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Great alternate history online shop and the annual Sidewise Awards for Alternate History: http://uchronia.net/

Uchronia: The Alternate History List is a bibliography of over 3,300 novels, stories, essays and other printed material involving the "what ifs" of history. The **Sidewise Awards** were created in 1995 and recognize the Best Short-Form Alternate History (under 60,000 words) and Best Long-Form Alternate History (longer than 60,000 words).

[What-ifs are] ...counterfactual reasoning—it extrapolates consequences from choices and events that did not happen, in order to see differences from the actual historical events.... counterfactual reasoning, if only in a disguised form, is something that all historians do. To make a claim that a particular decision was wise is necessarily to make a simultaneous claim, either implicit or explicit, that some **other** decision would have produced a worse outcome. To condemn a policy as foolish or short-sided requires a claim that some **other** policy would have produced better results.

David R. Stone, in his Introduction to **The Russian Army in the Great War** (Univ. Press of Kansas, 2015)

Recommendations by Dana and award-winning writer and RPG designer Kenneth Hite:

Robert Cowley, editor of WHAT IF? & WHAT IF? 2

— The World's Foremost Military Historians
Imagine What Might Have Been

Peter G. Tsouras, author or editor of many military histories, including nearly a dozen AH titles

Harry Turtledove, author of a dozen+ different series, including blends of history, fantasy and science fiction, including *THE BEST ALTERNATE HISTORY STORIES OF THE 20*TH CENTURY co-edited with Martin H. Greenberg

Ken Hite's suggested AH book list:

Poul Anderson – MIDSUMMER TEMPEST, TIME PATROL

John Crowley - GREAT WORK OF TIME

Philip K. Dick - MAN IN THE HIGH CASTLE

Michael Flynn – IN THE COUNTRY OF THE BLIND,
"Introduction to Cliology"—Cliology is the science
that seeks to understand and predict the course of
history—from Clio, the Greek muse of history

John M. Ford - THE DRAGON WAITING

Howard Waldrop, various works, including"Ike at the Mike" and "Custer's Last Jump"Ken describes Waldrop's work as "magnificent"

Ken's Alternate History games:

GURPS INFINITE WORLDS, DAY AFTER RAGNAROK

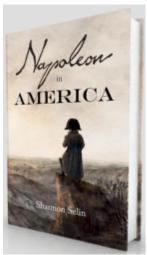
Some of Dana's recent mini-games include what-if scenarios, alternate orders-of-battle, etc.:

ASSASSINATION IN SARAJEVO!, ON TO PARIS!, and RUSSIA'S GREAT WAR 1914 (winner 2019 Serious Play award), first published in World War One Illustrated

Dana also recommends:

Harold C. Deutsch and Dennis E. Showalter, editors of IF THE ALLIES HAD FALLEN—Sixty Alternate Scenarios of World War II

Winston Churchill – THE WORLD CRISIS 1911-1918—
Volume 1, Chapter XIII has speculation on alternatives for the attack on the Dardanelles in 1915;
also "If Lee Had Not Won the Battle of Gettysburg" in IF IT HAD HAPPENED OTHERWISE, edited by J.C. Squire



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