

# The Sentinels: Fortunes of War

- **Could World War II Have Been Avoided?**
- **Is There A “Power Cycle” Behind Every Major Global Event?**
- **Are There Just A Handful Of Wealthy People Who Control The World?**
- **Can 6 Amateurs Pull Off The Most Daring Theft Ever Attempted In Recent History?**

**The answers are revealed in this racing debut work of historical fiction.**

On the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of World War II’s outbreak, author Gordon Zuckerman’s debut historical fiction, *The Sentinels: Fortunes of War*, offers a riveting story that escalates the action with every plot twist. It’s a thriller spawned from history’s headlines and rampant speculation, providing a unique approach to the perennially popular genre of books set in World War II.

The story line doesn’t center around what most WWII books tend to cover, such as violent battle scenes or depravity in concentration camps. Instead, *The Sentinels* focuses on the role money may have played in Hitler’s rise – and how a few idealists try to use it to stop the world’s most maniacal man.

Gordon spent over four decades in the business world – first on Wall Street and then as an entrepreneur in real estate and hotels. The Harvard Business School graduate has coupled his knowledge of how wealth influences events with his lifelong study of history and created a unique World War II crime-drama that combines political intrigue with non-stop action.

## **Synopsis**

In the financial devastation of the 1930s, a greedy, power-hungry group of German industrialists plot to usher in the National Socialist Party in order to rearm Germany and reap the financial rewards – leading to the rise of Hitler. The Six Sentinels, graduates of an elite American doctoral program who have ties to the global financial community, uncover the industrialists' plan to launder their fortunes of war in order to support a new nefarious scheme. In a daring strategy of Robin Hood style thievery, the Sentinels put their lives on the line to serve justice – and thus become embroiled in a dangerous and violent international conspiracy.

Indeed, *The Sentinels* is a righteous crusade against greed and a dictator. “As a history buff all my life, with a career in finance that has led me to deal with Congress, bankers and the Treasury Department, I have become aware of just how a few powerful individuals can seal the fate of the world, often out of greed and not even out of political ideals,” says Gordon. “I wanted to tell the story behind not just World War II, but really of all major historical events – wars, coups, revolutions. It all comes down to money. All too often humans will accept a high level of collateral damage just to satisfy their bank accounts.”

### **Gordon can discuss the following:**

- Why so many book and movie plots still revolve around World War II.
- If World War II could have been avoided.
- Whether there is such a thing as “The Power Cycle,” a theory he proffers on how wars and global crises can be predicted -- and averted.
- What some people would have been willing to do to bring down Hitler.
- Whether a group of amateurs could risk their lives to pull off the robbery of the century – and save the world in the process.
- Whether a clandestine group, operating within the US, acted on behalf of industrialists from Germany and the West, took lives just to protect profits.

*The Sentinels* offers a tightly organized plot that speculates about what may have been the real story behind World War II's beginnings and German industrialists' efforts to smuggle their fortunes of war out of Germany. Once you read Gordon's book you can decide for yourself whether our history books need to be revised.

“It held my attention as a good novel should. Interesting balance between plot and character development, I think you have something going here!”

– **Former Chairman, Hoover Institute, Kurt Hauser**

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