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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Full of whodunit twists and explosive action, Scalzi's third SF novel lacks the galactic intensity of its two related predecessors, but makes up for it with entertaining storytelling on a very human scale. Several years after the events of *The Ghost Brigades* (2006), John Perry, the hero of *Old Man's War* (2005), and Jane Sagan are leading a normal life as administrator and constable on the colonial planet Huckleberry with their adopted daughter, Zoë, when they get conscripted to run a new colony, ominously named Roanoke. When the colonists are dropped onto a different planet than the one they expected, they find themselves caught in a confrontation between the human Colonial Union and the alien confederation called the Conclave. Hugo-finalist Scalzi avoids political allegory, promoting individual compassion and honesty and downplaying patriotic loyalty—except in the case of the inscrutable Obin, hive-mind aliens whose devotion to Zoë will remind fans of the benevolent role Captain Nemo plays in Verne's *Mysterious Island*. Some readers may find the deus ex machina element a tad heavy-handed, but it helps keep up the momentum. (May)

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From *Booklist*

Scalzi's Hugo finalist, *Old Man's War* (2005) first spawned the equally entertaining *Ghost Brigades* (2006). And now, a third volume reprises the story of John Perry, former planet-hopping soldier who has now traded his genetically enhanced second body for a commonplace one and a peaceful retirement. Free from the stresses of battle, he's enjoying domestic bliss with his wife and adopted daughter on a remote Colonial Union world. Then a former commanding general drops by with a tempting proposal. Perry and his wife are apparently the perfect candidates to lead a promising new colony populated by citizens from 10 worlds. They accept, but then the CU deceitfully strands them and their charges on an unknown world. Perry discovers they are pawns in a deadly game calculated to destroy an alien coalition whose purposes include blocking further human colonization. A less-action-laden story line ratchets the excitement down from that of the previous books, but Scalzi's captivating blend of off-world adventure and political intrigue remains consistently engaging. *Carl Hays*

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Review

“*The Last Colony* will kick your butt across the galaxy and make you care.” ?*Rick Kleffel, The Agony Column, on The Last Colony*

“Scalzi's captivating blend of off-world adventure and political intrigue remains consistently engaging.” ?*Booklist on The Last Colony*

“The sequel to *Old Man's War* combines taut military action with keen insights into the moral issues revolving around developing technologies. Scalzi has a finely tuned sense of balance between personal drama and the 'big picture' ... Highly recommended.” ?*Library Journal (starred review) on The Ghost Brigades*

“A mix of *Starship Troopers* and *Universal Soldier*, *Ghost* evokes awakening, betrayal, and combat in the best military sci-fi tradition.” ?*Entertainment Weekly on The Ghost Brigades*

“An impressive piece of work.” ?*Philadelphia Inquirer on The Ghost Brigades*

“Fast and deep...I like the galaxy this author's playing in, the characters he limns, the situations he's playing with, and I'm glad there's at least one more volume on the way.” *?San Diego Union-Tribune on The Ghost Brigades*

“In Heinleinesque fashion, the book is loaded with scenes of comradeship, isolation, ruthlessness and the protocols, which govern the lives of active-duty soldiers. But this is where Scalzi, famous for his blog ‘The Whatever,’ surpasses Heinlein. Scalzi weaves in subtle discussions of humanity's growing fear of aging and our simultaneous attraction and repulsion to the Frankenstein-like creatures we are able to create.” *?San Antonio Express-News on The Ghost Brigades*

“Scalzi is a natural heir to Heinlein, and his second book in this series is a good old-fashioned space opera, which takes time to question the nature of free will.” *?St. Louis Press-Dispatch on The Ghost Brigades*

“Astonishingly proficient.” *?Publishers Weekly (starred review) on Old Man's War*

“Top-notch. His combat scenes are blood-roiling. His dialogue is suitably snappy and profane. And the moral and philosophical issues he raises... insert useful ethical burrs under the military saddle of the story.” *?The Washington Post on Old Man's War*

“Smartly conceived and thoroughly entertaining, *Old Man's War* is a splendid novel.” *?Cleveland Plain-Dealer*

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