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Review

"Ghost Fleet is what Call of Duty would be like if it put on a tie and went to Capitol Hill."--Playboy

"A harrowing, realistic future of world war...Ghost Fleet also comes with hundreds of footnotes explaining how every single military technology, 'sci-fi' weapon and geopolitical trend mentioned in the book is grounded in reality. That's why, rather than simply a good read, Ghost Fleet can come across as a 400-page warning."--Wired

"Ghost Fleet brings back memories of Tom Clancy's technical savvy with the human touch of Herman Wouk."--Max Brooks

"If you've been looking for a smart update to Tom Clancy, this is for you." —*Foreign Policy*

"When two experts on modern warfare get together to write fiction I get in line to read it...summer is fading fast and August approaches. Get Ghost Fleet to read on the beach."--Forbes

"Its often jaw-dropping explorations of how new technologies might be used should make this book required reading for all military personnel...Ghost Fleet is the best techno-thriller since Red Storm Rising."--War on The Rocks

"A ripped from the headlines novel about war that's just around the corner...Exciting."--Buzzfeed

"If colleges ever decide to offer courses on first-person shooter video games like Call of Duty and Battlefield, they should use the novel Ghost Fleet as the primary textbook."--Forbes

"It's easy to see why "Ghost Fleet" has captured the imaginations of foreign policy experts in the U.S. and abroad. The techno-thriller, by P.W. Singer and August Cole, not only tells a crackling-good story but also casts light on the warnings that have come from many quarters about the risks of offshoring U.S. defense procurement....A perfect summer read. If what you like is edge-of-the-seat action, you'll have trouble putting it down. And even if thrillers aren't your thing, the book will well repay a read, if only for the disturbing questions it raises."--BloombergView

"Ghost Fleet is a strangely satisfying blend of storytelling and strategy, of fiction and non-fiction. In an era where most people prefer not to think about all the horrible things that could go wrong in the world, it's good to know that there are writers like Singer and Cole who not only think about them, but also do so in a readable and enjoyable style."--Huffington Post

"Beyond fast and fun reading, Ghost Fleet's biggest draw is its unified, multi-domain vision of future warfare...the result is a vibrant vision of conflict in the information age—and hopefully the closest we'll get to the real thing."--Business Insider

"A highly realistic portrayal...a tremendous book"--Defense News

"The First 'Post Snowden' Technothriller"--the Intercept

"Fascinating...Though it is fiction, the authors have taken great pains to keep their storytelling realistic....Ghost Fleet has a certain weight. Cole and Singer are so steeped in future wars that they depict the fighting — on the ground, in space and on the Internet —with an air of indisputable authority....Ghost Fleet is full of wonderful moments. It's got space pirates, drug-addled hackers out of a William Gibson novel and American insurgents fighting occupation in Hawaii. Cole and Singer make these fantastical elements work, and weave them into the story."--Reuters

"Its like the Battlestar Galactica reboot meets Band of Brothers meets Hunt for Red October meets Call of Duty."--Yahoo! News

"A novel that reads like science fiction but bristles with rich detail about how the next World War could be fought."--Vice

"With their new techno-thriller, Ghost Fleet, Peter Singer and August Cole take an unexpected twist on the classic Clancy formula, producing a book that is equal parts science fiction and science fact...The book is a 'must read', the kind of book you read in a day and relentlessly turn page after page."--Medium.com

"Ghost Fleet is not only a riveting novel, it is science fiction at its best. It helps us ask the right questions about our future - questions the answers to which might help us take advantage of technology while minimizing risk to humanity."--H. R. McMaster, Author, Dereliction of Duty, Lt General, US Army, Director, Army Capabilities Integration Center and Futures, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command

"It's a page turner...Thoughtful, strategic and relevant." --Admiral Jonathan Greenert, 30th Chief of Naval Operations, US Navy

"It's Tom Clancy for the twenty-first century, a rip-roaring, "near-futuristic" thriller...The book is peppered with real-life military facts and figures, but it moves so briskly you may hardly notice that you're learning as you go."--Council on Foreign Relations

"Ghost Fleet Nails The Perfect Vision of World War III...a futuristic techno-thriller that's as plausible as it is entertaining. Make no mistake, however, this is no technical slog — it's a highly readable and engaging thriller that sets a new standard for techno-thrillers."--io9

"An engaging, 'near-futuristic' war-thriller packed with cutting edge technologies...[Yet] also pays homage to the works of master military strategists Sun Tzu, Carl von Clausewitz and Alfred Thayer Mahan."--Real Clear Defense

"Singer and Cole have crafted an eminently readable novel, which is both highly entertaining and sobering. If you have ever wondered how today's tech trends might affect future conflicts there is no doubt about it; you will want to read this book."--Small Wars Journal

"*Ghost Fleet* is a great book." --Kevin Mauer, author of the New York Times Bestseller *No Easy Day*

"An absolute pleasure to read. It contains much of the same storytelling as a work by someone like Tom Clancy, but with an intensity, depth of knowledge, and vision infrequently found in those books. It is an expansive work in its scope, and one that will undoubtedly retain its relevance for years to come....*Ghost Fleet* is an enjoyable book. It is a fun book. What's more, it is an insightful and prescient book, without

forcing the reader to ever acknowledge that fact."--Medium.com

"*Ghost Fleet* is a gripping account of an all-too-possible future where America has lost its technological edge and US-China relations have deteriorated to the point of war. Although American decline and US-China conflict are by no means inevitable, this exciting techno-thriller provides an ominous warning of what might be coming our way if the forces of disorder get the upper hand." -Jamie Metzl, author of *Genesis Code* and *The Depths of the Sea*

"Tom Clancy fans will relish Singer and Cole's first novel, a chilling vision of what might happen in a world war launched by a Chinese sneak attack on America's eyes and brains in outer space. Singer, a military strategist, and Cole, a former defense-industry analyst for the *Wall Street Journal*, easily wed their knowledge to a fast-moving plot and characters who make an impression, even the minor characters who appear briefly. After the global economy tanks, urban workers' riots sweep China, but instead of repressing the workers themselves, the military ousts the Communist leaders, clearing the way for a new government. When the Chinese strike, the Americans fight back.

Among the many heroes is Cmdr. James Simmons, who assumes command of the USS *Coronado* when its captain is killed. Detailed endnotes documenting the real-world technologies and trends behind the book make the fiction even more plausible."--Publishers Weekly

"It is the kind of book that can educate and provide food for thought to a national security geek (not to mention the general public) as to some of the latest technical developments and their warfighting implications - and provide an excellent tool to research them, to boot. In lawyerly professional terms, it's the sort of book that helps a lawyer understand the 'client's' thinking."--LawFareBlog.com

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But what if it ever turned hot? *Ghost Fleet* tells the story of World War III, following a global cast of characters fighting at sea, on land, in the air, and in two new places of conflict: outer space and cyberspace. Warship captains battle through a modern day Pearl Harbor; fighter pilots duel with stealth drones; teenage hackers battle in digital playgrounds; American veterans are forced to fight as low-tech insurgents; Silicon Valley billionaires mobilize for cyberwar; and a serial killer carries out her own vendetta. Ultimately, victory will depend on who can best blend the lessons of the past with the weapons of the future.

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