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Another cutting-edge naval warfare thriller from Award-Winning Author Jeff Edwards

What if North Korea's sudden turn towards peace is a cunning act of misdirection?

A routine Coast Guard inspection of a cargo ship in the Caribbean turns into a vicious firefight with unidentified Asian commandos. The second attempt to board the vessel ends with a nuclear detonation.

North Korea has been smuggling short and intermediate-range missiles into Cuba. An unknown number of nuclear warheads are hidden less than 100 miles from the tip of Florida. Every American city east of San Antonio is in the target zone.

Scrambling to stop the flow of weapons to Cuba, the president orders the Atlantic Fleet to surround the island, cutting off all access. It's the Cuban Missile Crisis all over again, but this time there won't be a diplomatic resolution. The North Koreans have developed a secret weapon that rips through the blockade with ease, leaving burning ships and floating bodies in its wake.

Against this unimagined threat stand a small detachment of United States Marines and a cutting-edge destroyer that's never been tested in combat.

It's a battle we never expected to fight, against an enemy we can barely comprehend...

Steel Wind Details

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Anne Cochran says

Good fast read.

Loved his previous books. This is entertaining. Would have liked a little more depth of some of the characters and the military strategy. Recommend for those who like military action thrillers.

John says

This story deals with "Cuban Missile Crisis 2" involving North Korea and a handful of Cuban dissidents. Interesting concept, especially given the political situations today. However, the author "ends" the story rather than "finishing" it. Obviously a sequel is in the making.

John McAbee says

Cutting edge of realistic limited encounters.

This is a great read that keeps your interest on the edge. Not easy to put down between chapters . A must read.

Roger says

Another great read from Jeff Edwards. I can't wait for his next one!

Randy says

This book, another with the others, Sea of Shadows, The Seventh Angel, and Sword of Shiva, are must reads for fans of modern day naval warfare. Wholly believable characters thrust into scenarios that could conceivably materialized anytime in the current geo-political environment. Easy reading, enjoyable prose with just the right mix of techno speak.

I've added Jeff Edwards to my list of favorite authors of this genre, David Poyer, Larry Bond (Jerry Mitchell series), John J. Gobbell (Todd Ingram series) and P.T. Deutermann.

Gail Northman says

A gripping thriller from start to finish.

Jeff Edward's has a way of keeping the tension rolling at a steady pace. Like with his other books. I love how he provides an interesting descriptions of weapons almost like like humans and provides graphic descriptions of damage that makes the reader understand " what happens when" . While each book can and does stand alone I recommend reading them in publication order.... First class would love to see all these books made into movies... it would make for some thrilling viewing.

Teresa says

Precise and frightening

This book is a somewhat techy read. In a way it is quite a dry presentation, yet I enjoyed it, and the 'human' parts are warm, amusing, and endearing. I read it because I enjoy thrillers, but also because one reviewer commented that he knew about this military and political arena (which is presumably is why he was asked to review) and said that this could happen. He suggested that it is not a fantasy so much as an exploration of what is possible.

What I found particularly interesting is that the morning of the day I finished this I happened across a documentary on YouTube that offered evidence that the current President of the US cannot read. Literate or not, the President has to be respected. The people have elected him to power; he is who they want to lead them. But Presidents don't just reduce taxes, they may be called upon to act in defence of the country. It certainly gave me pause for thought, and the resolution to keep my fingers crossed for the next two years.

Joseph Courtemanche says

Great book in the techno-thriller world. Jeff used his knowledge in ways that might pass by a reader without military experience, but were a special delight to veterans.

I'd recommend it to anyone who is interested in the possible use of nuclear weapons and unusual/dangerous technologies by rogue states.

Jim Rickard says

Exciting book

I enjoyed this book a lot. Second book of his I have read. Good plot, twists and turns. Scene changes were good. A little too much history in-between chapters for me. They could have been placed in back of book

Robert J. Barr says

Non Stop

The story moves along at breakneck pace. I personally believe the North Korean leader is a psychotic

narcissist and capable of anything. An attack on the U.S. is credible, unlikely but far from impossible.

I have read other Jeff Edwards novels and all of them were goodreads.

Ted Halstead says

A Highly Recommended and Plausible Thriller

Up front I need to disclose that I am the author of a direct sales competitor to this book, The Second Korean War. So, I started reading this book with both some knowledge of the threat posed by North Korea, and the willingness to point out any errors I found.

What I actually discovered was one of the best books I've read in years. I despise spoilers so can't say much about the plot, except to say it is highly interesting and I believe completely credible. The characters were well described, and - critically for a thriller - you actually cared what happened to them. The author puts his military experience to good use in detailed descriptions of the equipment and procedures used by US armed forces.

Anyone who doubts whether North Korea could have achieved what is described in the book is invited to remember what we believed about their capabilities just five years ago. Before they successfully tested an ICBM and a thermonuclear weapon.

Some might also doubt whether a North Korean crew like those in the Steel Wind could be deceived by their own leaders. It is hard to overstress just how thoroughly indoctrinated North Koreans are, particularly those serving in its military. Sadly, for now such treatment of a crew by North Korea is completely credible.

Without giving away the ending, I will say I liked it quite a bit. I disagree with those who believe the only credible thriller ending involves a victory not worth having. Many times in our history we have won, and the world was a better place for it - and sometimes (Germany and Japan) even for the losers.

Congratulations to Jeff Edwards on an outstanding book. I look forward to his next one!

Peter Koning says

That was entertaining !! I was wondering how they would get around the speed differential. A pleasant read. As an aside, why do some reviewers give a whole synopsis of the book one has just read ? Why don't they just give their comment ?

Kevin Miller says

Another winner from Jeff Edwards

Jeff Edwards is a master at entertaining as well as educating the reader in his latest naval thriller. Naval combat, clandestine ops, cutting edge science, Washington intrigue and nuclear blackmail are featured in this page turner. Techno-thriller readers and fans of his unforgettable USS Towers trilogy will love it.

Skip Klahorst says

Entirely possible.

As stated in the forward of this book, this story could happen. It is very well written, and difficult to put down. I highly recommend this story. I read a lot, and this one got me.

Jim A says

The naval warfare scenes in Steel Wind remind me very much of naval authors of the past. Charles D Taylor, James Cobb, and Patrick Robinson. I'm sure there are others that I have read, but the authors don't come to mind right now.

North Korea has installed nuclear missiles on Cuban soil. It's the second Cuban Missile Crisis. To protect their missile sites, they also have a kick ass submarine with a kick ass torpedo. Both move at the speed of 300 knots. Right out of science fiction. Also enjoyable in this is the history of submarines, going back to Aristotle, and then moving forward in history.

If there is anything negative to mention about this book is the excessive use of naval ranks and those abbreviations for crew members on both the surface ships and the attack submarine.

Very enjoyable if the reader likes techno porn and military action thrillers.
