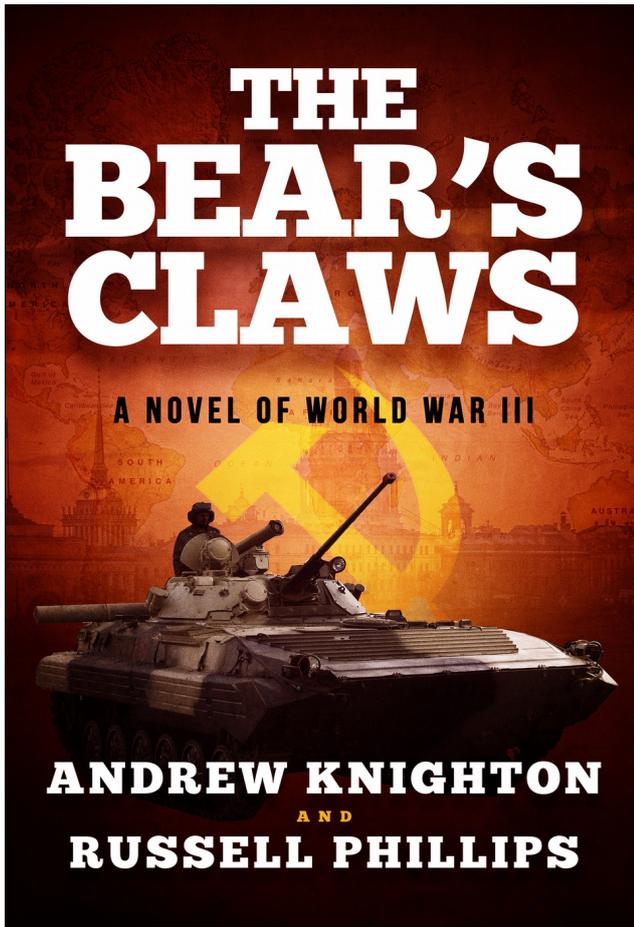


# The Bear's Claws

## A Novel of World War III



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even death. Will this war birth the second revolution the nation is crying out for? Or will the people be trampled underfoot by the establishment once more?

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