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The CSS Appomattox is a work of alternative history fiction, concentrating on the adventures of the naval airship commander Thomas Devareaux and his crew. The action takes place in the air, over sea, and land as our heroes battle in defense of their country.

#### **Background of the Novel**

In October 1862, the Confederacy is recognized by both France and Great Britain. Lincoln opens peace negotiations that effectively ended the American Civil War. Decades later, the young Confederacy forges an alliance with Spain – a fading empire desperately clinging to its remaining Caribbean colonies.

The Confederate Military assigns the young crew of the airship CSS Appomattox to assist their country's new ally. The Appomattox is dispatched with a token Naval force to defend Puerto Rico. Here they will stand against the coming threat of an expansionist German Empire and its ally, the United States.

The crew of the Appomattox not only has to fight against the German military, but forces from within their own navy as well. During their exploits, Devareaux and his crew are recruited by the Signals Bureau (the Confederate Secret Service) to battle their enemies overtly as well as covertly. They encounter enemy agents who seek to do in the young nation through their efforts with espionage.

The action takes place in the skies above the Caribbean and on land as Devareaux leads his landing party of marines to support the guerrillas fighting in the hills of occupied eastern Puerto Rico.

#### The Series

This is the first book in the Thomas Devareaux series. This Alternate History novel employs elements of Steampunk without taking historical technology developments too far outside of their historical progression.

This book is 81,000 words long and approximately 232 pages (paperback).

\*\*\*\*\*Update Novermber 5, 2015 \*\*\*\*\*\*\*
Version 2.04 Released
Minor updates including name change for the prequel.

\*\*\*\*\* Update August 26,2015 \*\*\*\*\*\*

Version 2.0 Released!

\* Applied significant edits to the book for grammar and spelling. Thank you Allison for your hard work.

\* The whole book has been reproofed at this point and should be free from some anomalies that were in earlier versions.

\* Corrected references to characters that were out of place.

\*\*\*\*\* Update July 27, 2015 \*\*\*\*\*

- \* Applied some major edits for grammar and spelling.
- \* Corrected a number of problems pointed out by reviewers.
- \* Updated scene change headers for clarity.
- \* Moved all graphics to the Appendix.
- \* Corrected a number of spelling errors.

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