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Tom Clancy, the #1 New York Times bestselling author of the Jack Ryan novels--including his latest blockbusters Command Authority and Threat Vector--delivers an electrifying tale of international conflict. Using the latest advancements in military technology, the world's superpowers battle it out on land, sea, and air for the ultimate global control. A chillingly authentic vision of modern war, Red Storm Rising is as powerful as it is ambitious. It's a story you will never forget. Hard hitting. Suspenseful. And frighteningly real. --This text refers to the Mass Market Paperback edition.

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Customer Reviews

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YA Red Storm Rising, a World War III novel, begins in a blazing oil field in Russia, plunging readers into a gripping story of plots, strategies, wise men, and idiots that winds the tension ever tighter. Vivid characters emerge through the chaos of battles planned and fought. Sacrifices, heroes, great strategy confounded by bad weather, lack of supplies, and incomplete information draw readers into the adventure and the suspense of reversals. No Rambos here the heroes are ordinary young people caught by chance on the turning edge of war. Sheer grit and perseverance turn the tide in this chilling, fleshed-out war game. Readers emerge elated and breathless, with a new vision of war

and its wins and losses. Clancy will win an army of fans who will be looking for more. Annette DeMeritt, Houston Public Library Copyright 1987 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Mass Market Paperback edition.

This book was fantastic. After years of putting off *Red Storm Rising* I finally got around to it and regret not doing it years earlier. Precision in his military writing that is often lacking in many authors, yet does not try to bog you down in the details. This is perhaps the best Clancy novel and definitely has that rare quality of both quality and quantity. Despite the rather hefty tome that it is, I found myself wishing it hadn't ended after finishing it.

This is an old favorite, I have read it cover to cover many times. The feel of the story is very much how I remember life in 1985 when the Cold War was in full force and the events of this book were a real possibility and fear. Those of us in our prime draft age at the time knew we could be living this scenario at any moment and revisiting this time period evokes a strange feeling of nostalgia. When this novel was written the world was a much simpler place, we knew who the enemy was and we could understand what their goals were. In terms of the military events portrayed the novel is accurate in most things. The only amusingly wrong thing was the expectation of what a small 'stealth' aircraft would look like and be capable of. At the time the F-117 was the deepest darkest secret technology of the American military and the speculative F-19 stealth fighter bomber imagined by the author is a not unreasonable attempt to describe a weapon system no civilian had ever seen and estimate its capabilities. All in all Mr. Clancy did a masterful job of creating a machine that while looking nothing like the F-117 is able to perform the same bombing missions that real world aircraft can accomplish. Mr. Clancy also paints the war in a realistic fashion, neither side has a runaway victory overwhelming the other with vastly superior technology, commitment, or tactics. Both sides start out over confident of what they can accomplish and both sides make mistakes which the other tries to take advantage of. In some cases they succeed and in others they fail, but the events have a very real world feel to them much like reading a novel set in either World War where the same pattern progressed.

I have not read many WWII novels, but *Red Storm Rising* is the only one I found believable. The characters were well defined and likable, even the Soviet leaders were not evil caricatures, but men who truly believed they had no choice. Sure there were one or two who saw the situation as an opportunity to justify a first strike, but without them there would be no story. There were several

main characters who represented the story from several different theaters, giving a really full view of the war, from submarine to forward observer, to tank commander and enemy theater commander. I read the book multiple times in the '80. In 2015 it was just as enjoyable.

It's Tom Clancy at his best. Exceptional detail as one would expect with Clancy. It is really long though, but detailed. It takes on many perspectives of the war and allows you to see it unfold from numerous different vantage points. I especially liked the perspective of the destroyer escorts as they tried to protect the supply convoys keeping NATO supplied in the face of the Russian onslaught. The detail in the ground combat is also stunning. Having spent many years in Iraq both working at the tactical level and the general officer level, I really liked how Clancy is able to jump from one vantage point to another. It's hard to find authors who can write at all levels of a conflict. Some people excel at writing from the strategic level while others are great for the soldiers point of view. Clancy, is one of the few who can write at all levels and keep you wanting more. I really liked this book and highly recommend it to anyone who wants a good long read.

The world of military techno-thrillers was virtually created by Tom Clancy, and for me the best of them remains "Red Storm Rising", his speculation about a war that thankfully never happened. In fact, even with various proxy conflicts, there has never been anything after WWII that comes close to the Big One described here, with massive land, air and sea campaigns and the overall outcome dependent on technological dominance in all of them. There has never been, before or since, a book that so convincingly depicts the critical role of resupply across vulnerable ocean routes and the importance of Iceland to maintaining it; the role of deep strikes (air); and the interplay of battlefield sensors. And, as expected from the author of *The Hunt for Red October* (Jack Ryan), there are richly detailed descriptions of submarine operations. There is a large, well-drawn cast of characters on both sides. I have never been a fan of such books' efforts to weave a plausible *casus belli*, and "Red Storm Rising" is no exception, based as it is on an oil crisis in the then-USSR. That said, the interplay within the Politburo is just as gripping as the military combat scenes. Oddly, the Washington scenes are given less attention, perhaps simply because the US is reacting to events begun in Moscow. Warsaw Pact considerations are largely absent; there are no Polish or other WP divisions with questionable political loyalty to worry about here. Nor is much time spent on NATO issues, apart from the obvious German refusal to surrender its territory. This one boils down to a slugging match between the US (and Germans, and a passing nod to the UK) and the USSR. To some extent, these books are almost commercials for whatever the arms industry is flogging for the

latest defense wish list. The systems always work as advertised and give our side just enough of an edge to prevail. Would that it were so. These asides should absolutely not discourage anyone from reading "Red Storm Rising". I have enjoyed it immensely roughly every decade, and just finished my third reading. No one could compare with Clancy at his best, who seems to have received some sort of assistance in this from author Larry Bond.

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