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When the United States Air Force is drawn into conflict in Libya after the fall of Muammar Gaddafi, Dreamland's Whiplash intervention team wields its latest invention—a highly advanced unmanned aerial drone—with tragic consequences. Now it's not only the future of Dreamland at stake—but NATO as well. An action-packed, page-turning military adventure, *Collateral Damage: A Dreamland Thriller* puts *New York Times* bestselling writing team of Dale Brown and Jim DeFelice in the ranks of such international thriller writers as James Rollins, Clive Cussler, and Vince Flynn.

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Ed Schmidt says

Turk Mako is flying a Tigershark in Libya, guiding 4 robot Sabres. He comes under attack and while shooting down the offenders, one of the Sabres goes off track and destroys a village home, killing civilians. All goes down hill for Turk after that, until Ray Rubeo, former Dreamland scientist, is kidnapped. Then Turk is called upon to assist in his rescue.

Most of the original main characters from the Dreamland Series have gone their own separate ways. Some are resurrected in each new book, and many new characters are introduced. This is the first book in a long time that makes reference to Col. Techumseh "Dog" Bastian, who started Dreamland and, in fact, Ray Rubio talks to him on the phone.

Sailor says

Another Techno-Awesome thriller, from Dale Brown and company. Have been a fan since his first novel, "THE FLIGHT OF THE OLD DOG" in 1987 w/ Patrick McLanahan. If you have not read all of his novels from the start, I suggest you do so. See all of the FICTION technology become reality.

I have two novels yet to finish, STARFIRE and DRONE STRIKE, not yet published. I'm sure both will be filled with new technology in existence or soon to come to our military.

Katie says

Not bad. It was very slow for a long time, but eventually picks up enough to make you want to keep reading.

Sheldon Lehman says

Okay, Mr. Brown, you killed off Patrick McLanahan earlier this year. Time now to do the same to this series. It wasn't about Dreamland other than a flashback and a few mentions. It was barely about Whiplash. There have been too many cast changes.

I realize you had to evolve your thinking over the last 14 years as military and computer technology have changed, but you've got to find some way to flawlessly weave a seam of continuity, and it's just not there anymore.

I probably will not read anymore books by this author (and I have read every book he has written) unless it's a whole different series, and even then I'm skeptical that it will just turn into another Op-Center type series and that just doesn't appeal to me.

Wayne says

Not a bad military thriller, with some great air combat sequences. I felt a bit like I was coming into a story mid-stream, as this is evidently a multi book series where there were more than a few allusions to past action. However, its certainly not worth my time to go back a read those earlier books. I'd say these are light fare, to pick and choose as one sees fit. In that way, it was just fine.

James F. says

This techno-thriller is a very fast paced and exciting read. The story line is tightly woven from a variety of viewpoints. The central theme deals with the implications of how accurate can autonomous weapons of war actually be.

Tim says

This drawn out snoozer of sabotage and flight pilots provides more misery than entertainment and I do not recommend. 2 of 10 stars

Zack says

<http://www.examiner.com/review/collat...>

John W Mohr Jr says

Great story

Believeable story envisioning the future weapons of war in the air tactically the inability of ground forces in future wars to effectively compete. Kept this old Seabee totally enthralled!

Suspense Magazine says

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The book takes place just a little in the future. Once again, Libya has fallen into civil war between the government that took over after Qaddafi and a rebel alliance under Princess Idria al-Nussoi. As before, NATO has placed a no-fly zone over the country and is enforcing it from a base in Sicily. A team from the Office of Special Technology has brought their most advanced plane, the Tigershark II, to

Sicily for real-life trials in the field. The Tigershark comes with four Sabre drones under the control of the plane's computer. When a flight of four Libyan government planes challenge the Tigershark, test pilot Turk Mako puts them down and then launches a retaliatory strike on their base. Inexplicably, one of the Sabres goes off the grid and attacks a nearby village with devastating results.

Senator and former pilot Jeff "Zen" Stockard is asked by his wife Breanna, the head of the Office of Special Technology, to investigate the accident. Helping with the investigation is Ray Rubeo, the genius CEO of Applied Intelligence that provided the Tigershark/Sabre system. What they don't see is the hand of Neil Kharon, a technology expert who is working both sides of the Libyan conflict. Kharon wants revenge against Rubeo and yearns to see him humiliated and broken. Once that is accomplished, he plans to kill Rubeo to complete his revenge.

The Dreamland thrillers are the literary equivalent of the B movies that Hollywood used to make—entertaining, occasionally surprisingly good, but very much a genre piece. Those who like this style will like "Collateral Damage," though readers who are just starting the series would be advised to begin with some of the earlier books.

Reviewed by David Ingram for Suspense Magazine

Tamera Lawrence says

Take a trip into the Air Force where high tech planes are being developed by brilliant minds. But when an unmanned aircraft drone Sabre kills civilians in Libya, fingers are being pointed in every direction, especially at the United States and the men who created the newest intelligence. The UN Assembly wants answers and it doesn't help that the crazed drone was videotaped during the attack and being broadcasted on U Tube. Now as the airplane is torn apart to find answers, the investigation leads to darker revelations as the US is painted as the devil himself. As a broad array of men and women seek to find the truth, evil lurks close by with a twisted need for revenge at any cost. But with men such as ace pilot Turk Mako in the skies, things are bound to get complicated and downright dangerous for all.

Collateral Damage: A Dreamland Thriller by Authors Dale Brown and Jim DeFelice is as high tech as they come with a broad array of vibrant characters and action packed scenic descriptions. The authors show their expertise in the Air Force field as they bring this fast paced story to life for an avid reader. Although this novel seems more geared towards men, I did enjoy the energetic storyline and the glimpse into the lives of a pilot and the dangerous warfare they often endure. It also gives a look into today's technology and where it could be headed in the future.

David says

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John Lobenberg says

Great Story

The story line kept me wanting to keep reading. Great story line. I would recommend this to anyone that likes flying fantasy stories.

Audrey Lawrence says

I just love Dale Brown books and the glimpse he lets us see into the future. What not as heart thumping as some of his previous Dreamland books, this still is a very absorbing book that military oriented fans are sure to enjoy!
