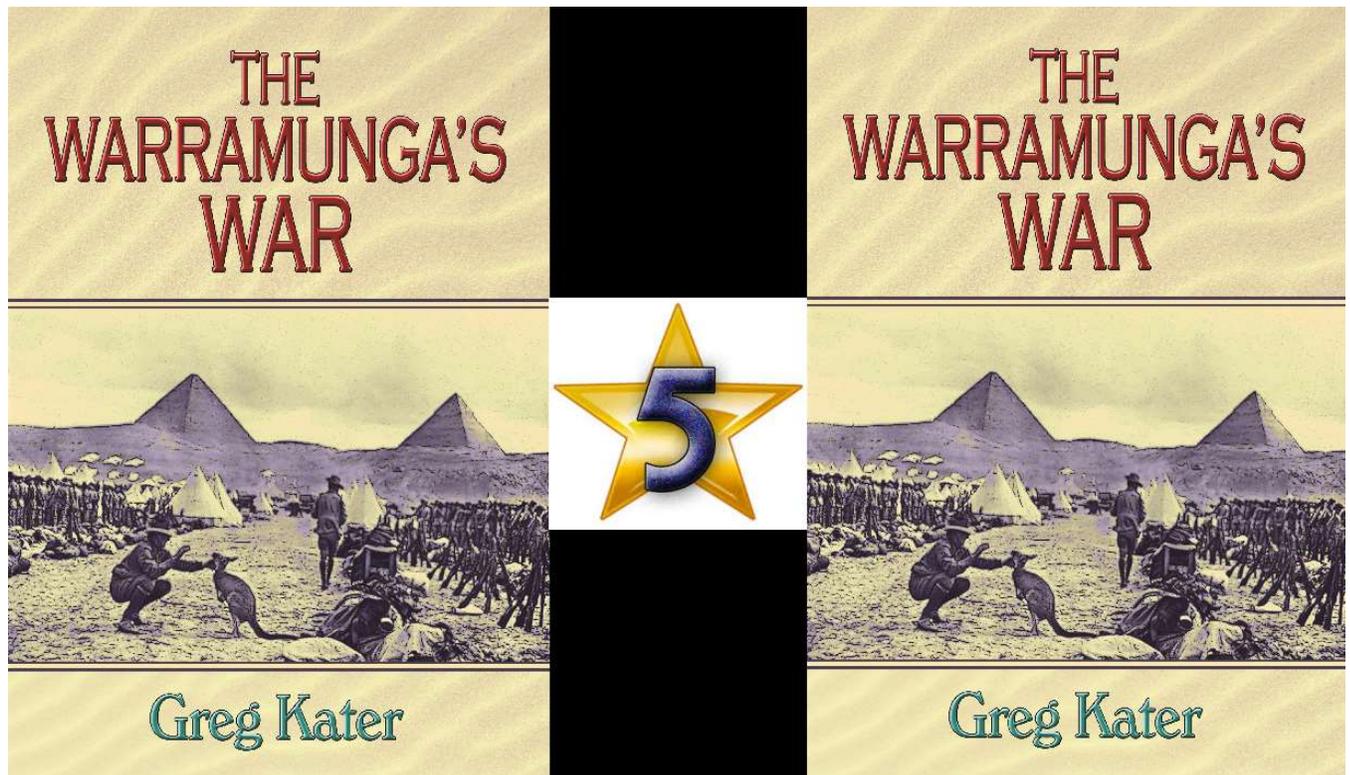


**Warramunga Trilogy by Greg Kater Is An Extraordinary Action Adventure,
Historical Fiction, Filled With Espionage, War and Mystery.**



The Warramunga's War by Greg Kater

Book One In Warramunga Trilogy

The Warramunga's War is a sweeping narrative of the friendship that forms between a young Australian army officer, Jamie Munro, and an educated half-caste Warramunga aboriginal NCO, Jack 'Jacko' O'Brien, during the Syrian campaign against the Vichy French in World War II. Jacko rescues a wounded Jamie after which they are conscripted in Cairo by MI6. Here, Jamie and Jacko learn about the seamy side of war in counterespionage as they track down German spies. The principal fictional characters interact with actual historical figures and events throughout the story.

As the desert war escalates to the west of Cairo, the MI6 team confuses the enemy with misleading radio messages using German codes and using local entertainers as undercover agents. On one of his day leaves, Jacko meets a beautiful young Syrian-French girl and a strong romantic bond forms between the two during his time in Cairo.

Following the end of the desert war, Jamie and Jacko are assigned to wartime intelligence work in Southeast Asia. After the end of the Pacific war, they initiate the Darwin operations of the CIS, the Commonwealth Investigation Service. On the trail of two suspected wartime German agents, they discover the agents have formed a dangerous criminal gang with an individual they had known during their time in Cairo. The tracking skills of the Warramunga are needed to finally catch up with the murderous gang in Western Australia's Kimberley region.

5 Star Review: After enjoying Author Greg Kater's "Conflict On The Yangtze" it was a seamless transition to read book one in the author's Warramunga Trilogy. Whether historical, World War II fiction is your first choice in reading genres, it will be this authors storytelling and action-packed adventure, that will draw you in and keep you turning the pages.

Australian Author Greg Kater's meticulous research, along with his father's war time experiences in the Middle East, coupled with his work and experiences in the Northern Territory and in Kimberley, gives credence to book one of this historical fiction trilogy.

It is important to know that “Warramunga” is a tribe in Australia. Main character Jack ‘Jacko’ O’Brien is half Aborigine, half-white, well educated (in a white school), intelligent and Sergeant in the Australian Army. An unlikely friendship develops between Jack and a young army officer (who he rescues) named Jamie Munro. Their story is not the usual, dug into the trenches, all bullets, blood and death, like most historical war fiction. Instead it is colorful story, with endearing characters, violent at times, seeped in counterespionage, spies, romance, and let’s not forget the beautiful prostitutes, belly dancers which make for an intriguing war time adventure.

As a woman, I find this story interesting and my perspective is different from what yours will be. There is something for everyone. I find war coding an intriguing part of World War II; partly because I like coding in general, and because a female relative (now deceased) was part of reading and interrupting World War II codes for the American government. Not all wars are fought entirely on the battle field. This quote might help draw you into the story. Let me introduce you to Captain Johnny Cook.

“The following morning, Johnny called the other members of his team into his room. He dropped a book onto the table beside his radio. It was a copy of A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens that they had found in the German agents’ houseboat.

“That, my friends, is the book used for code messages by the two Jerries we apprehended the other night,” said Johnny. “Our analysts in MI6 were particularly intrigued that the Germans were using an English book. They noted some markings on specific pages and with the help of the notes found near the book, they’ve worked out the way they used words and pages in the book as a code. This means that using the same code, we shall be able to send contrived messages to the German authorities using our own radio here, which will hopefully cause the German command to make wrong decisions or at least create some confusion.”

“Wow! That is such an innocent-looking book,” said Jamie, “although we all thought it was a bit strange that Germans would be using an English language book for bedtime reading. That’s a bloody good idea from your MI6 people to start feeding the enemy command with false information. Do you think it’ll work?”

“Yes, of course. It’s been done before and its part of our reason for being here. It has to be done with subtlety and we’ll be getting further instructions from London on this. In the meantime, our Scottish friends will keep our ex-agents, Hans and Hermann, isolated so that no one knows where they are. I have already sent a coded message to their chiefs saying that there is nothing new to report. They have been sent similar reports previously. They’ve acknowledged my message already. Germans are such methodical fellows!”

“How about the British officers or others who gave sensitive information to their female operatives, such as Yasmina for example?” Jamie asked. “Do we know who they are?”

“Yes, we have quite an interesting list of brigadiers and colonels, even a major general. Mainly all swagger-stick wavers from the Turf Club. They probably never had much sensitive intelligence, although the old-boy network sometimes picks up a thing or two. In any case, our superiors want us to leave them alone at this time as we don’t want to alert anyone about our operation.”

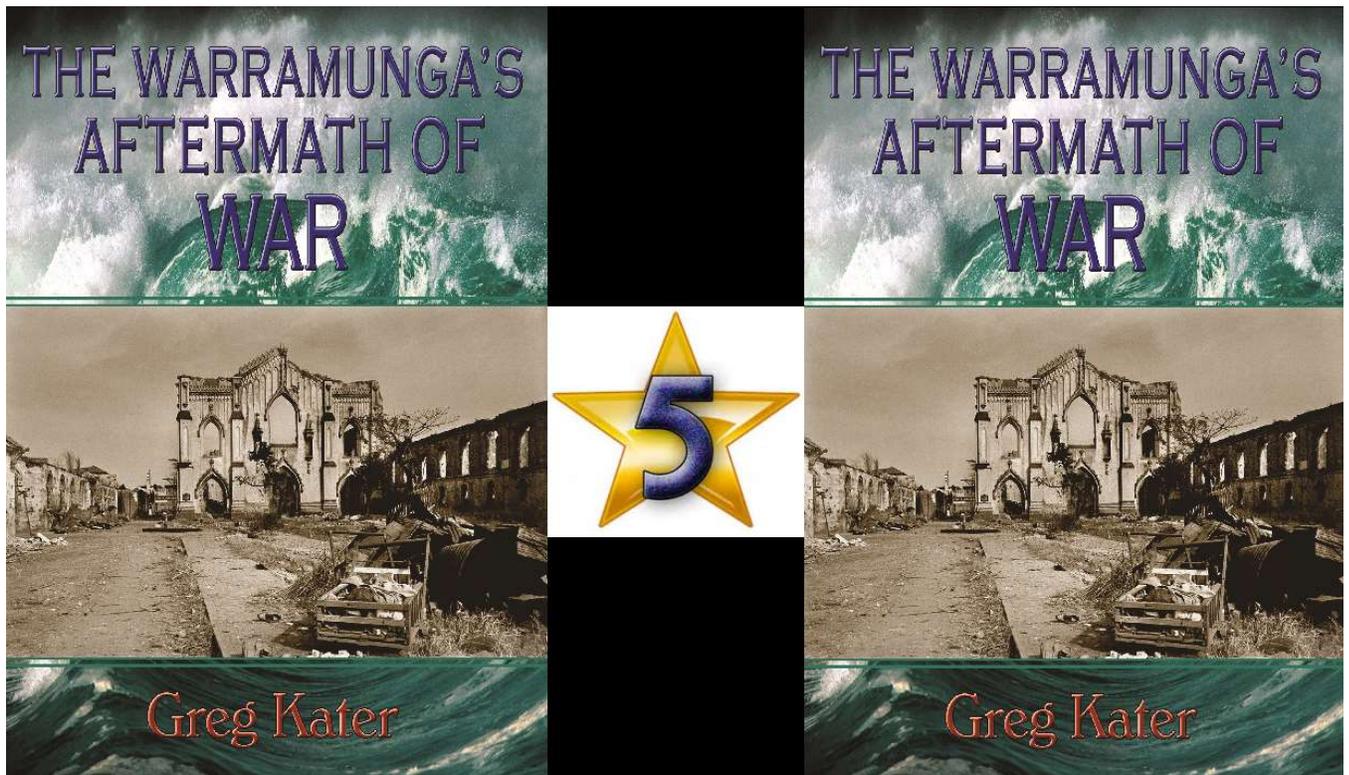
You will want to pick up your own copy of The Warramunga's War by Greg Kater and read a tale of war, espionage and mystery, not like any other historical, World War II fiction.

Review by Theodocia McLean (Book Marketing Global Network).

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The Warramunga's Aftermath Of War by Greg Kater

Book Two In Warramunga Trilogy

The Warramunga's Aftermath of War encapsulates the investigation into the post-war activities of a major criminal organisation with tentacles to the USA, Australia and South East Asia. When a fishing boat is discovered in distress in rough seas northwest of Darwin in late 1945, former army officer, Jamie Munro, and educated half-caste Warramunga aborigine, Jack "Jacko" O'Brien, who head the CIS in Darwin, are called on to investigate child smuggling operations financed by a shadowy ring of wealthy paedophiles.

This book is the second book of a trilogy. This follows The Warramunga's War detailing the meeting of Jamie and Jacko on the battlefield during the Second World War and their activities working together with MI6 in intelligence during the remainder of the war.

5 Star Review: Book Two In Warramunga Trilogy brings the reader back to our World War Two war heroes former officer Jamie Munro and Jacko O'Brien who is now the head of the CIS. These two men have a bond, common among service men and women, who continue service to their country long after the initial engagement or conflict.

Philippine post war activities include a major criminal organization that involve South East Asia, Australia and the United States of America. Author Greg Kater continues his skills as a great story teller, introduces new characters that drive the story and keep the reader turning the pages.

Intelligence raises suspicion that wealthy paedophiles are the financial overlords in a child smuggling operation. As a mother and grandmother, I am keenly aware that, although this book is based on fiction, due to the authors meticulous research, I have to wonder if there are some parallel findings in today's past child trafficking. Human trafficking is a serious worldwide condition that is global reality that affects the world's children.

More than historical fiction, this book is action, adventure by land and on seas. Let me bring you into the story here and I quote.

“Low clouds covered the sky as they headed south from the point where Manny’s bangka had dropped them and it started to rain.

Walking along, Jamie asked Lory whether it rained much in Surigao.

‘Yes, sir,’ replied Lory. ‘It rains most days, especially in January.

Most of these eastern provinces including Samar Island have two seasons. Wet and wetter.’

They drew closer to the port area, where most of the buildings had been reduced to rubble and were covered in weeds, while those still standing were empty and badly damaged. The ground was heavily potholed and most trees seemed to have been cut to shreds.

Harry said he had been told that because Surigao had been such an important naval base for the Japanese during the war, it had attracted heavy bombing and strafing by American war planes. At least 50 Japanese war and supply ships had been sunk in the bay by US bombers. He said that most of the local people who had fled to the south were only now returning to rebuild the old town.

After half a mile, they reached the top of a low hill from which they had a good view of the port area to the east. The rain had eased off to a drizzle and Jamie produced a pair of binoculars to study the boats in the harbour. Several small fishing bangkas were moored in the bay or pulled up on the sandy shore, but one caught their attention. A large ocean-going fishing boat with the name Bag-ong Bulan painted in large letters on the bow side was moored at one of the newly constructed jetties.

Jamie looked at Lory and asked, ‘What does Bag-ong Bulan mean?’

‘It means “New Moon” in the Cebuano dialect,’ replied Lory.

Jamie handed the binoculars to Jacko. ‘Have a look. I think we’ve found Mr Tan’s boat for transporting the children to Darwin. What d’ya reckon?’

There are many twists and turns in this book which will excite mystery, suspense thrill seekers. It doesn’t matter if you read ‘The Warramunga’s War’ book one first, ‘The Warramunga Aftermath’ stands alone. Jump in now as this book will take us to book three in the series title ‘Skills Of The Warramunga’ by Greg Kater.

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Skills Of The Warramunga by Greg Kater

Book Three In Warramunga Trilogy

Early in 1946, former army officer, Jamie Munro, and his half-Aboriginal friend and colleague, Jack 'Jacko' O'Brien, who head the Commonwealth Investigation Service in Darwin, are called on to assist in the rescue of Colonel John Cook, a senior operative of MI6, who has been kidnapped by bandits and taken into the jungles of Malaya.

Jamie and Jacko had worked in intelligence operations with Colonel Cook during the desert campaign in North Africa in the Second World War, as the Afrika Corps threatened Egypt.

With Jacko's half-sister, Sarah, a full-blood Aborigine from Tennant Creek, they arrive in Kuala Lumpur to find that they not only have to contend with the impenetrable jungle of the Malay peninsula, but also with a murderous and subversive organisation of Fascist criminals whose aim is to disrupt the creation of the Malayan Union by the British Military Authority, set to take place on 1st of April 1946, foment an uprising and take over control of the country.

All the inherent bushcraft skills of the Warramunga are needed to rescue Colonel Cook as well as prevent catastrophic mayhem on the Malayan peninsula.

This is the third book in the Warramunga trilogy.

5 Star Review: Skills Of The Warramunga is book three in this action adventure thriller trilogy. Throughout the entire Warramunga Trilogy, Author Greg Kater demonstrates his extraordinary storytelling skills.

I was happy that the investigative duo Jamie Munro and Jack 'Jacko' O'Brien was recruited to rescue Colonel John Cook (senior M16 operative from Dessert Storm) who has been kidnapped and taken deep into the jungles of Malaya. Jack's half-sister (full blooded Aborigine and a skilled tracker), joins them as they penetrate deep into the Malayan Jungle.

Intense, dangerous and with all the perils of the jungle, the trackers come to the caves. It is here, where I bring you along, I quote from chapter nine:

“It had been decided that only Sarah, Jacko, Amal and Jamie would follow the tracks into the caves, while Russell and Johnny would watch the entrance from their cars at a distance of at least a 100 yards.

They would be ready in case backup was needed. The drizzling rain had finally stopped; however, the low gloomy clouds meant that it was dark inside the caves, even close to the entrance.

Sarah led the way, carrying a small torch. Jacko was immediately behind her, then Amal, with Jamie bringing up the rear. It was noticeably cooler and less humid in the caves.

Jacko observed that it would be easy to become lost in the complexity of the cave network; however, the footprints in the limestone dust were easy to follow in the dull light shed by the small torch. He noted that most of the topmost footprints were leading out of the caves, although the most recent showed that two people had walked the other way. Every now and then, a brass, bronze or silver statue of Buddha to the sides of the track reflected light from the beam, creating the eerie feeling they were being watched. At a certain point, Sarah pointed to some footprints leaving the main track, and Amal pointed out to them where he had hidden.

Moving more slowly now, Sarah shielded the torch so that it would not shine too brightly ahead. At one stage, she turned it off and stood still, listening. She turned it on again and whispered something to Jacko, who then turned to the other two and signalled them to be very quiet. By this stage they had walked about 250 yards into the caves, but it seemed much further in the darkness.

They continued cautiously along the track as silently as they could, when Sarah suddenly stopped. Jacko almost bumped into her back. She pointed at something on the ground and Jacko, getting down on his haunches, saw a thin line across the track and six inches above it. He guessed it was probably fishing line.

After conferring with his sister in low whispers, he turned back to tell the others about the trip-wire across the track and suggested they wait there while he and Sarah went ahead. He also told them there was a dull light ahead and he and Sarah no longer needed the torch, which he gave to Amal.

Jamie was about to tell Jacko to be careful when he realised they had already disappeared into the darkness ahead. He and Amal sat down on the side of the track with their backs against some smooth stalagmites and settled down to wait. He had learnt from experience that once Sarah and Jacko had made up their minds to do something, there was no way he could stop them.”

I invite you read further to see what happens.

Although this is the third book in the Warramunga Trilogy, Author Greg Kater later wrote Conflict On The Yangtze, which I actually read first. I awarded 5 stars for the post WWII drama, as the fighting continues between the Kuomintang Government, the communists, warlords and various gangs along the Yangtze River in China.

After reading the entire Warramunga Trilogy, I can say without hesitation that each book is more than a historical fiction, it is action adventure at its best. Each book in the trilogy presents historical figures, places and time that are paramount to each story. It is the strong, believable characters, their relationships with each other, cultural differences and even romance that allow the action adventure to play out naturally, which kept me turning the pages and losing track of time (sign of great story telling).

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Conflict On The Yangtze by Greg Kater

Beyond the end of the Second World War, after the Japanese surrender, the fighting never ceased in China ...

This is the fourth historical novel in the Warramunga series by Greg Kater. The events take place during 1946 when former army officer, Jamie Munro, and educated half-aborigine, Jack “Jacko” O’Brien, who head the Commonwealth Investigation Service in Darwin, are asked by Colonel John Cook, a senior commanding officer of MI6, to go to China and assist in the investigation of a drug cartel who are believed responsible for killing one of his operatives along the Yangtze River.

During the recent war, Jamie and Jacko had worked in intelligence operations with Colonel Cook during the desert campaign in North Africa, as the Afrika Corps threatened Egypt, and later in South East Asia in the aftermath of war.

The pair arrive in Shanghai via Manila in the aftermath of the Japanese occupation with Harry Williams, chief of the US intelligence agency, Office of Strategic Services (OSS), in the Philippines. They had worked with Harry previously in the Philippines on a case involving child smuggling (The Warramunga’s Aftermath of War). They are met at Shanghai’s Bund Docks by Johnny and Lee Drake, a half-Chinese MI6 operative who had lived in Shanghai, posing as a tea merchant, throughout the war. Jamie and Jacko learn that the current state of affairs in China is very complicated. They not only have to contend with the drug cartel but also with gangs, warlords and corrupt personages of influence. They are told the opium produced by the drug cartel is shipped to the Philippines for treatment and from there to the USA and Australia. To reach the centre of the opium operations it is necessary to travel hundreds of miles in a motorised junk up the Yangtze River where hostile, trigger-happy gangs and groups inhabit the riverbanks.

5 Star Review: Author Greg Kater takes this historical fiction beyond his ‘Warramunga’ trilogy, to post WWII, as the fighting continues between the Kuomintang Government, the communists, warlords and various gangs along the Yangtze River in China.

I found it interesting that Australian based Author Greg Kater brings his first hand experiences, education, and knowledge of the region into his story, since his career retirement from the international resources industry where he visited China many times. Who better to tell us about the impact of WWII on China and the infighting between fractions trying to hold on to their influence and power in the region?

Author Greg Kater has a unique story telling style that paints a vivid picture while he keeps the story moving along with strong, relatable characters using great dialog that draws the reader into the humanity of the situation. Let me share this quote with you from Chapter Twelve:

“It was raining heavily again when Henri, Carna and Sarah were saying their farewells to Angelo and his family at Hernani. ‘It is a good thing if we leave now, n’est-ce pas?’ said Henri to Angelo. ‘I can’t thank you enough for your kindness. It is my intention to set up a sawmill here when there are fewer bad men around. I will employ many local people.’ Carna translated Henri’s words and then Angelo’s response. ‘No, no. It is me to thank you, sir,’ responded Angelo. ‘Again, I am sorry for being responsible for putting you and Miss Carna in such danger.’ ‘Non, non. Think nothing of it,’ protested Henri. Carna explained to Angelo that they should leave before danger came down the road looking for them. She said that if anyone asked him or Almado, to say they had never met them. ‘Diri! No, never met you,’ repeated Angelo, winking. With a last wave, Jacinto, Henri, Carna and Sarah ran out through the rain into the vehicle and were soon slipping, sliding, and bumping down the road to Giporlos where they were sure that Manny Alvarez and his boat, with Monique and Bella aboard, would be waiting. And waiting they were. Monique was so worried that she had left the boat and was pacing up and down in the rain. They were supposed to have returned long before now. She wanted to walk up the road to look for them, but realised it was much too far. She pictured her father and the others lying injured beside the crashed jeep with no one to help them. Or worse, they had been captured by Japanese soldiers who didn’t know the war was over. She had heard stories that many such units remained in the forests of the Philippines. Oh Jacko, you are so far away when we need you. She tried to stop thinking about all the other dreadful things that might have overtaken her father and friends. Bella was sitting under cover in the boat silently sobbing, while Manny was plying her with cups of coffee and telling her that Samar was a safe place now the war had ended. The only sounds were the rain falling, the chirping of birds in the trees and unidentifiable noises of wildlife, until everyone was alerted by the distant groans from the north of a labouring motor drawing closer.”

Whether you are a history buff or not, Conflict On The Yangtze is an interesting read with historical significance. The author wisely wrote each of his books as stand-alone, so his readers can enjoy each book in the order and pace the reader chooses. I recommend you read Conflict On The Yangtze and then go back and read The Warramunga's War, The Warramunga's Aftermath Of War, and Skills Of The Warramunga by Greg Kater.

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Message From Author: “I recently retired and live from a 55-year international career in the resource industry.

The Warramunga's War is my first work of historical fiction. The principal fictional characters interact with actual historical figures and events which have been rigorously researched. the subject of the novel is partly inspired by the experiences of my father, who fought in the Middle East, and partly from my own experiences in northern Australia where I worked extensively throughout the NT and Kimberley.

The Warramunga's War is the first of a trilogy.”

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