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Editorial Review

From Booklist
Sort of a mixed bag here from the author of Redshirts (2012) and other fine sf novels. Scalzi's writing is as readable as ever, but the story—set in the universe of his Old Man's War (2004)—is a bit unfocused. But that's probably unavoidable, given that the novel began life as a 13-part online serial. Here's the premise: the Colonial Union is on the outs from planet Earth, the union's big secret—that it has used humanity as a sort of factory for its soldiers—having recently been revealed. An allied group of alien races, the Conclave, is courting humanity, offering safety in their vast numbers, but this could spell disaster for the CU. Each of the book's 13 interconnected stories adds a piece to the picture, using multiple points of view to move the narrative forward. Readers expecting a straightforward sequel to Old Man's War and its follow-ups may be disappointed, but any new novel from the extremely talented Scalzi is always good news, and this one, despite its experimental feel and shifting narrative, is one more proof that he's an unqualified A-lister in the genre. --David Pitt

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"If anyone stands at the core of the American science fiction tradition at the moment, it is Scalzi." ?*The Encyclopedia of Science Fiction, Third Edition*

"John Scalzi is the most entertaining, accessible writer working in SF today." ?*Joe Hill, New York Times bestselling author of Heart-Shaped Box*

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"Heartstopping in its absolute rightness." ?*RT Book Reviews, Top Pick! on The Last Colony*

"Astonishingly proficient." ?*Publishers Weekly, starred review on Old Man's War*

About the Author

JOHN SCALZI is the author of several SF novels including his massively successful debut *Old Man's War* and the *New York Times* bestsellers *The Last Colony*, *Fuzzy Nation*, and *Redshirts*. He is a winner of science fiction's John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer, and he won the Hugo Award for *Your Hate Mail Will Be Graded*, a collection of essays from his popular blog The Whatever. He lives in Ohio with his wife and daughter.

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