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Downing Dora Nine: A Synopsis

Written by Matthew Patrick and illustrated by his brother, John Patrick, *Downing Dora Nine* adds an intriguing new perspective on a genre that has been steadily growing in popularity—*alternate history*. The story is set in a world in which aviation has just been born, in a world that has followed a historical trajectory very different from our own. The United States Constitution was never ratified; the United States was never formed. Instead, North America is occupied by five separate Sovereign Nation-States that have evolved across a century of violence from the original thirteen colonies.

Alternate history, as a genre, asks the question—*What if?* Patrick asks—*What if* the United States had never existed? *What if* the historical acrimony between the nations of Europe transplanted itself to the North American colonies? *What if* World War 1 occurred here in North America rather than in Europe? *What if*, instead of America coming to Europe's rescue, it was the other way around? *What if* the grand and majestic airships of World War 1 had been a success rather than a colossal failure?

The story is set in the year 1915 and revolves around two young fliers—Englishman William Hastings and Prussian Heinrich von Gotha—who get tangled in a looming conflict within the Sovereign State of Carolina and, as a result, become the world's first veterans of aerial warfare. Through the magic of fiction, *Downing Dora Nine* transfers to America many of technological terrors that Europe experienced in our own reality with the coming of World War 1.

The novel is illustrated in a style reminiscent of the early 20th century and provides a vibrant portal into this brooding world. The rich graphical composition of *Downing Dora Nine* bridges the gap between the visually sparse formats of modern fiction and another rapidly growing genre, the graphic novel.

Downing Dora Nine is a thrilling opener to a series that promises to be an epic aviation saga.

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