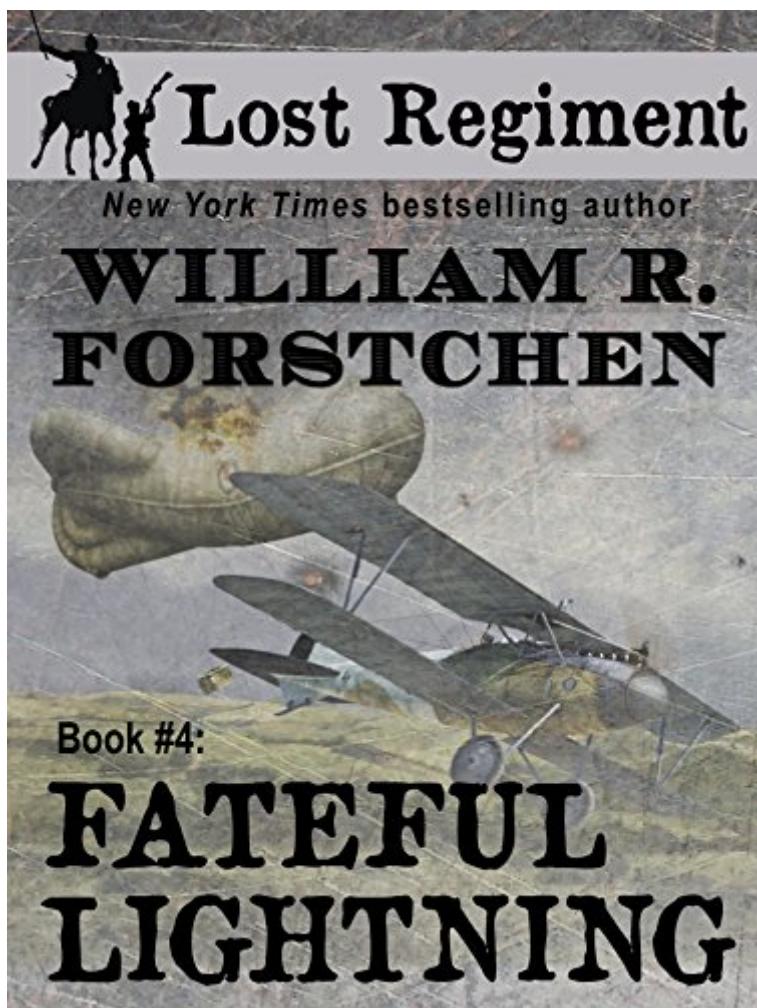


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Synopsis

Colonel Andrew Keane and his army of Civil War veterans, along with recruits from Rus and Roum, have lost the battle against the Merki and Tugar hordes. To avoid captivity and slaughter, Rus towns including the beloved capital Suzdal must be abandoned, people fleeing by train or by foot to the northern wilderness. Following on the events in TERRIBLE SWIFT SWORD (Lost Regiment #3), the exodus begins, with a new fortress built and preparations for yet further fighting against the savage hordes. Keane has learned from his mistakes, and new battle plans are made to repel the enemy. Their chances of survival are improved thanks to the genius Chuck Fergusen, who comes up with some unexpected and life-saving inventions. The Lost Regiment, with its sympathetic, colorful characters surviving and overcoming seemingly impossible odds, remains one of the most loved and respected American series. "Exciting and moves like a bullet with good characters and battle scenes. . . . An excellent read." - Analog "With Bill Forstchen, you'll get some of the best adventure writing in years!" - Science Fiction Chronicle "One of the most intriguing writers today in the field of historical and military science fiction." - Harry Turtledove, author of THE GUNS OF THE SOUTH and HOW FEW REMAIN "on the LOST REGIMENT series: "A parallel world novel of majestic sweep and gripping intensity." - L. Sprague de Camp, author of LEST DARKNESS FALL and THE ANCIENT ENGINEERS "Bill Forstchen is highly respected in the military history community because he is the only one working in the field who understands the operational aspects of war, as well as the tactical and the policy/Strategic levels." - Dr. Dennis Showalter, Past President of the Society for Military History, author of TANNENBERG: CLASH OF EMPIRES

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This is the fourth book which I have inhaled in the Lost Regiment series. If anyone enjoys history and fantasy and the thrill of battle, as well as its sorrow and consequence, you couldn't go wrong with these stories. Forstchen is clearly adept at holding your interest and making the endings believable and satisfying. I no longer read paper books but will make an exception with these tales. The last five are not available in Kindle editions, at least not yet, so I'll start turning paper pages again...wouldn't do it for any old series, but this clearly is not any old series. Read the first book and you'll know what I mean.

Keane's plan to retreat to Roum creates severe logistics problems for the much larger Merki horde, making the big showdown a closely fought battle. The war in the air continues and there is a bit of a sideshow in Cartha, but this book is all about the grand battle between the Merki, now led by Tamuka, and the remnants of the army Keane brought out of Rus. And it is a very grand battle that is affected by morale, logistics, technology, and leadership woven together masterfully by Mr. Forstchen. I found the very end to be a bit rushed but overall this was a very satisfying book.

I am now reading Book # 8. I have been consistently devouring the books as soon as I can. I can't put them down until read from cover to cover!

Waiting for book 5 on Kindle
Totally engrossing read Could not put the book down. Similar to a Gettysburg on Q different world

First, I was disappointed as I feverishly read through the story waiting to see how they developed an aeroplane; it never showed. It's a very tiny point, but still...I have a rule disallowing grammatical reviews. In this instance I feel the need to comment on the lack of horrible errors. It isn't perfect, but it was pretty good. I very much enjoyed this series as an alternate history - out of this world!

Read this series well over a decade ago, easily my favourite books and the story never gets old - why aren't the rest of the books out in kindle version?

Really enjoyed the Lost Regiment series (1-5) and hope that the rest of the series will be available on my Kindle in the near future. Excellent reading!

I've enjoyed all of the Lost Regiment Series. The pace of technological growth is a bit improbable, and the main characters' Bruce Willis-like survivability is somewhat predictable, but not bad overall.

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