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"Absolutely brilliant! Fast paced and filled with tension and suspense. Every page resonates with the momentous events and great personalities of World War II – and scenes so carefully crafted you feel like you're there. This is a 'must read' for all who look at history and wonder: "What if..." -- Oliver North, Lt. Col., USMC (Ret.), host of *War Stories* on the Fox News Channel

In 2007, bestselling authors Newt Gingrich and William R. Forstchen launched a new epic adventure series about World War II in the Pacific, with their book *Pearl Harbor: A Novel of December 8th, 1941*, which instantly rocketed to the *New York Times* bestseller list.

Gingrich and Forstchen's now critically acclaimed approach, which they term "active history," examines how a change in but one decision might have profoundly altered American history. In *Pearl Harbor* they explored how history might have been changed if Admiral Yamamoto had directly led the attack on that fateful day, instead of remaining in Japan. Building on that promise, *Days of Infamy* starts minutes after the close of Pearl Harbor, as both sides react to the monumental events triggered by the presence of Admiral Yamamoto. In direct command of the six carriers of the attacking fleet, Yamamoto decides to launch a fateful "thirdwave attack" on the island of Oahu, and then keeps his fleet in the area to hunt down the surviving American aircraft carriers, which by luck and fate were not anchored in the harbor on that day.

Historians have often speculated about what might have transpired from legendary "matchups" of great generals and admirals. In this story of the aftermath of Pearl Harbor, the notorious gambler Yamamoto is pitted against the equally legendary American admiral Bill Halsey in a battle of wits, nerve, and skill. *Days of Infamy* recounts this alternative history from a multitude of viewpoints---from President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill, and the two great admirals, on down to American pilots flying antiquated aircraft, bravely facing the vastly superior Imperial Japanese Navy aircraft. Gingrich and Forstchen have written a sequel that's as much a homage to the survivors of the real Pearl Harbor attack as it is an imaginative and thrilling take on America's entry into World War II.

Praise for the first book in the Pacific War Series, *Pearl Harbor*:

- "A thrilling tale of American's darkest day."
- --W.E.B. Griffin
- "Masterful storytelling that not only captures the heroic highs and hellish lows of that horrific day which lives on in infamy--it resonates with today's conflicts and challenges."
- --William E. Butterworth IV, New York Times bestselling author of The Saboteurs
- "A politician and a novelist, each an accomplished historian in his own right, are emerging as master authors of alternative history. In this "what if" treatment of the attack on Pearl Harbor, Newt Gingrich and William Forstchen combine their talents to make the diplomacy as suspenseful as the combat, even for readers who know what happens next—or think they know."
- -- Dennis Showalter, former president of the Society of Military Historians
- "This book is not only a great read, it is a fascinating historical story that applies today in Iraq as it did in the

Western Pacific in the late 30s and 40s." --Captain Alex Fraser, USN (Ret.)



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