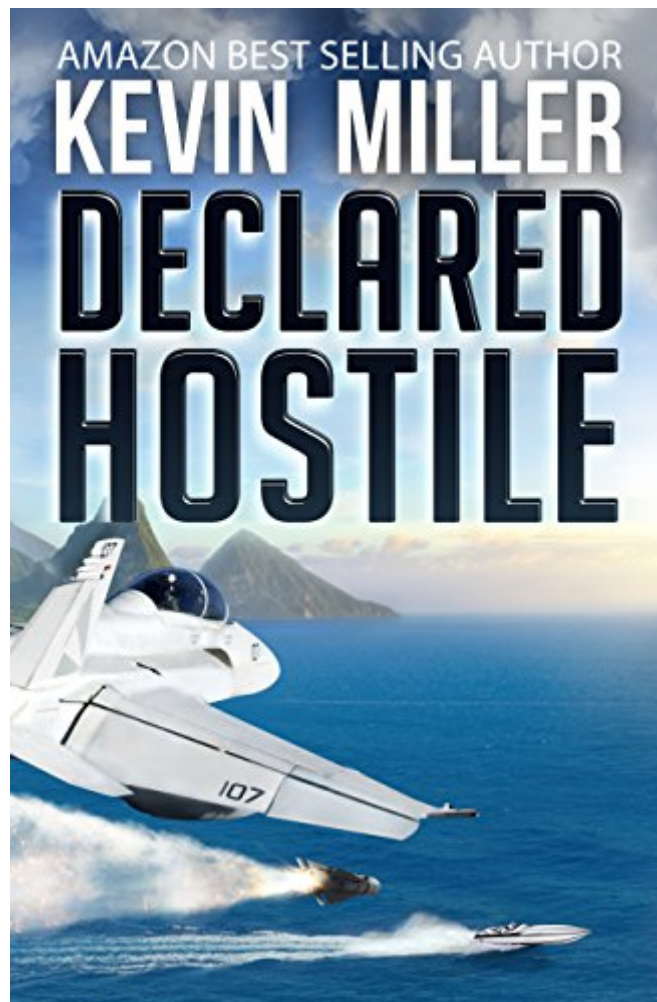


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# Declared Hostile



## Synopsis

IT HAD ALL GONE TO HELL SO QUICKLY...Wilson shot a glance over his right shoulder at San RamÃ n. In addition to the blinking of anti-aircraft artillery guns, he could see clouds of smoke on the field from the numerous Slash hits. Breathing through his mouth, he concentrated on getting fast and maintaining a slight climb. Bright fireballs of AAA shot by him in groups of three and four, orderly trails from low to high. His body was tense, ready for impact. He felt and heard the thud behind, on his right. Terrified, he twisted his body in the ejection seat to see what he could, pushing his helmet and goggles with his left hand to see over his wing. Through the narrow field of view of the goggles, he sensed flickering behind him. He then felt the airplane yaw right. Both were signs he had lost thrust on the right side. Sonofabitch!

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One of those books you start reading and quickly find yourself forgoing things like: bathing, sleep, food. :) Seriously, a "page turner" for me and I was bummed out when I finished it. I wanted more!! Read it over a couple of days because I simply couldn't wait to learn what happened next. Very well

crafted. Suspenseful in a very original way. I enjoyed Miller's book *Raven One* and it is apparent his writing skills just keep getting better. Minor criticisms of his first book focused on the heavy technical detail, but I really appreciate that detail because it yields so much in added realism. There is a great glossary of acronyms / terms at the start of the book and the laymen that spends a couple of minutes reviewing them before delving into the first chapter will have no problem. Finally, I'd say that this and *Raven One* provide a insight into squadron life while embarked aboard a ship better than anything I have ever read. If you're looking to understand unit hierarchy, interpersonal relationships among squadron mates and how a squadron interfaces with peer units and higher headquarters, you will not find a more entertaining way to do so.

Kevin Miller is a gifted writer who will soon be listed in the company of the great military fiction authors such as Tom Clancy, Stephen Coonts, Dale Brown, and P. T. Deutermann. As a former naval aviator, Kevin superbly weaves the intricacies of carrier aviation, anxieties of combat, and the human emotions of life within a squadron on deployment, into a a thrilling and exciting page-turning adventure. After reading Kevin's first novel *Raven One*, I anxiously awaited the publication of *Declared Hostile* and purchased it as soon as it was available. Similar to *Raven One*, the characters are well developed, the story line is unpredictable but still plausible, and the action is non-stop. I thoroughly enjoyed reading Kevin's newest novel and look forward to his next book. I highly recommend *Declared Hostile* to anyone who enjoys reading military fiction.

Another excellent full throttle novel full of twists and high g-force turns. You can definitely relate with Wilson as his situation goes from bad to worse and I couldn't but think of how I would react to similar situations. There is a ton of jargon, which is sometimes hard to pick up if you don't have a military background, but I think Capt. Miller does an excellent job to fill you in as you read on. He also put a glossary of acronyms / terms at the start of the book which comes in handy.

Kevin Miller has done it again. *Declared Hostile* puts you in the cockpit, in the ready room and at the table as the strike group leadership grapples with executing national guidance in the unclear environment of undeclared war. Something our soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, airmen and Coast Guardsmen are grappling with today. He skillfully weaves in squadron dynamics and politics - an added layer of challenges facing our military leaders. A cleverly conceived concept and an action-packed read. BZ Kevin!

Great read! Very timely and thoughtful story accompanied by some great character development. I highly recommend for those who like a good story. Even if you are not a military/techo-thriller fan, I think you will like how this story weaves in a lot of contemporary human issues into the story. I read a lot due to my heavy travel schedule and I rarely find a novel that combines so many excellent sub-plots into an overall great story. I look forward to future publications from Kevin.

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