

# DINOSAUR WARS

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by Thomas P. Hopp  
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If you like disaster and alien-attack novels, dinosaur resurrection novels, survival novels, crazy-wild science fiction that reads fast and fun, with a cliff-hanger feel from chapter to chapter, Thomas P. Hopp's *DinoWars* story is a great night's escapist feast. It is a first novel, so there are issues of polish that I anticipate will disappear in subsequent offerings by the author.

The unexpected plot builds well around believable characters. And there are great lines throughout that makes you feel like you are somewhere between a Flash Gordon or Edgar Rice Burroughs episode and an *Aliens* movie. For example (from page 56):

Chase was dumbstruck. Seeing his confusion, the man spat some tobacco juice. "You been up in the hills or something? ...That's some sort of alien death ray up there." The man cast a worried glance at the moon. "The whole world's under attack. ...That's what's wrong with the radio. Moon ray took out the radio station. Good country music. I'm gonna miss it."

With T-Rex's "blood-curdling roar" in the front yard, a real "death ray from space," and a friendly family of hay-eating parasaurolophuses waiting for their next meal to be dropped to them from the hayloft, Thomas Hopp pulls off a great addition to the growing sci-fi/fantasy dinosaur subgenre. The second book in the series is available, *Dinosaur Wars: Counterattack*, and a third is in the works. I look forward to reading more.

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