The Ghost Brigades are the Special Forces of the Colonial Defense Forces, elite troops created from the DNA of the dead and turned into the perfect soldiers for the CDF+s toughest operations. They+re young, they+re fast and strong, and they+re totally without normal human qualms. The universe is a dangerous place for humanity-and it+s about to become far more dangerous. Three races that humans have clashed with before have allied to halt our expansion into space. Their linchpin: the turncoat military scientist Charles Boutin, who knows the CDF+s biggest military secrets. To prevail, the CDF must find out why Boutin did what he did.

Jared Dirac is the only human who can provide answers-a superhuman hybrid, created from Boutin+s DNA, whose brain is uniquely able to access Boutin+s electronic memories. But when the memory transplant appears to fail, Jared is given over to the Ghost Brigades. At first Jared is a perfect soldier, but as memories surface, he begins to intuit the reasons for Boutin+s betrayal. As Jared desperately hunts for his father, he must also come to grips with his own choices. Time is running out: the alliance is preparing its offensive, and some of them plan worse things than humanity+s mere military defeat . . . .

My Personal Review:
This is another masterful, if not brilliant, work from someone who is rapidly becoming the standard-bearer of the sci-fi genre. I generally dont take the time to review big-name authors because they already get the attention that lesser and barely known writers crave, but Scalzis work is certainly worthy of my time. There have been some comments here that it is somehow not as good as `Old Mans War, but I disagree. Perhaps that is because Im becoming used to the idea of green-skinned humans, but I think its not the case. The interwoven and superbly organized plot tells me that this work is a piece worthy of the best literary giants - something that sci-fi writers rarely get credit for.

There are editing mistakes, which for some reason is never brought up when reviewers cover the big publishing houses, but are always quick to point out when POD books are covered. A couple of examples: page 70, line 6 Thats why it feel likes you know things already, because your brain has been prepared to learn it. or page 98, line 2 No else thought that was funny. There are others, but the point is even the big houses make editing mistakes. My own work is not exempt from such failings, and I shamefully
admit it, so I can't be condescending to a big-time publisher for a few minor mistakes. All in all, I would say it was excellently edited. The small mistakes only prove that we are, in the end, only human.

Buy this book! It will be one of those little treasures on your bookcase, to be saved for another reading sometime in the future.

B.W. Philpot

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