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"42 SF/F Books We Can't Wait to Read in 2016" -*B&N Science Fiction Fantasy Blog*

"A searing vision of the persistence of hope in the face of brutality, *United States of Japan* is utterly brilliant." -**Ken Liu**, Hugo, Nebula, and World Fantasy winner and author of *The Grace of Kings*

"A perfect patchwork of multiple sci-fi and anime subgenres rolled into one novel." -**Esquire**

"This is a darkly fun, clever, and unrelentingly ambitious book." -**Kameron Hurley**, Hugo Award-winner and author of *The Mirror Empire*

"The novel deftly portrays the horrors of oppression but also, with its giant military robots, sumo wrestlers and body-transforming technology, is a gleeful love letter to Japanese pop culture." -**Financial Times**

"In *USJ*, Tieryas finds a way to incorporate gaming, history and an alternative 'what if' scenario into a creative sci-fi, action-packed, profound, and solemn narrative." -**Kotaku TAY**

"A hell of a ride, with multiple POVs and plot twists as history is written and rewritten right in front of you. It's a challenging book with an ending as powerful as the iron grip of the godlike Emperor." -**Lightspeed**

"A compelling read, thoroughly entertaining, and the ultimate "what if?" story." -**Cemetery Dance**

"*United States of Japan* sees an author capable of beautiful, evocative prose writing a fast-paced Science Fiction novel of old. This results in a journey through an alternative version of our world that is as fascinating as it is disturbing and as full of emotion as it is full of adrenalin. This novel will stay with readers far beyond the final pages, forcing them to reassess the potential impact of who wins the world's wars." -**Fantasy Faction**

"Mind-twisting and fiercely imaginative; Tieryas fuses classic sci-fi tradition with his own powerful vision." -**Jay Posey**, author of *Legends of the Duskwalker* series, writer at Ubisoft/Redstorm

"It's a tense and intriguing read, a blend of alt history and cyber punk and thriller. 1988 California where San Diego is a razed landscape home to American rebels, and Japanese mechas patrol the coast? Heck yes!" -**Beth Cato**, author of *The Clockwork Dagger*

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copying what had come before, has ventured out and created something wholly new, interesting and exciting to read." -**io9 Gizmodo**

"Fast paced, well researched, and with believably complex characters, this was quite difficult to put down. This should appeal to the general science fiction reader, the Japanophile, and the alternate history enthusiast alike." -**Fanboy Comics**

"It grips its reader from the start in a believable alternate history and an intriguing mystery, the right blend of action and suspense melded with a cyberpunk vibe." -**SFF Book Corner**

"*The United States of Japan* is a tremendous book, it's got a wonderfully dark and rich atmosphere, great action, intelligent and twisted story and above all not only does it pay homage to one of the finest authors of the 20th century but also continues one of his most celebrated and yet most difficult works -- simply wonderful." -**SF Book Reviews**

"Its depiction of America in the latter 20th century under Japanese rule is great and very well thought out (look, anything that involves giant mecha is a winner in my book) and the alternate technologies that exist, some of them decades ahead of their time are quite cool." -**Rick O'Shea, Broadcaster RTE2fm**

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"*United States of Japan* is a powerful book, unsettling at times--surreal and hypnotic." -**Richard Thomas**, author of *Breaker* and *Disintegration*

About the Author

Peter Tieryas is a character artist who has worked on films like *Guardians of the Galaxy*, *Alice in Wonderland* and *Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2*. His novel, *Bald New World*, was listed as one of Buzzfeed's 15 Highly Anticipated Books as well as *Publishers Weekly's* Best Science Fiction Books of Summer 2014. You can find Peter Tieryas online at his website and @TieryasXu on Twitter.

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