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Daniel says

Mini itervju glavnog lika iz knjiga. Simpatično ali totalno nepotrebno sem kao zabava.

Krista says

I am not sure how something can be short and pedantic at the same time but this story manages it. Scalzi's novels are way better than his short stories if this is any indication.

Alessio says

Divertente racconto ambientato nell'universo delle CU. Un bel capitolo per comprendere un po' della vita non raccontata di John Perry.

Emerson says

Conto bem curto e divertido que se passa alguns meses após o final de A Guerra do Velho. Neste conto John Perry está sento apresentado a uma platéia e responde perguntas de alguns coloniais que não estão muito felizes com o modo de vida de seus novos planetas.

O conto é bem curto e complementa algumas informações apresentadas no primeiro livro da série, e nos faz gostar mais do nosso protagonista de língua afiada.

Tudor Vlad says

This was a transcript of a Q&A session that John Perry had as part of a PR tour for the CDF. As far as plot goes, this short story won't advance anything in the Old Man's War universe, but it was really enjoyable and fun.

G33z3r says

This is a short story set in Scalzi's "Old Man's War" universe and involving the main character, a soldier for the star-spanning human Colonial Defense Force, from that novel after its events. It's in the form of a transcript of a Q&A session with some colonists. Presumably, it was intended to answer a few fan questions, though by now, if you have read The Ghost Brigades and The Last Colony sequels, I don't think it will tell you anything you didn't already know, except perhaps to clarify the political situation on earth and in the CDF (and that political situation will change drastically after The Last Colony, as illustrated in Scalzi's latest

addition to the series, The Human Division.

And since it's just a Q&A, nothing actually happens (though John tells one of his old war stories). So in the end, I think all but the most rabid, die-hard fans of this series can easily skip this.

Brendan says

3.5

I enjoyed Old Man's War and I am now awaiting book 2 from the library, so I thought I would check out the 1.5 book listed here on Goodreads. This was just a short story and while interesting, doesn't really have that much use outside the core franchise. It's probably worth checking out if you are invested in the franchise like myself but if you are only interested in stories, you might find this lacking.

The story is just a Q&A transcript that dives into some of the questions left unanswered by the first book. This is the part I found to be interesting, it has that novelty factor that long time fans will crave and others won't even know exist. It is very short and you will find doesn't take up much of your time if you enjoyed the first book of the series by John Scalzi.

Why the 3.5?

I can't give you too much information with giving away the entire Q&A short story. All I will say is I wouldn't have purchased this if I knew what it was. I was slightly disappointed to learn it was a Q&A but on the other hand I learnt a little more about the universe John Scalzi has created and having a book like this will make some of the lingering questions and answers easier to digest.

My next kindle phone book is The Eight Tower by John A. Keel. I was hoping to read more about the Mothman Prophecies but found this book was cheaper at the time of purchase. Unsure what I'm in for but I'll share my thoughts when I've finished.

Unai says

Breve, pero curioso. John Perry en una colonia, en una charla informal con los colonos respondiendo a sus preguntas sobre las CDF y compartiendo un par de historias sobre otros planetas, otras especies y comiendo tarta.

Amy says

Quick, enjoyable Scalzi.

Maduck831 says

SHOULD NOT COUNT TOWARDS 50 BOOK GOAL Despite the three stars I recommend this. If I could I'd give it three and a half stars. Centers around Perry and questions asked to him by colonists. I really liked the idea behind this story and some of the ideas explored (objective of CDF re: imperialism, etc). Like

to how Perry's answers tie into the choices made in The Last Colony. If anything I wish there was more! Reason for the three stars is like with After the Coup (and granted these are short stories) it felt kind of rushed/unfinished. I wasn't looking for a novel or even a novella but as a short story I didn't feel there was any type of conclusion and as noted, there could've been more depth in Perry's answer (i.e. to the level explored in for example the Ghost Brigades). However, overall worth the read (it was like 99 cents) if you are a fan of this universe. As I read this after the Last Colony it makes me nostalgic towards Perry and the fact Scalzi may not write about him again (as noted at the end of the Last Colony by Scalzi), however hoping that won't be the case!

Indah Threez Lestari says

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Masih strong...

Transkrip ini intermission sebelum aku baca buku kedua seri John Perry, The Ghost Brigade.

Tapi supaya bisa mencicipi buku2 John Scalzi pelan-pelan, aku kudu melipir ke buku2 genre lain dulu...

Joel says

Writing: 4

Story/Plot: 4

Depth/Detail: 3

Enjoyment: 4

This is a quick, down-and-dirty little short story/novella from John Scalzi, in the rather unique format of an interview transcript. It follows the main character of *The Old Man's War*, John Perry, as he answers questions on one of the CDF colonies. It's short but to the point, and gives a little bit of accessory stories to chew on between books. It's not groundbreaking, and it is just a nibble at best, but it's well-written and interesting, has some of the world political rhetoric in it, and was an entertaining enough 15-20 minute read. I would have loved for it to be 2-3x as long, at the very least, but it was good for what it was.

Vagner Stefanello says

Review in Portuguese from Desbravando Livros:

Questions for a Soldier é um livrinho curto (menos de 30 páginas) que se passa alguns meses após os acontecimentos de Guerra do Velho. **John Perry mostrou ser um excelente combatente e subiu rapidamente nas fileiras do exército das Forças Coloniais de Defesa.** Agora uma de suas missões é fazer tours por alguns dos planetas já colonizados e explicar o papel da União Colonial nisso tudo.

A leitura é bem rapidinha, com John Perry sendo apresentado por um entrevistador e algumas das pessoas na plateia fazendo perguntas a ele sobre assuntos dos mais variados interesses, como o que é ser um soldado das

FCD, o que foi feito com seu corpo para ele voltar a ser jovem novamente, o que John Perry pensa a respeito das guerras contra as raças alienígenas, entre outras coisas.

Nosso protagonista também conta a respeito de alguns perrengues que passou durante uma de suas missões, quando foi atacado por vermes gigantes (que me lembraram muito do cenário de Duna, série do autor Frank Herbert) capazes de alterar facilmente todo o equilíbrio de um ecossistema.

Importante perceber que alguns colonistas não estão exatamente felizes com o modo de vida nos seus novos planetas. Como já mencionado em Guerra do Velho, os habitantes são provenientes dos países considerados de terceiro mundo lá na Terra, principalmente das regiões do Oriente Médio e África, enquanto os combatentes das FCD são predominantemente americanos, o que acaba gerando certo desconforto em alguns momentos. **Nada que a língua afiada e o bom humor do nosso John Perry não resolvam** ao responder as perguntas feitas pelo público presente, mesmo ao ser confrontado com acusações de que a estrutura das FCD é extremamente racista e totalitária.

Questions for a Soldier é aquele tipo de livro que todo leitor que deseja saber ainda mais sobre uma série que gosta deveria ler, pois contém informações úteis e que complementam as já apresentadas no livro #1 da saga, Guerra do Velho. Fã que é fã nunca está satisfeita e sempre quer mais. ;)

César Bustíos says

I'm about to finish The Last Colony. I should have read this one before but what the hell, there are a couple of stories from Captain Perry here that are worth the reading. You also get the chance to meet Savitri for the first time.

That worm-infested planet felt very Frank Herbert:

Arnis says

<https://poseidons99.wordpress.com/201...>
