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Novel by John Scalzi Redshirts Written byJohn ScalziCountryUnidal States of AmericaLanguageEnglishGenreComic Science FictionPublisherTor BooksPublication DateJune 5, 2012Pages317AwardsHugo Award for Best Novel (2013)Locus Award for Best Sci-Fi Novel (2013)ISBN978-0-7653-1699-8Redshirts (originally titled Redshirts: A Novel with Three Codes) is a parody novel by science fiction writer John Sastatalzi. The book was published by Tor Books in June 2012. The audiobook of the novel is narrated by Wil Wheaton. In 2013, the book won the Hugo Award for Best Novel and the Locus Award for Best Sci-Fi Novel. Plot summary In the prologue, several senior officers of Intrepid, the flagship of the Universal Union, lament the unusually high number of victims of low-ranking crew members during recent missions and conclude that they will need more crew members to replace them. Docking at the cosmodrome, Intrepid takes on five new warrant officers, including Andrew Dahl, an expert in alien religions and xenobiology; Dahl quickly recognizes that the crew is extremely phobiad of being close to senior officers and going on departure missions because of their unusually high mortality rate. During several flight missions, various crew members assume that death is due to incompetence, superstition, or space forces requiring the sacrifices of some crew members, so that others will survive. After several close calls, Dahl meets Jenkins, a crew member, who offers a different theory: their reality and chronology are influenced by the periodic influence of a poorly written television show from the past. As writers create a plot, free characters temporarily cease to progress the show's narrative. That's why otherwise good officers sometimes seem incompetent, warrant officers make bad decisions, and the ship has mysterious technology on board to produce last-minute inventions and drugs that would otherwise be impossible to produce. Jenkins explains that with Dahl and other Ensigns's otherwise routine duties, their colorful stories will inevitably make them narrative targets when writers need glorified extras to kill for emotional impact. The warrant officers kidnap the senior officer and continue to travel back in time with a mission to convince them to stop the show. Once there, they meet their actor doubles and realize that they have exact parallels, right down to their scars and skin spots. Even their imaginary stories became inalienable events in the life of warrant officers. Using this to his advantage, Dahl makes a deal with the show's producer and lead writer, who turns out to be Jenkins' doppelganger to save the producer's comatose son's life by switching him with his doppelg'nger crew member. Because the producer's son appeared on the show as one of the crew members was actually his identical twin, and would return to the identity of the young man, remaining in the past. Conversely, Dahl explains that bringing a comatose son into the future will allow them to use Narrative to their advantage, allowing cutting-edge technologies and reality-changing writing properties to revive him. Dahl and the warrant officers return to the future and live on a new revised plot created by the main writer, which includes the rescue of the wounded crew member they had on board. Rescuing the ship, Dahl sacrifices himself to save the senior officer for the sake of storytelling. Awakening later, Dahl receives a message from writers and producers explaining his recovery, and they promise to make the life of the crew meaningful rather than use death as a quick plot device. Dahl then compares the close calls he had to those of the main characters of the TV show, and betrays that there is another story to defend him that makes him wonder if he is actually a hero in another story. The novel contains three epilogues. In the first of these, the chief writer deals with the writer's block as a consequence of his poor writing choices. The producer's second son, returning to his identity from switching with him to the crew, determines to do something useful with the second chance at life he received. In the third, the actress, who once played an additional role in the show, receives a message showing intimate details of a woman whose life and death she helped create. She perpetuates the memory of her lost sister on the beach and meets the main screenwriter of the show, both realizing that their characters on the show were married. Characters of new recruits on Intrepid: Ensign Andrew Dahl, the hero of the novel. Ensign Maya Duval, Kerensky's love interest. Ensign Jimmy Hanson, Dahl's best friend. His father is considered one of the richest men in the galaxy. Warrant officer Jasper Hester. He's the only character with no detailed backstory, because he was only created for the show's producer's son to appear on the show. He trades places with a comatose son to save his life. Ensign Finn, the only protagonist of the novel, who died defending Abernathy from assassination. Senior Officers intrepid and the main characters of the TV show: Captain Lucius Abernathy Research Fellow of the S'Eon Chief Engineer Paul West. Field missions, including his, will be claimed, are the most lethal for the supporting character. Anatoly Kerensky. Gets life-threatening injuries in almost every mission, but heals at high speed to be ready for the next mission. Medical Officer Hartnell's other crew in Intrepid: Officer Jenkins. Suffers a breakdown when his wife dies to promote the plot of the show. He hides in cargo tunnels and monitors all activity on the ship. He develops the theory that Intrepid events are influenced by a TV show, and develops means to travel to past to stop him. Lieutenant Collins, Dahl's direct officer in the exobiology lab. Dalia Ben Trinh, Jake Cassaway and Fiona Mbeke. They use Jenkin's warnings to avoid being assigned to field missions with senior officers, but the failure of this system causes Kassaway and Mbeke to die in a field mission with zeng. Ensign Davis, shown in the prologue, devours ground worms to create a plot point for a TV show. TELEVISION actor and film crew: Charles Paulson, the show's lead producer. Matt Paulson, Charles's son and actor playing Hester, is in a coma due to a motorcycle accident. Nick Weinstein, the show's lead writer and actor who played Jenkins. Mark Corey, the actor who plays Kerensky. Brian Abnett, the actor who plays Dahl. Samantha Martinez, the actress who played Jenkins' wife. The themes of the novel are the redshirt trail themes and the black box in television science fiction writings. The reception novel won the RT Reviewer's Choice Award for 2012, the 2013 Hugo Award for Best Novel, and the Locus Award for Best Science Fiction Novel, and the Geffen Award for Best Translation of a Sci-Fi Novel. John Schwartz of the New York Times noted that the plight of warrant officers as they realize that their position as characters in a television drama was similar to Rosencrantz and Guildenstern's dead, where the story tells what happens when his characters find out they're not in the real storyline. Forbes magazine praised the novel, saying: You don't have to be a hardcore fan of science fiction to enjoy Redshirts, although there are plenty of Easter eggs for anyone. And the beauty of the book is that it works on several levels. If you are looking for a fresh, fun read on the beach, this is your book. If you want to go down to the level and read it as a surreal meditation on character and genre like Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are dead, this is your book. ADAPTATIONS FX began developing a limited television series in 2014, but nothing materialized, and their production closed in 2017, when the rights returned to the book's author John Scalzi. References to Red Shirts: Unstoppable warrant officers get their own story, Talk of the Nation, NPR, July 12, 2012 - Red shirts novel with three codes. Mcmillan. Archive from the original 2012-07-16. Received on July 15, 2012. - Scalzi, John (April 2, 2012). Red shirts Audiobook News and Tabletop. 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