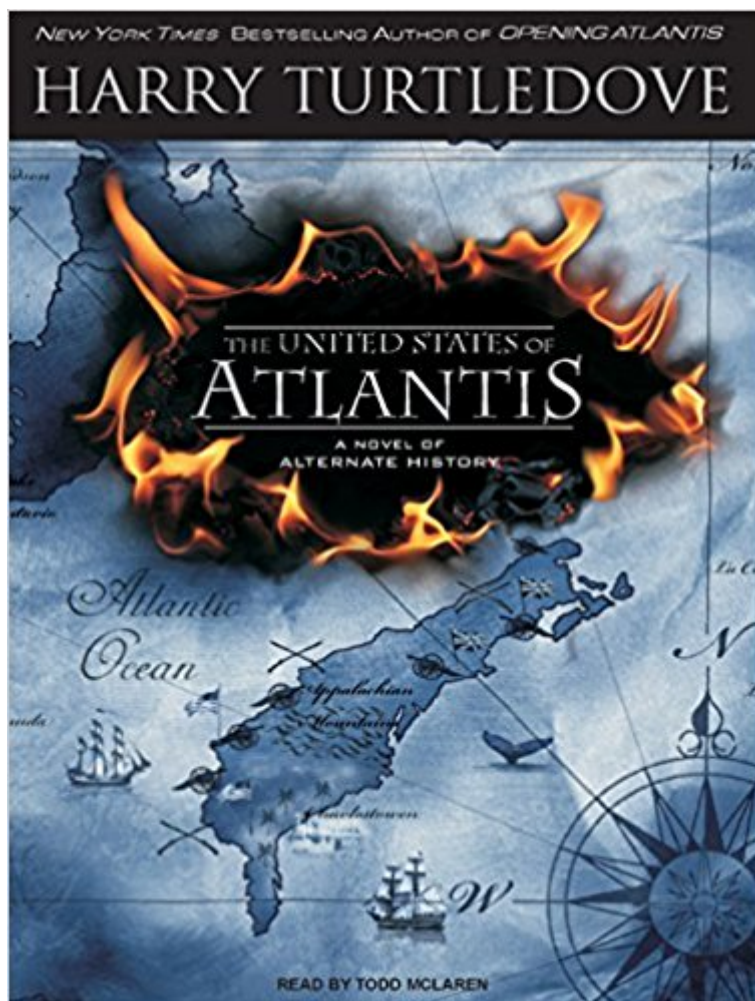


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The United States Of Atlantis: A Novel Of Alternate History



Synopsis

England has driven the French from Atlantis, giving King George leave to tighten his control over the colonies. The Redcoats have seized the continent's eastern coastal towns, depriving the Atlanteans of the markets where they sell their goods as part of a strategy to bend the colonists to their will. Instead, England's tactics have only strengthened the Atlanteans' resolve to be free. As leader of the revolutionaries, Victor Radcliff will make the English pay for each and every piece of land they dare to occupy, and will stop at nothing to preserve the liberty of his people as a new nation is born—a nation that will change the face of the world.

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Customer Reviews

Several years after the events of 2007's *Opening Atlantis*, Victor Radcliff, now middle-aged, is called upon to lead the Atlantis colonies fight for independence from England. Victor, aided by his ex-slave friend Blaise, agrees to train and lead the ragtag colonial army against experienced British soldiers under Generals Howe and Cornwallis. Between battles, Victor and his friends debate questions of politics and religion, particularly the troubling dilemma of slavery. Readers familiar with the American Revolution will find analogues to Benjamin Franklin and Benedict Arnold as well as real figures, such as Marquis de la Fayette and Thomas Paine, and elements of real battles of the American Revolution. Victor excels as a general, but makes one personal error that sharply ramps up his stake in the developing conflict and opens the door for a third book. (Dec.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to

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Starred Review Victor Ratcliff would rather stay home on his farm, raise crops, and console his wife for the loss of their children. But his military leadership in expelling the French and Spanish from Atlantis makes him an obvious candidate to lead a rebellion against the British crown when it restricts Atlantean trade with settlements in Terranova (i.e., North America). The course of the ensuing war is very much like that of the American Revolution in terms of battles won and lost, shortages of everything, and complex, nay, convoluted politics. Generals Howe and Cornwallis oppose Ratcliff, and the Marquis de la Fayette and the Baron von Steuben help him. But the marquis we recall didn't supply Washington with a "colored" bedwarmer, who in due course bore him a son, as Ratcliff's marquis does. The birth brings Ratcliff a whole new set of problems, private and public, not the least of which arise from the fact that his new fatherhood bolsters his inclination to push harder than ever for the abolition of slavery in Atlantis, though many fellow Atlanteans are determined to defend it unto death. Stay tuned for the third volume of Turtledove's admirable new alternate history to find out whether conflict is irrepressible. --Roland Green --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This is the first time that I put down a Harry Turtledove book. Usually I can't stop reading and finish in the first day or two, but this one I didn't even plan to finish, except that I ended up on an airplane and slogged through to the end. No one who grew up in the United States needs to bother reading this book, as "The United States of Atlantis" have the same history as the United States of America. This is basically a re-packaging of the American Revolution, with characters exactly mirroring those in real history. Like George Washington, Victor Radcliffe is the reluctant leader, upon whom greatness is thrust. There is a Benedict Arnold-esque traitor who goes over to the British. There is someone in France, impressing the court with his rustic charm a la Benjamin Franklin. There is even a Jewish guy somewhere funding the revolution. Usually I like when Turtledove explains every detail of the military campaigns and goes into detail explaining the winning strategies. This time I was bored because of how similar it was to things I already learned way back when in 11th grade. I would give it no stars if I could.

This is actually the second of the trilogy on Atlantis which I read after finishing the third and felt that I should have finished it before the other but I did not know the proper order but I enjoyed it anyway.

I am a big fan of Harry Turtledove, he normally turns out consistently above average (if seldom outstanding) work. I thought the first book in this series was quite good (although focusing on the original storyline for a bit longer probably would have been productive). This one is still a worthwhile read, but it isn't quite as good as Turtledove normally is. I'll give it a four because it is probably better than many of the other options out there, but would suggest reading one of Turtledove's other series first: Elabon, Videssos, Worldwar, Great War, Derlevai or War between the provinces.

Super!

Turtledove at his finest . We'll thought and exiting fiction with a great opportunity for more of the same great style

Easy entertainment in a cold winter night.Always like a good turtledove novel ,but nothing has ever been better than ,Guns of the South.

For an alternative history story it makes you think that it very well could have happened.

...as is all Turtledove's work; I believe I have his entire collection. The trouble is, the man doesn't write fast enough!!!

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