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BILL - the perfect Starship Trooper: big, brawny, and brainwashed. Possessor of two right arms (impressive when it comes to saluting) and a foot that is threatening to turn into something more suited to being an umbrella stand than anything that could be squeezed into a size 11 sneaker.

BILL - a perfect recruit for the good ship Bounty, bound for the Chinger war and carrying a cargo of as nice a company of homicidal misfits and maniacs as you could wish to meet outside of a penitentiary asylum (which is where they've just come from).

BILL, THE GALACTIC HERO - he's back, he's bad and about to meet the most hideous alien lifeform of his entire career. He'd do anything to save his skin without rocking the boat - but mutiny? On the Bounty?

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Colleen says

My favorite in this series. I remember reading it to my youngest sister one summer. Very funny and ridiculous.

Steven Cooke says

This one was a great improvement over the last one, and renewed my interest in the series! A well-done satirical link/reference to "The Mutiny on the Bounty", "The Caine Mutiny", "Star Trek: the Wrath of Khan" and "Aliens". The connections were coherent, funny (if you read/saw those books or movies) and consistent with the overall theme of the series.

The other "guest" authors are playing well with the premise, but Harry Harrison is still writing the best stuff, or Mr. Haldeman's sense of humor is just right in sync with his!

Joseph R. says

Bill, the Galactic Hero, is a human space trooper who has three arms, some tusks, and is regrowing his right foot. His new assignment is as Military Policeman to the starship Bounty, which is taking a bunch of prisoners to the front line of the Chinger war. The ship is a bit older and doesn't have a proper drive system, which means the trip will take months and months. Luckily, everyone will have served their term and be put to fighting when the trip is over. Unluckily, the only other non-prisoners on the ship are Captain Blight, First Mate Christianson, and science officer (and also android) Caine, so the prisoners make up the rest of the crew. More unluckily, Captain Blight has an obsession with okra and has devoted most of the ship's resources to growing it on board. So much is grown that it is the sole food for the crew. If that wasn't enough to cause a mutiny on the Bounty (and don't think that joke doesn't come up again and again), the ship crashes on a planet with an abandoned communication facility. Well, not quite abandoned. The dried-out husks of the former facility staff are there along with a lot of literally blood-thirsty aliens who start out as cute little ducklings. Soon enough they'll be giant acid-spewing monsters hungry for the Bounty's crew.

The novel is a light-weight comedy version of the Alien movies. The crew has to explore the facility and get some supplies to repair the ship, all the while avoiding the monsters. The jokes are a mish-mash of pop culture puns (the Caine Mutiny gets mentioned and the three clones are called Larry, Moe, and Curly) and general silliness. I didn't find it very funny but it made me smile a few times. There is none of the horror from the Alien movies. While the characters are scared, the situations are never that suspenseful and nothing is described in any sort of detail.

I have to say the "zombie vampires" were a bit of a let-down for me. It reminds me of the movie Mystery Men, where the villain is named Casanova Frankenstein. That's a great name for a villain but they did nothing with it, i.e. there was nothing particularly Casanova or Frankenstein about the character. The aliens do suck blood and eventually turn people into mummies, but mummies aren't zombies or vampires. They should have called this book "Bill, the Galactic Hero on the Planet of Alien Franchise Ripoffs."

I will not be seeking out any more of this series.

Rene Majer says

Nejblázniv?jší dobrodružství všech ?as? a vesmír?

Je dokonalým mezihv?zdným kavaleristou: velký, silný a vlastní dokonale vymytný (vypitý) mozek. Prost? perfektní hrdina: ochotný ud?lat cokoliv, aby si zachránil krk. (Jedna z mála ?ástí t?la, která je p?vodní.)

A znova povýšil. Stal se vojenským policistou na hv?zdném korábu. To vypadá dob?e. Jedinou jeho povinností je – st?ežit posádku v?z?? na cest? ke kosmickému vrakovišti. Nem?že být nic jednoduššího. Co na tom, že kapitán je šílenec? Všichni d?stojníci t?žcí mago?i? M?že se snad n?co stát?

Michael crage says

This book was not quite as bad as the first Harry Harrison book I read. It was almost readable for most of the book and did not get complete awful until near the end of it. There was even a glimpse of a plot. But it was still a waste of time reading if I had had anything else to read.

David 23 says

It made me laugh and the antics of Bill and the crew were well written.
