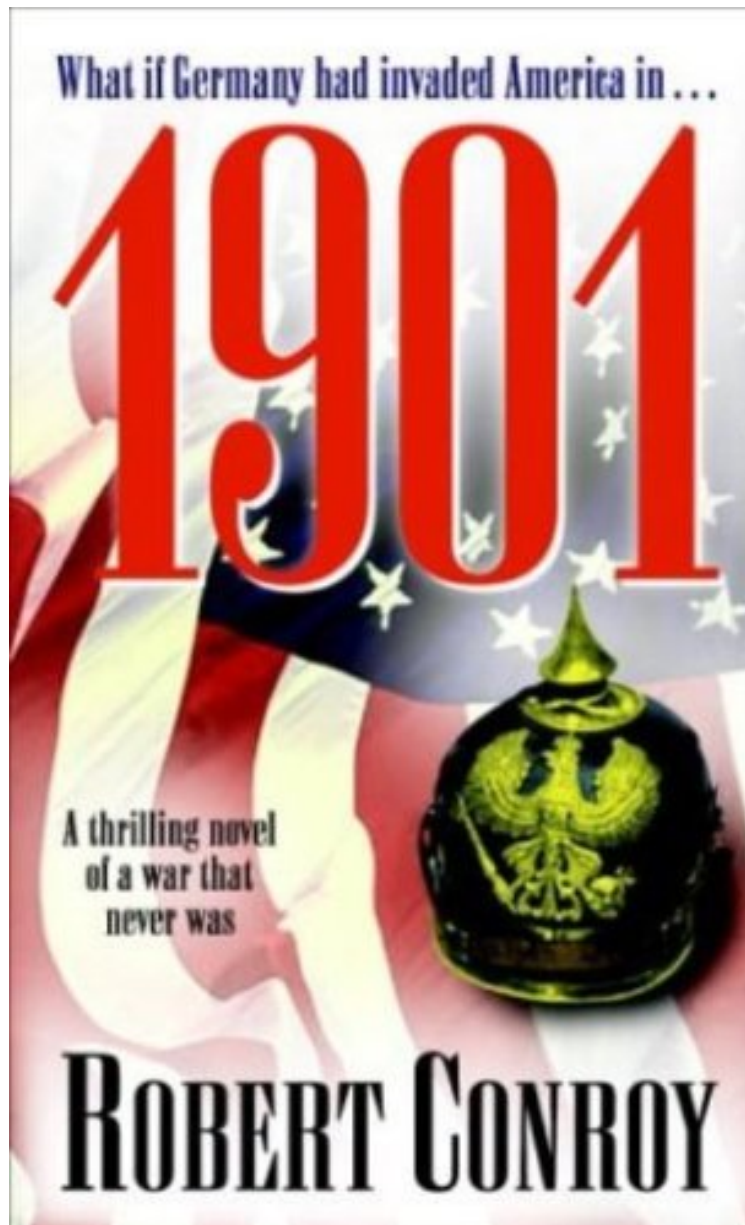


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nur durchschnittliche "alternate history" ... Von Holzwurm Aus der spekulativen Idee des Buches (eine Invasion Neuenglands durch das Deutsche Kaiserreich in 1901, mit dem Ziel, ein Kolonialreich von den USA zu erpressen) hätte man mehr machen können, aber der Autor verschenkt das Thema leider. Die militärisch-politische Rahmenhandlung wird plausibel beschrieben, ist nicht unlogisch und sogar leidlich spannend, aber die handelnden Charaktere (insbesondere der amerikanische Protagonist General Mahan) werden nur oberflächlich und oft unertrglich klischeehaft beschrieben. Berzeugender dargestellt wird allein der deutsche "Hofstaat" um den impulsiven Kaiser Wilhelm II. Ein besserer Autor (z.B. Harry Turtledove) hätte aus dem gleichen Thema vermutlich ein packendes Buch gemacht; "1901" ist ordentliche Strandlektüre und solider Lesestoff für einen verregneten Nachmittag, aber alles in allem nicht mitreißend. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. What if the Kaiser had Invaded America? Von J. Kimbrough This is a very interesting alternative historical fiction story in the style of Harry Turtledove. From the 1870's until the start of WWI, the German General Staff had developed many campaign and battle plans. This one may be based on an actual plan as the author states, but never was executed because the German staff knew it was almost impossible to invade the USA. This is good escapist fiction and was a real page turner. Yes, some of the historical material may not be correct, but it does not affect the overall story line. Having studied military history, I enjoyed the way he developed the rapid advancements to the changes that American army was actually making at the conclusion of the Spanish American war and now accelerated due to the invasion by Germany. If you like Harry Turtledove's books, you will enjoy this one too from Robert Conroy.

Kurzbeschreibung The year is 1901. Germany's navy is the second largest in the world; their army, the most powerful. But with the exception of a small piece of Africa and a few minor islands in the Pacific, Germany is without an empire. Kaiser Wilhelm II demands that the United States surrender its newly acquired territories: Guam, Puerto Rico, Cuba, and the Philippines. President McKinley indignantly refuses, so with the honor and economic future of the Reich at stake, the Kaiser launches an invasion of the United States, striking first on Long Island. Now the Americans, with their army largely disbanded, must defend the homeland. When McKinley suffers a fatal heart attack, the new commander in chief, Theodore Roosevelt, rallies to the cause, along with Confederate general James Longstreet. From the burning of Manhattan to the climactic Battle of Danbury, American forces face Europe's most potent war machine in a blazing contest of will against strength. From Booklist Conroy reconstructs history, imagining a German invasion of the U.S. in 1901 to enforce German claims to the colonies the U.S. took over in the Spanish-American War. The novel is clearly a labor of love. Conroy seems to have conceived the story out of a lifetime's dedication to military history, and he puts into it a host of apparently favorite ideas and historic characters. The writing doesn't attain the level of Conroy's aspirations but keeps us turning pages, anyway. Conroy focuses on his central character, Patrick Mahan, as he rises from captain to major general, but fills out the book with many engaging side characters, including African American officers and Theodore Roosevelt, as well as with the pleasant fancy of having erstwhile Confederate General Longstreet appointed commanding general of the U.S. Army (Longstreet actually did return to U.S. service, but as a diplomat, and lived until 1904). The yarn is likely to please both military history and alternative history buffs. Roland Green **Pressestimmen** FASCINATING . . . A page-turner. The plot is skillfully crafted. Its style is clear, crisp, and bold. Oakland Press **IMAGINATIVE AND ENTERTAINING**. Detroit Free Press **PACKED WITH ACTION**. Detroit News The yarn is likely to please both military history and alternate history buffs. . . . The writing . . . keeps us turning the pages. Booklist An intriguing blend of historical fact and fiction. Detroit Free Press A solid what-if historical . . . Cleverly conceived. Publishers Weekly From the Paperback edition.