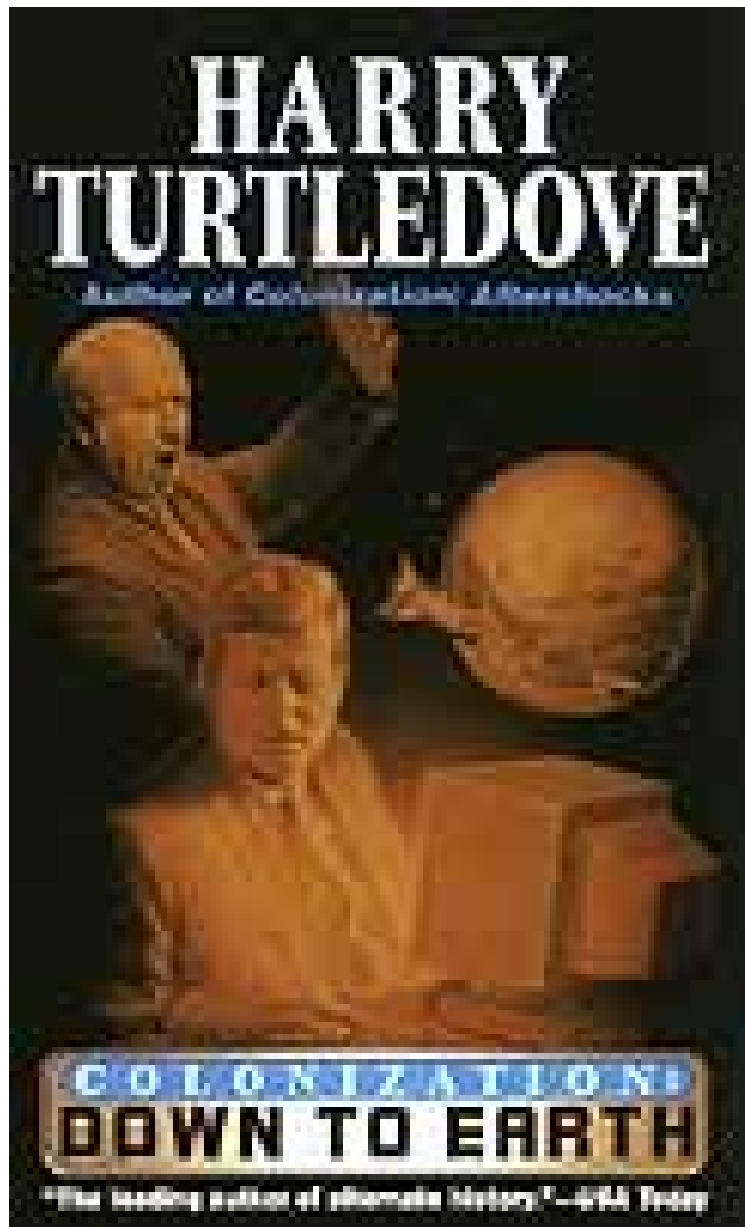


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**Von Harry Turtledove : Down to Earth (Colonization, Book Two)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Down to Earth (Colonization, Book Two):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. How long can he keep it up?Von Thomas HillenbrandOh well. I liked the first book of the colonization series, but in the

second part, I skipped a few paragraphs. The storyline as a whole is still interesting, but there seem to be a lot of characters stuck in some kind of infinite loop: The pop up every 50 pages or so, doing some minor (foreseeable) thing that does not advance the plot in any way I think of. The odd couple of Rance Auerbach and Penny Summers is one such example. I can think of at least four other protagonists that did not do anything interesting. I understand that the high number of characters was one of the appeals of the original series. But the sequels would be better off by killing a few more of the old personae and inserting some new ones (where is Luther King, for instance - he was on the cover?) The parts that are still interesting are those that deal with the peculiarities of the race, as well as the political maneuvering - the Russian secretary general Vyatcheslav Molotov is a particularly well constructed character. While I considered WW a must-read, I am not so sure with this one. I admit, though, that I have already fallen for the olde booksellers marketing trap: I will buy the third book, Aftershocks, just to see where the story goes. But honestly: Skipping paragraphs in a book is always a bad sign.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. More Mammals and Reptiles from the TurtledoveVon Jeph GordIf you're a Turtledove fan, you won't care what I say. If you're anything like me, you probably just buy all his books without reading the reviews. All the same, here goes: This is not a typical Turtledove series. Gone is the non-stop, ultra-violent military action of the "Great War", "World War", and "Darkness" books (all of which are great reads). The world is at peace, but it is not a very comfortable peace. Himmler (who now dominates Western Europe) is plotting against the Race, Molotov is wondering what to do about Himmler, the UK is becoming more and more "Nazified", and even the USA has secrets to hide. Meanwhile, the Lizards are facing savage guerrilla resistance from the Chinese (led by Mao and his Communists) and the Arabs (led by Ayatollah Khomeini). However, despite the change of pace, Turtledove has lost none of his narrative abilities. The characters (both human and suarian) are as amusing and interesting as ever, and the (numerous) plotlines are very enjoyable. There may not be as much action as in some of Turtledove's other books, but the reader is always left wondering what will happen next. This alternate history creates numerous possibilites, and I hope that Turtledove will explore some of them. For example, how about a Cyberpunk story set in an alternate 21st century? What self-respecting Turtledove fan wouldn't kill to see a Lizard in mirrorshades and a leather jacket?0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Hurray for REDUNDANT!Von Ein KundeI second the man who says this book is redundant. Remember in school when you had to write a 5-page essay, but you knew you could sum up what you had to say in two pages? You'd add in as much filler as you could to get the other three pages typed, right? It's obvious Mr. Turtledove is going for a sixth book in the series. The third Colonization book will clearly end with World War, which will lead to another three books. The dialog in this book is more horrendous as usual and totally extraneous. Here's an out of context sample: Drucker heard his name over the tannoy, "Drucker report to the General's office!" Drucker walked across the compound thinking about how muddy the place was. He walked into the waiting area. "Lt. Drucker reporting." "Have a seat." "Thanks." After a minute the adjutant said to Drucker: "You can go in now." "Thanks," said Drucker. Drucker walked into the general's office. "Lt. Drucker reporting." "Ah, Drucker, have a seat." "Thank you, sir." On and on and on and on and on. And the relationships are beyond cheezy. I've grown weary of this series, but after five books, I have this morbid interest in seeing it through. Simply put, I won't buy these books at retail, that's for sure. It'll be used and auction for here on out!

KurzbeschreibungIn 1942 Hitler led the world's most savage military machine. Stalin ruled Russia, while America was just beginning to show its strength in World War II. Then, in Harry Turtledove's brilliantly imagined Worldwar saga, an alien invasion changed everything: alliances, technology, commerce, and--most of all--the nature of life and death. Nuclear destruction engulfed some of Earth's great cities, and the invaders claimed half the planet before an uneasy peace could be achieved.Colonization takes us into the tumultuous 1960s, as the reptilian Race ponders its uneasy future on the planet it calls Tosev 3. The United States has prospered since the war, and has sent a manned spaceship deep into space. On the other side of the globe, the German Reich remains bloodied but unbowed, brandishing a frightening new weapon and always poised for war. China strains under alien occupation, and from Poland to Jerusalem, Jews must choose between aiding the Race or the Reich. Now, the invaders have been joined by their colonization fleet--millions of newcomers who seek to incorporate our world into their far-flung empire.A violent black market erupts around ginger--the one substance that deprives the alien colonists of their ability to reason--and a new war threatens, one even deadlier than the last. The clamoring, bellicose tribes of Earth form new alliances and play dangerous games of diplomacy, but the ultimate power broker will be the Race itself. For the colonists have one option no human can ignore. With a vast, ancient empire already in place, the Race has the power to annihilate every living being on Tosev 3. . .In Colonization: Down to Earth, Harry Turtledove continues the breathtaking tale that has established him as one of alternate history's leading practitioners. Populated by a cast that includes the famous, from Khomeni to Himmler, and the unknown--drug smugglers, soldiers, and lovers--this novel continues the excitement of Colonization: Second Contact, and weaves a spectacular tale of tyranny and freedom, destruction and hope.From the Hardcover edition..deColonization: Down to Earth marks part two of part two of Harry Turtledove's epic alternate

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