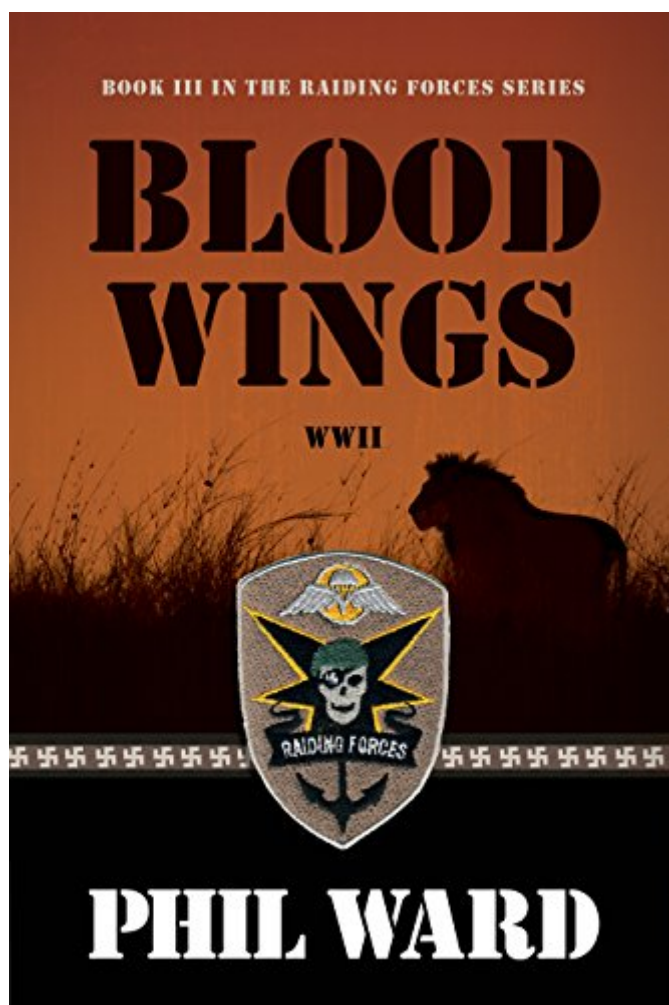


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Synopsis

In this sequel to *Dead Eagles*, U.S. Major John Randal, commander of Strategic Raiding Forces, returns in *Blood Wings*, the first book in a trilogy within the Raiding Forces Series about the Abyssinian Campaign. Major Randal parachutes into the middle of Italian East Africa with orders to raise a guerrilla army. Everything that can go wrong does. *Blood Wings* is a story of unconventional warfare and the ability to improvise, adapt and press on against overwhelming odds. As in the first two Raiding Forces military adventures, Major Randal takes on a long-range independent mission against incredible odds. He proves once again that he is the best unconventional commander that Special Operations Executive can call on in a time of desperate need.

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Customer Reviews

I really like Phil Ward's series, but they can be a little tedious in reading. Phil Ward insists on including everything about each person, almost every time he mentions them, such as "Brigadier Percy "Big Man" Roth-Littleton, VC, DSO. MM MC", or Lieutenant Colonel John Smith, instead of just Brigadier Roth-Littleton and Colonel Smith, where appropriate, and that is most of the time.

When you have a meeting of any kind and 8 - 10 people are in attendance, the many times repeated titles, names, nick name and awards for each and every one is VERY tedious reading and is distracting from the story line. The first time is fine for all that gobbly gook, but just not necessary after that. Otherwise the stories flow well, are interesting and well worth the read.

Phil Ward writes a great story, historical fiction at its finest. You need to begin with book one and go right on through to book 8. Hard to put down.

A very well written book. Good character billed up. Interesting story line. Easy to get in to the series. A lot of action.

Phil Ward blends hard won experience as a combat infantryman and Ranger with a great talent for creating a narrative. The result is military fiction of the highest quality. In "Blood Wings", readers are immediately thrown into action with MAJ John Randal and the men of the Strategic Raiding Forces. Ward introduces his characters with taut descriptions and brief background information, but lets the actions of each character reveal the measure of the man. After just a few pages, a reader feels like a member of the team, kitted up and ready to see where Randal will lead him next. The greatest strengths of Ward's writing are his in-depth research and his attention to detail. It is obvious that he spent considerable time studying the actual history of the British Army in World War Two and he brings some of its heroes to life in the pages of "Blood Wings". Additionally, his descriptions of weapons and equipment add to the book's authenticity without reading like a technical manual. Phil Ward hits a homer with the Raiding Forces series and "Blood Wings". Fans of the military action genre and serious students of World War Two history alike will enjoy the fruits of his efforts. Highly recommended.

I like historical novels and this one, covering the exploits of an American soldier serving with the British in WWII is very enjoyable. You get a sense of what the British were going through, how decisions were made within the British culture of inherited power structure and examples of actual events woven into a novel form with a minor love story woven in. I enjoyed it.

Although this book reads like an old time dime novel set during WW2, it's an enjoyable book and I'm really drawn to the characters. I just wish Phil Ward would finish the book instead of a Part Two which I'm now waiting for..... I've enjoyed all three books and I'll keep getting the series as each one

is printed. It's perfect for my Kindle and I believe if it wasn't for these books would never see the light of day but saying this doesn't detract from the enjoyment of the book. It's set in Africa and historically correct as possible which educates the history buff with little known gems from a little known part of the war. I recommend the whole series as one that can be enjoyed. I didn't put it down after I started reading it, but I've read the first two books, which I recommend the reader to do also... enjoy.

I got attached to the characters and plot(s) but there seems to be a lot of "fill" moving from one action plot and subplot to another. Too much explaining and reexplaining the subplot lines. If the author had used more action to tie the subplots together and less explaining, it would have been more compelling, but I am hooked on the characters and their outcomes. JD Vaughn

Plausibility is getting a little stretched by now, and some annoying quirks in the writing are starting to grate. But, it's still a rip-snorter with good guys, bad guys, adventure, romance, and other good stuff. Literature it ain't, but fun it is, as long as you don't slow down enough to notice all the details.

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