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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

In Birmingham's worthy sequel to *Weapons of Choice* (2004), the world of the 1940s continues to struggle with the ramifications of the Transition: the intrusion into the middle of WWII by a 21st-century naval task force fighting the global war on terror. While the lion's share of the technological windfall falls into the laps of the U.S. and Great Britain, the Axis acquires enough to increase its deadliness exponentially. Furthermore, Hitler and Stalin make an uneasy peace as they unite to prevent both of their respective systems from being consigned to the ash heap of history, freeing German forces for a renewed invasion of England. The time-displaced warriors from 2021 find that their most implacable foe is not Nazi commando Otto Skorzeny but J. Edgar Hoover, furious at being "outed." The author doesn't make the mistake of pitting his protagonists against morons, and he rightly shows how improvements in command and control trump bigger and better guns. Entertaining cameos by Elvis, Marilyn Monroe and John F. Kennedy will delight the geek in all of us. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

Review

Praise for *Weapons of Choice*

First book in the Axis of Time

"[A] weapons-grade military techno-thriller . . . It's like a Clive Cussler novel fell into a transporter beam with a Stephen Ambrose history, and they came out all fused together."

—Time

"High-tech intrigue and suspense similar to the works of Tom Clancy."

—Library Journal

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About the Author

John Birmingham is the author of *Emergence*, *Resistance*, *Ascendance*, *After America*, *Without Warning*, *Final Impact*, *Designated Targets*, *Weapons of Choice*, and other novels, as well as *Leviathan*, which won the National Award for Nonfiction at Australia's Adelaide Festival of the Arts, and the novella *Stalin's Hammer: Rome*. He has written for *The Sydney Morning Herald*, *Rolling Stone*, *Penthouse*, *Playboy*, and numerous other magazines. He lives at the beach with his wife, daughter, son, and two cats.

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