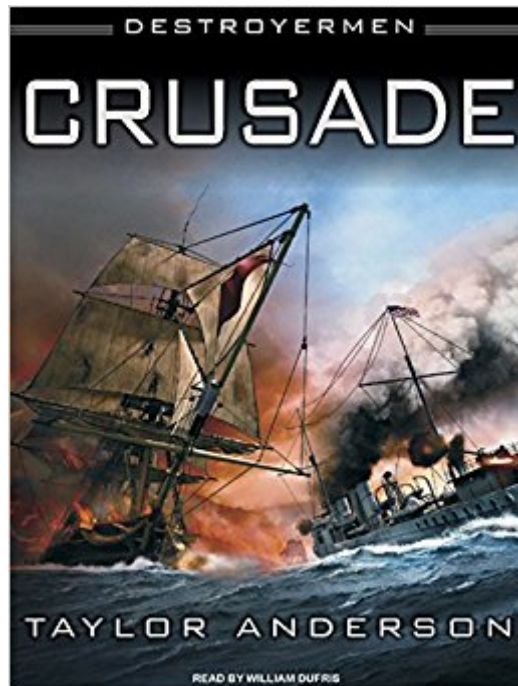




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# Crusade (Destroyermen)



## Synopsis

Lieutenant Commander Matthew Reddy, along with the men and women of the U.S.S. Walker, have chosen sides in a war not of their making. They have allied with the Lemurians-a mammalian race whose peaceful existence is under attack from the warlike, reptilian Grik. The Lemurians are vastly outnumbered and ignorant of warfare, and even the guns and technology of Walker cannot turn the tide of battle. Luckily, they are not alone. Reddy finally finds Mahan, the other destroyer that passed through the rift. Together, the two American ships will teach the Lemurians to fight and stand against the bloodthirsty Grik-or so they think. For there is another vessel that does not belong on these strange seas-the massive Japanese battle cruiser Amagi, the very ship that Walker was fleeing from when the rift took them. Like Mahan, it followed them through. And now Amagi is in the hands of the Grik.

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## Customer Reviews

Anderson raises the stakes for Lt. Cmdr. Matthew Reddy and the crew of the USS Walker in this dramatic sequel to 2008's *Into the Storm*. The sailors and marines become further enmeshed in the politics of the parallel Earth into which their WW2 destroyer has mysteriously been transported. As they deal out rough justice to miscreants in the ranks and prepare their pacifist Lemurian allies to fight the Grand Swarm of the reptilian Grik, they in turn must face their own worst nightmare: the appearance of a Japanese battle cruiser. Anderson throws in tense land battles against overwhelming odds, a massive typhoon and a phenomenal aerial duel, but despite the pyrotechnics,

at heart this novel is about how honor and ideals can bend or break under the stressful, life-and-death conditions of total war. (Oct.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

**\*Starred Review\*** The second adventure of Lieutenant Commander Matthew Reddy and the good crew of Asiatic Fleet destroyer Walker "swept from World War II into an alternate world as violent as the one they left" is even better than the excellent *Into the Storm* (2008). They and their catlike Lemurian allies sail to rescue a nearby kingdom threatened by the lizardlike Grik. The people there are in the middle of a succession crisis, which keeps them from doing much to help themselves. The only good news comes from finding the other U.S. destroyer that crossed over, the Mahan, and the support of a Lemurian warrior queen, who, with her magnificent coat of black fur, is a notable addition to sf's gallery of her profession. Not so good is the Grik's ace in the hole: the Japanese battle cruiser Amagi, which also crossed over, and whose captain is bent on vengeance. Damaged though she is, the Amagi is the most powerful weapon now in this strange alternate world, so when the Grik move, the action becomes bloodier and more intense. What will happen in the forthcoming *Maelstrom* is anybody's guess, though there will surely be more of the best felinoids since Andre Norton at her best, more intelligent action, more skillful handling of a very large cast, and an obstinately maintained refusal to slow the pace. --Roland Green --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

My husband read this series years ago. He is a retired military (Navy) man who has a great interest and knowledge in history, militaries around the world and at different time periods, ships, planes, guns, explosives, battles, etc. I didn't think it was my cup of tea -- until I recently wanted to read another series, not necessarily fantasy science fiction (dragons, elves, magic, and so forth) so I asked if he knew something I might like. He cautioned me about the military-speak and references to real places and ships and battles mentioned in Taylor Anderson's 11-book series thinking it may be over my head or not of interest. He was wrong. I am now in book 3 and cannot put the books down. There are factual truths but with a twist when groups of humans are transported into another time period and how they react, how they survive, the interaction with other humans and animals, even deadlier battles with intelligent and not-so-intelligent creatures, using technology known to them to survive all that is thrown at them, developing friendships and allies against evil. Well written, informative, descriptive, good characterization, great story about "what if" we suddenly found

ourselves still on earth, but in a different time in history.

Don't be misled into buying duplicate volumes! It is important to realize that the book clubs have picked up on this popular series and are issuing the successive volumes in double volumes. You can get these on the secondary book market, either here on [Amazon](#) or on EBay. 1. Unknown Seas: combines v. 1 & 22. Fire on the Water: combines v. 3 & 43. Rising Storm: combines v. 5 & 6. 4. Iron and Fire: Combines v. 7 & 8. The first four volumes are pretty much concentrated on one major confrontation, but by volume 5, Rising Tides, the story begins to splinter into several battlefronts, and we begin to lose many of the secondary characters near and dear to our hero: Matt Reddy.

The war against the Grik continues, and the stakes are higher now that the Japanese battlecruiser Amagi has joined with the lizards. The plot and battles are fun, but the flaws from the first book seem more evident here. The pacing is too slow, and some parts feel overwritten. The character's also tend to speak in 'speeches,' giving some of the dialogue a stilted feel. Some of this borders on rambling. Very rarely is there an organic 'back and forth' between characters. There's also the problem of telling instead of showing. The story and characters have caught my interest, however, and I look forward to the third book. The worldbuilding is certainly interesting. All in all, this is a fun series.

I have really enjoyed this series as it gives you a different view on what the Pacific war would have been, and especially since it is in a different time I am really enjoying the series

I just love this book series. But read it starting with book one. The sweep of the action across the globe, the cleverly described alien characters and societies, the war time action and adventure. These books have everything! There is nothing else like the Destroyermen series. Great storytelling, excellent editing ( a rarity these days even from large publishers) This is not a book for just the SF genre reader. If you like WWII naval stories you love the characters and their ships. If you like ordinary people propelled to greatness by being put in extraordinary situations you'll like this, too.

Love the whole series, can't wait to find more time to read. Little bit pricey but for the quality of the story line, I continue to 'pay the price'. I usually avoid e-books over \$4 because they typically are not edited very well and trying to read erroneous words trips up my ability to dig into the story line & lose myself like I prefer. Taylor is either paying an editor or writes very well. I have not seen the typical

errors in the first four books of the series. Really only one that I can even remember and it stuck out so not sure what happened there. Overall a very good read.

Captain Matthew Reddy and the crew of the USS Walker have been thrust into an alternate, parallel earth where the Lemurians and Grik battle each other for survival. After entering this different world in book one, the battle between the Lemurians and Grik continues in "Crusade". The USS Walker and her sister, the USS Mahan, are obsolete 4-stack destroyers, but in this world, they are the most powerful ships afloat. Reddy and his crew have allied themselves with the Lemurians in their war against the Grik. So far, the battles have been one-sided, with Reddy and his crew easily destroying the wooden Grik ships. But now, in "Crusade", the Grik have planned an all-out assault against Reddy, USS Walker, and the Lemurians. Plus, the Grik have another huge advantage; The Japanese ship Amagi, which was fighting with Walker and Mahan before they entered the mysterious storm, has also been sucked in and is now operating with the Grik. Will Amagi be enough to turn the tide against Reddy, Walker, and Mahan? I've really enjoyed the first two books of the "Destroyermen" series. The characters are well-developed, and the story is exciting. I'm a fan of science fiction and World War II history, so I get the best of both worlds in this series. Taylor Anderson has done a good job of blending both elements together into a fine, readable series. I recommend "Crusade" to anyone who enjoys sci-fi. The story is exciting, and you'll find yourself rooting for the beat-up USS Walker to win.

Entire series well written book arrived in as advertised condition

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