few bases that jumped in Time also. And Now the Emperor of Japan has aviators training to fly and FIGHT Rhinos (F-4 Phantoms) and F-15 Fighters. Fight's On! Those Readers that have NOT read Clancy, Jim Cobb, Dale Brown or Stephen Coonts may have a hard time reading and understanding the 'furball' of aerial combat depicted...Highly Recommended. [Question: where are/were the attack submarines? Doesn't a Carrier task force 'own' a couple of them when deployed]?
RJ USSF '79 - '98.

Bob Hatch says

A damn good book

My Dad was a Command Master Chief (glowworm) with twenty eight years , dying in service at the age of forty seven. The Makis is have told it like it is. Do yourself a favor and read it!

Wolflied says

Let me say this upfront: I liked this book. A lot.

I've lately been reading a lot of the time travel/alternate history sub-genre, everything from Eric Flint's various Ring of Fire novels, The Shield books by Nachman Kataczinsky, The Emperor's Men series by Dirk

van den Boom, and even Christopher G. Nuttall's unpublished Second Chance series, through a bunch of standalone novels by new authors.

My E-reader has given me the opportunity to explore new authors at dirt cheap prices (Thank you, Bookbub), thus I've read books I probably would not otherwise have considered. This was one of them.

Like many others, I enjoyed the 1980 movie *The Final Countdown* starring some of my favorite actors: Kirk Douglas, James Farentino, Charles Durning, and Katherine Ross. However, I was sorely disappointed in the ending, viewing it as a cop-out when so much more was possible. Thus, when John Birmingham's *Axis of Time* series appeared, I read it avidly. I enjoyed that series, and still read whatever of his I can find, but, unfortunately, Birmingham is an Aussie who appears to have bought into all of the Leftist misrepresentations of those who live in the American fly-over states.

This book is sort of a cross between the movie and Birmingham's books. I served for a period on a carrier in the Navy, although I was on an Essex class carrier during Viet Nam, but much of the depiction of carrier life in the book matched my experiences. That assignment was part of my Naval Nuclear Power training, although I was not a surface nuke and my experience was well in advance of the commissioning of the *Carl Vinson*. Nevertheless, I found nothing in the author's depiction of nukes and their operations that was unrealistic. I cannot speak to the accuracy of the depictions of air combat, but they read as realistic to me.

My quibbles with this book are relatively minor, with "relatively" being the operative word. I believe most of them are easily addressed with decent proofreading and editing.

First, it was written in the present tense. This is difficult to accomplish successfully, and difficult to read. For the most part, I managed to have no problem with the tense, but, every once in a while, it would jerk me out of the enjoyable story like a discordant note in an otherwise fine piece of music.

Secondly, the edition I read BADLY needed proofreading and editing. A couple of chapters were obviously missing entire paragraphs at their ends, both of them during action sequences. For some reason, most, if not every, of the times the word "might" appeared, it was capitalized. Occasionally, some words, mostly prepositions, were dropped out of sentences entirely. Additionally, it was also not uncommon to encounter the common errors similar to "their" as opposed to "they're," "were" instead of "where," and so forth.

There was an occasional plot hole (What was that SEAL doing swimming underwater in the middle of a rescue operation, and how did he get there?), and topics I'd like to see addressed but weren't. It's my understanding that carrier groups are normally accompanied by at least one nuke sub, but there's no mention of one in the book; also, at the time of the book, there was usually a Marine detachment aboard carriers, but, again, no mention of one.

Finally, the book was loaded with jargon. Acronyms are a fact of life in the military, thus, they are unavoidable in a book about the modern military, and officers and sailors tend to use Milspeak with its acronyms and shortcuts. The author did include a glossary at the end of the book, but, again, the need to look up a term takes the reader out of the story. The jargon could have been reduced or handled better.

In spite of those criticisms, I enjoyed the book. It addressed a premise I have long found interesting and it moved fairly smoothly. The combat sequences moved quickly and were appropriately tense. The central characters were well developed and likable. Even some of the peripheral characters were interesting, and I would like to see them explored further, especially the nukes (Yep, I'm biased in that direction).

I highly recommend this book for those interested in the time travel/alternate history sub-genres I mentioned at the beginning of this review. If you can overlook the flaws I've mentioned, this is a satisfying start to what promises to be an interesting series. M. L. Maki appears to be a new author, and I expect that the writing will

improve with the following book(s) and, hopefully, so will the proofreading.

I'm looking forward to the next book in the series.

S. David Long says

A Great Read

I loved this book. It is one of the best alternate military history books I've read. Compared to a lot of books along this line, it can be more technical than some would like but to me at least, that's what makes it so good. Can't wait for book 2.

George Smith says

A very good read
