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In the distant future mankind creates sentient cybertanks patterned on the human brain to help fight their alien enemies. Then, inexplicably, the humans vanished. They just went away. All that is left of the human empire are the cybertanks who, in their own way, keep the human civilization alive. With an intelligence based on the human psyche, the cybertanks continue to defend human space, but also perform scientific research, create art, form committees and ponder the universe.

These are the stories of one of the first cybertanks, known to his friends as “Old Guy.” He has outlived most of his peers, and has had a wealth of experiences over his long life, but he is starting to slowly become obsolete. Join him and his comrades Double-Wide, Whiffle-Bat, Smoking Hole, Mondocat, and Bob, as they live and love and fight alien enemies such as the Amok, the Yllg, and the Fructoids.

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Frederick M Martone says

Good fun.

Excellent. Witty, enjoyable fun read. If you like Scalzi, Heinlein you will not be disappointed. Fast page Turner. Several stories placed in sequence . Just wish there was more

Sean Stewart says

Loved this book, and all of the follow on ones.

T.R.Trott says

Best read I've had in a long time .

I've always loved the bolo books by Keith Laumer
,this is like an updated continuation of his efforts . I highly recommend this author to any Laumer fan. First rate effort,I eagerly await its sequels.

Miguel Erwin says

Mein Gott man, if you haven't read this book you're missing out on one of if not THE best writing since the Bard put ink to paper (ok, in this case I read it on my kindle but we're splitting hairs here).

I read the entire series in a week (total added time, had to wait for the fourth book to be published, heh). This book grabs you by the ba....chin and takes you on a nonstop adventure where action, philosophy, physics, pathos and smart ass commentary are all explored with zeal.

Apologies to the author but I quoted Occam's 2nd and 3rd razors to a friend and he made it into a business model (eh? go figure).

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Batmensch says

Oh my goodness, what fun! Light, frothy, quick, it's a lovely read. Reminds me a bit of early Niven, especially in terms of humor in science fiction. Plus, he dislikes neoliberalism as much as I do!

Jonathan says

Ok, I admit it. I know the author, but I really did not want to like this book. I really didn't. I mean, 'I' was supposed to be the author around here and all that... but no, I started reading and was quite amazed at how well he did.

There are science fiction books that are 'hard' which strict to the laws of physics and known science- there are SF books that are 'funny' or cut' which generally don't. This book is somehow able to seem remarkably clever and witty (and yes downright amusing at times), while hiding behind what is really a very proper scientific framework.

The Giant tank do have anti-grav capabilities, but they generally use simple old tracks to get around because it is much more energy efficient. Makes sense. No one really understands the motivations behind aliens because... well because they are ALIEN. Big plasma guns are great, but really big ones are heavy so you have a trade off in weight vs. mobility. I found it a lot more interesting that I thought I would.

I never thought that what I would find the most memorable of the planetary assault scene would be bumper stickers, but I do. Bumper stickers on a gigantic many ton cybernetic tank. My puny words do not do it justice. And that's why I will admit to being a tad angry: I don't write this well!

Charles van Buren says

Entertaining, tongue in cheek sci-fi, October 1, 2017

Verified Purchase(What's this?)

This review is from: The Chronicles of Old Guy (Volume 1) (An Old Guy/Cybertank Adventure) (Kindle Edition)

Fortunately I read the second volume, Space Battleship Scharnhorst, first. If I hadn't, I doubt that I would have continued this series. It is a better book than this first volume. The series is obviously influenced by Keith Laumer's Bolo books and stories. I do not think that volume one is up to Laumer's standard but volume two is closer. As some others have noted, I don't care for the author's economic views but then he never really explains what he believes is so bad about neo-liberal economists and Milton Friedman in particular. Nor why his cybertank characters would think an Obama 2012 bumper sticker is cool. Like so many on the left he seems to simply expect all "right thinking" people to agree. One star for the politics. Four stars for the story and writing. A composite ranking of three stars.

Kathy Corpus says

Sorely disappointed

I thought this would be in the same vein as the Bolo series, by Keith Laumer. I was sorely disappointed.

christopher turner says

Couldn't even finish it...

and I don't know why. the story is written well, the action is fast paced and exciting, but for some reason I just couldn't finish this story. I started and stopped so many times over a month long period and got about about 75% through and just didn't feel like finishing. I didn't care for the bad guys (the amok), there just wasn't anything to them. the book had a haphazard continuity that I didn't care for....I'm having a hard time writing this because I really think the author writes well. I'm probably missing out by not reading other books in this series

Charles says

Excellent follow on to the bolo series

For its type it is wellwritten, and edited. The series of short stories are interesting in themselves with some fun characters and humor.

I think anyone who enjoyed the Bolo series will really like this.

Mike says

Certainly one of the best rides ive been on in a LONG time. The writing is fast paced and I laughed myself to tears. I think I must have read over half of the book to my wife to explain the sudden cackles that would periodically erupt from my chair as I was reading.

Ryan Ernest Bammann says

Old Guy rocks

It was a fun read. I always liked the Bolo stories and I was a tank crewman. So this collection of stories, with the smartass cybertank was right up my alley.

Cameron says

Different perspective

Quite enjoyed this. Different sort of perspective and took a little getting used to. Will read some more of these.

Wayne says

Excellent and fun read!

Brian says

A lot of people seem to love this book, but I'm not feeling it. I'd call it a bare 2.5 stars. It seemed a lot like the author was narrating a video game. But a lot of people rate it highly, so I suppose your experience will differ.
