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[Following is a volunteer review of "The Warramunga's Aftermath of War" by Greg Kater.]

The Warramunga's Aftermath of the War is the sequel to *The Warramunga's War*. It is the second book of the historical fiction trilogy by Greg Kater. The story follows two Australians on an adventure to shut down a child-smuggling ring in the Philippines and the Australian outback.

The story begins when Jamie and Jacko volunteer to help rescue a distressed ship. Aboard the ship, they find two crew members and a young boy who is the only survivor of a group of children intended to be sold as sex slaves. Tragically, the captors had thrown the other children overboard to destroy evidence of the trafficking. Jamie and Jacko recruit Carna Hidalgo to help translate Tagalog (Filipino) for the two crew members and the young boy. After questioning, Jamie and Jacko head to the Philippines to bring down the trafficking operation.

Greg Kater does a fantastic job of developing interesting and well-rounded characters. Throughout the book, the author highlights the contributions of each character, whether it is translating, tracking, or problem-solving. I especially like how he incorporates strong female characters such as Carna and Sarah, who are able to skillfully survive the outback much better than the gang of villains.

My favorite part of the book is the detail Greg Kater gives to



4 out of 4 stars

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the setting. In the first half of the book, Kater provides vivid imagery of the Philippines and also incorporates cultural references such as food, drinks, phrases, and music to make the setting come alive. Even the minor characters that Jacko and Jamie encounter help to offer insights about Filipino views on cultural values, foreigners, and war during the post-WWII era.

So many World War II stories I have read take place in Europe, and any aftermath stories are likely to focus on psychological effects on veterans or social reconstruction of Europe. This story is unique because it focuses on how war leaves opportunities to take advantage of orphans and other marginalized members of society. It also sheds light on the human-trafficking issue, which is still pronounced in some parts of the world. Despite the dark themes of war and slavery in this book, it is actually a light and fun read that educates readers on social issues while mixing in humor and romance.

I give this book **4 out of 4 stars**. I recommend this book to readers who enjoy historical fiction and travel. Additionally, I would recommend this book to high-school teachers for their students. The book is a good way to introduce students to issues such as human trafficking without traumatizing young readers, and the book does not dwell too much on violence or sexual themes.

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