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The occupied Channel Islands: the last outpost of German resistance at the end of a long and savage conflict. Most feared amongst them: St. Pierre, the heavily guarded fortress chosen by a crazed SS Commandant for his suicidal final stand. With Berlin on the verge of capture, it is the most sensitive mission of the war. An end game that calls for a hero - with something else besides. A game for a battle-hardened veteran ready to lay down his life for his birthplace. And for the woman he left behind....

## A Game for Heroes Details

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### **Bubba61909 says**

I really like war books and this is another that I can say is on the good shelf. There is a lot of drama and action in this so I recommend it.

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### **David Rivett says**

a really good read & really enjoyed it even though I have read itsome years ago. Worth reading again.

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### **Praveer Nath says**

Fast paced and a good read

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### **Jim says**

Interesting for being set in an overlooked corner of World War II, the Channel Islands, the only part of Britain occupied by the Germans. In this story, the war is ending, but a fanatical Nazi commander of one of the islands (the fictional St. Pierre) wants to make a last stand against the Allies. English agent Owen Morgan is sent in to prevent a bloodbath... I give it \*\*\* because this is one of Higgins' earlier efforts ( published in 1970) and not up to the standard of "The Eagle Has Landed," his great WWII classic thriller.

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### **L.J. says**

The concept of the story is great, and I think Higgins cannot be faulted for his knowledge of the subject matter as he brings the setting and characters to life really well. He is a great story teller and has a great imagination. I didn't give this book a high mark because it is a little tedious after reading his other books I caught myself feeling too much like I had read this before only a better version and it was just in a different location. It is a good summertime, beach read otherwise there are better Higgins books. Fun just not his better reads.

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### **J.T. says**

This wartime thriller features nazis, British and American colonels and sergeants, and ostensibly it is about a spy mission to destroy a German mcguffin-installation in the Channel islands, but it's perversely enough not really a war novel. A compact and muscular men-on-a-mission thriller that turns to a character study and a maritime disaster yarn, this is a terrific, propulsive read. It doesn't matter what colors you wear in a war; people are people, relationships demand attention, and if you work together you can achieve much more than

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you can on your own. A fine, fast read.

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### **Dan says**

A library audio book that kept me awake while traveling cross country. It almost didn't do the job--the book was pretty slow to start and the guy who did the recording was hard to understand at first. But once the story got going I enjoyed the action and the WWII history lesson.

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### **Alan says**

My father's family lived in the Channel Islands so I had always wanted to read this book and as with all of his WWII stories Higgins delivers. The characters are compelling if more than a little jaded. Many of the Germans are pictured as being as heroic as their enemies. Great plot with a number of excellent non-war twists.

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### **Mike Kennedy says**

I listened to an audio version of this book. It was ok. A story set at the end of World War II. The Nazi's are holding out at the end of the war on the Channel Islands. It was kind of slow at first, and it just seemed to ramble on without much purposed. The last third of the book was much better, but still not great. It killed a good amount of time in the car during a long week on the road.

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### **Linda says**

Guernsey Islands. 1984 - copyright 1970

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### **Michel says**

Just read it again on vacation - a thumping good read indeed, even though it sacrifices to the genre's tradition of happy-ending-all-around, as if the war only killed villains and far distant acquaintances: friends and heroes survive (oops! was that a spoiler?)

A little too much machismo for today's tastes maybe, but hey, this was the war, sissies didn't make it in the special forces.

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### **Penny says**

Love this author. Even his worst books are always entertaining. This one has a copyright date of 1970 by James Graham. Higgins has several pen names (Patterson, Harry; Fallon, Martin; Graham, James; Marlowe, Hugh) so he can be difficult to track sometimes.

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He is at his best when writing about the WWII as in his classic "The Eagle has Landed". This novel is about the German occupation of an imaginary island in the Channel Islands. If you have read "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" it makes this novel seem even more real.

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### **Rebecca says**

That was really disappointing. This is one of Jack Higgins early novels written under the name of James Graham in 1970 and it shows. Compared to Higgins later novels it is very rough. I found it odd as two of the characters Steiner and Radl, Higgins obviously decided to use again in what became his breakout novel 'The Eagle has Landed' in 1975. The Steiner if this book (Manfred rather than Kurt) like that in Eagle was probably the only character in this book I liked! Radl this time was the proper baddie of the back unlike in Eagle when he again is quite likeable. For me, I didn't even like the protagonist of the book Owen Morgan and overall was very underwhelmed with this book. Though I finished it I could not bring myself to give it 3 stars it was more like 2.5 and in this case I rounded down.

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### **Scott says**

A Game for Heroes was a slow somewhat boring book. It is not worth reading. The characters are as interesting as cardboard cut outs. There is nothing redeeming about the book. Don't waste your time.

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### **Greg says**

Not up to his usual work.

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