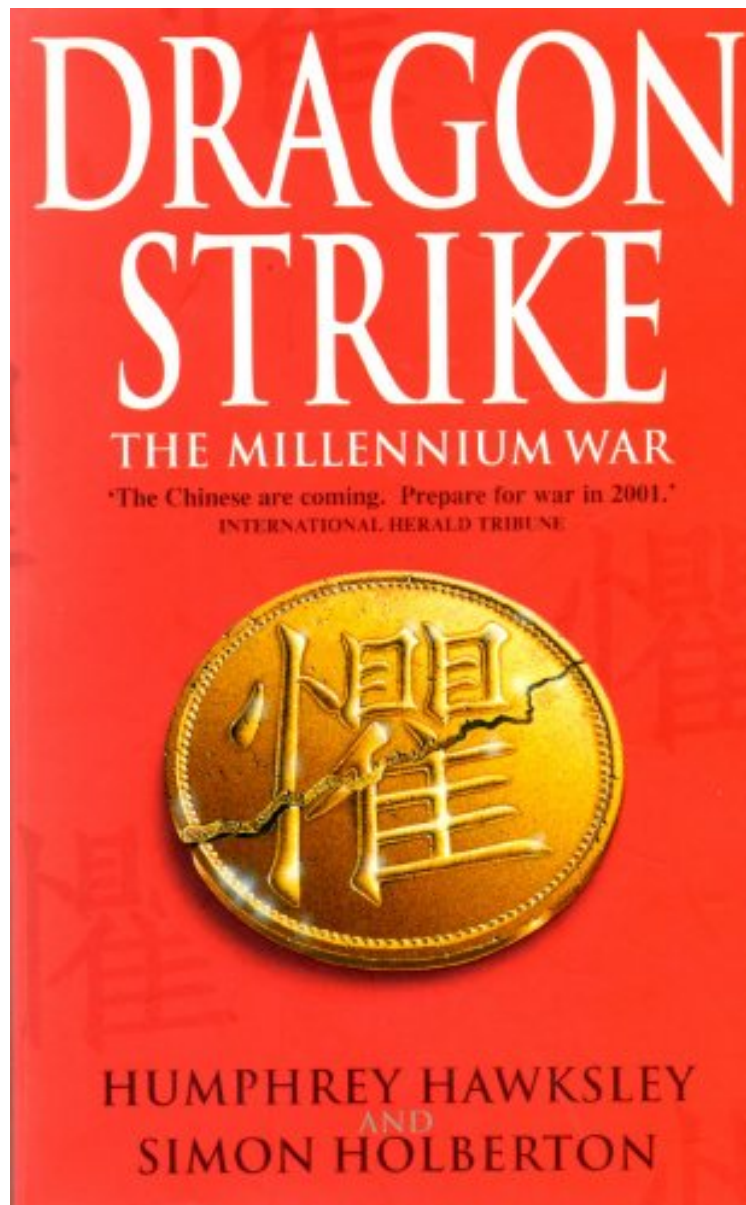


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 In "Dragon Strike" haben zwei Fachjournalisten ein usserst bengstiges Szenario ber einen globalen atomaren Konflikt entwickelt, der von Chinas militrischem Wiedererstarke ausgeht. Bengstigend, und doch nicht vollkommen unrealistisch, weil die Stringenz der im Buch dargelegten Handlungskette an Hand tatschlicher Ereignisse durchaus nachvollziehbar ist. Allerdings gingen die Autoren vom Wissens- und Entwicklungsstand Mitte der neunziger Jahre aus, und die Zeiten haben sich seither - wenigstens in Ostasien - doch enorm gendert. Denn die 1997 eingetretene Asienkrise hat die scheinbare konomische Unbesiegbarkeit der asiatischen Wachstumsstaaten auf den Boden zurck und China in eine vllig neue, sehr bedchtig gewhlte Rolle gefhrt. Seit dem Auftreten erster Wachstumsdellen hat sich zudem das Augenmerk Beijings auf die Aufrechterhaltung des konomischen Binnenwachstums verlagert. Die makrokononomische und aussenpolitische Besonnenheit Chinas in der Asien-Krise, und die nachfolgend immer stkere Integration dieses Landes in die Welt (Stichwort WTO) lassen "Dragon Strike" im Jahr 2001 in manchen Passagen alt aussehen. Das ndert nichts daran, dass es sich mit diesem Buch um ausgezeichnete politische Fiktion handelt, das dem Leser die Komplexitt von parallelen internationalen Handlungs- und Entscheidungsprozessen vermittelt (wenn man von der banal gezeichneten und nicht sehr fundierten franko-vietnamesischen Allianz absieht). Und die implizite Kritik an europischer Unentschlossenheit und der steten Bereitschaft vor allem Kontinentaleuropas, sich zugunsten konomischer Vorteile von Bndnissolidaritt los zu sagen, ist auch in der Gegenwart nicht vllig inaktuell. Auch die Beschreibung asiatischer Reiz-Reaktionsmodelle hat wenig an Gltigkeit verloren. Und die im Buch angesprochenen Krisenzonen (Sdchinesisches Meer, China-Vietnam, Korea, China-Japan) sind auch nur vorbergehend aus den Schlagzeilen verschwunden. Alles in allem: unbedingt lesenswert! Und trotz der Fiktion zwei Stufen plausibler als das Weltkriegsszenario von Samuel Huntingdon im "Clash of Civilisations".
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 Von Tripp Ritter
 For scenario creation, research and thought, the authors get a 4.5. For story they get a 1. The characters are so thin as to be interchangeable. The authors stop the story with multipage interludes to give background on key plot points, like the Japanese dependence on foreign sources for oil, and therefore their touchiness about the South China Sea shipping lanes. These topics could have been wrapped into the narrative, but without real characters even this becomes a problem. These interludes act like a sidebar in a magazine. In a magazine you can skip them if you don't want to read them. Here you don't know if you can or can't, as historical reality and future speculation are mixed together. Another problem is an overemphasis on equipment. Clancy's Red Storm Rising also went into heavy detail about this or that weapon system, but these elements were part of a cohesive overall narrative. In this story we learn next to nothing about any of the pilots, soldiers, sailors or leaders involved. Had the authors closely followed one or two Chinese submarine captains, a Vietnamese fighter pilot or Allied bomber pilot, the story would have been much richer. Read this to learn one way China might try to throw the US out of Asia, but run far, far away if you are looking for an engaging thriller.
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 Von Ein Kunde
 "Dragon Strike," like its predecessor, "World War III," is not a novel about individuals, but about groups - nations. The thinness of enjoyable characters in this book fits well with its purpose, which is to focus on how we, the Americans, vs. they, the Chinese would likely behave in a nuclear showdown. How would the American public react if it became convinced that a rogue superpower had calmly decided to either get its way in its part of the world, or commit suicide and take as much of us with it as it could? Today's America is not the America of the Cuban missile crisis, and China is not Russia. The Media is both more extensive and drama-oriented now than in 1962. This book is an alert to U.S. think-tanks to reanalyze deterrence in an Asian context, as well as what Americans would do if they became convinced that nukes could come out of the sky at any moment. The book "Unto Others," by Sober and Wilson may be helpful in understanding how the importance of individual characters must be subsumed in any work purporting to deal with contention between civilizations. Both Hawksley and Holbertson, "Dragonstrike" authors, have long experience in Asia, and their understanding of how Chinese think when it comes to the West, shows up strongly in the book.

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 The deafening roar of Chinese warplanes shreds the tranquillity of the gathering dawn. Within minutes burning phosphorous, shrapnel, and delayed-action mines have ripped apart the strategic Cam Ranh Bay naval base in Vietnam. Operation Dragon Strike has begun. The events described in this book have not yet happened. It is a future history, an exercise in military and political prediction, about a country whose emergence as a worldpower is one of the most important developments of the early Twentieth Century. The arrival of China on the worldstage poses problems not encountered by the world's democracies for well over fifty years. Twenty years after the collapse of the Soviet Union, another power bloc is emerging. It is wealthy. It is expansionist. It has yawning cultural differences with the West. It is embittered about its past. China is a nondemocratic one-party state, whose government has to prove itself to survive. This book has been written as a warning of what might happen if Western, and especially American, policy towards China is allowed to drift.
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Synopsis
It is the early-21st century. The world is plunged into crisis following an attack by Chinese warplanes on Vietnamese naval and air force installations. Three days later reports appear of the covers being removed from Chinese silos and the warming up of missile engines.