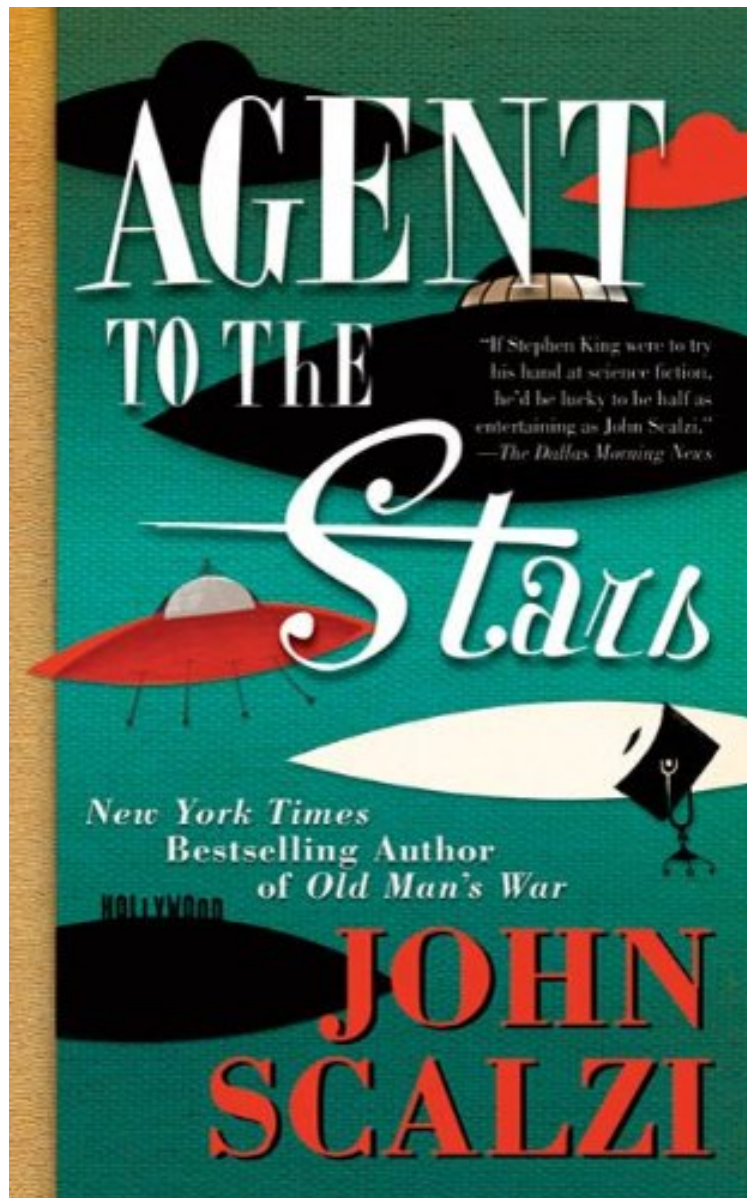


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Von John Scalzi : Agent to the Stars before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Agent to the Stars:

Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 4 von 4 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A must-have, Scalzi at his best Von Oliver Panzer A funny, witty, gripping novel - Scalzi at his best (hard to believey this is an very early work). Tom Stein is integer, utterly likable, and a rising talent in a Hollywood agency that represents actors.

He has just closed a major lucky deal for about the only promising client on his roster, when he is handed the most difficult job on the planet ... and beyond. His CEO informs him that friendly aliens wish to make use of the agency organising first contact with humanity. Unfortunately, the aliens are not altogether cut out for being sympathetic: protoplasmic blobs, who communicate by exchanging intensely nasty smells, and being able to body-snatch. Tom does his best as a mix of babysitter and ambassador to the secret envoy to earth, while at the same time not losing all of his -profoundly neurotic- clients, getting his twen-aged, cerebrally challenged starclient into a pitch to play an intellectual middle-aged Holocaust survivor and human rights activist, keep his head over the murky waters of a yellow press smear campaign against him, and finally find love en passant. Scalzi tells us in the author's notes that this was his test novel, whether he could write novels at all. It then proved to be "the novel that doesn't know when to stop": starting off from being published from the author's website in 1999, via limited edition in 2005, to finally a major paperback edition in 2008. The construction, character setting, and style is so good that its success is not a surprise. Great entertainment! (I would love to see the movie).

2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich.
 Very Funny and witty
 Von Michael Makowiecki
 This is a very funny and witty book. I have seldom enjoyed a such fun SFI book. One of the best since the hitchhikers guide to the galaxy from Douglas Adams

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich.
 Fantastisch
 Von Kermit
 Die Auerirdischen kommen in friedlicher Absicht. Aber werden die Menschen sie auch freundlich empfangen? Das Problem: Diese Auerirdischen sind schleimige, stinkende Klumpen. Um ihr Image zu verbessern wenden sie sich an einen Hollywood Agenten. John Scalzi entwickelt aus dieser absurden Idee eine geistreiche und in weiten Teilen zum Schreien komische Geschichte. Dabei karikiert er Hollywood, die Filmindustrie und neurotische Schauspieler genauso, wie das Science Fiction Genre im Ganzen. Das Buch lebt von der Story, die in sich schlüssig und logisch ist aber sich immer wieder zu vollkommen absurden Situationen entwickelt. Es gibt kein Buch, bei dem ich so oft und so laut gelacht habe. Es ist auch erfrischend, dass der Autor hier ohne Kampf von Gut gegen Bse und ohne drohenden Weltuntergang auskommt. Dieses Buch entspricht genau meinem Humor. Und das könnte ein Problem sein. Es geht zu der Sorte Bchern, die ich jedem empfehlen möchte, mich aber nicht traue. Vermutlich gibt es eine Rehe von Leuten, die diesem Buch gar nichts abgewinnen können, so wie es Leute gibt, die - als Beispiel - die neuen Disney Star Wars Folgen besser finden, als die alten. Oder Leute die Celine Dion _gerne_ hren. Und ich schließe mich einem meiner Vorrezensenten an: Bitte liebes Hollywood verfilme dieses Buch!

Kurzbeschreibung
 The space-faring Yherajk have come to Earth to meet us and to begin humanity's first interstellar friendship. There's just one problem: They're hideously ugly and they smell like rotting fish. So getting humanity's trust is a challenge. The Yherajk need someone who can help them close the deal. Enter Thomas Stein, who knows something about closing deals. He's one of Hollywood's hottest young agents. But although Stein may have just concluded the biggest deal of his career, it's quite another thing to negotiate for an entire alien race. To earn his percentage this time, he's going to need all the smarts, skills, and wits he can muster.

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