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HEAD ON

John Scalzi

John Scalzi returns with *Head On*, a chilling near-future SF with the thrills of a gritty cop procedural. *Head On* brings Scalzi's trademark snappy dialogue and technological speculation to the future world of sports.

Hilketa is a frenetic and violent pastime where players attack each other with swords and hammers. The main goal of the game: obtain your opponent's head and carry it through the goalposts. With flesh and bone bodies, a sport like this would be impossible. But all the players are "threeeps," robot-like bodies controlled by people with Haden's Syndrome, so anything goes. No one gets hurt, but the brutality is real and the crowds love it.

Until a star athlete drops dead on the playing field.

Is it an accident or murder? FBI Agents and Haden-related crime investigators, Chris Shane and Leslie Vann, are called in to uncover the truth—and in doing so travel to the darker side of the fast-growing sport of Hilketa, where fortunes are made or lost, and where players and owners do whatever it takes to win, on and off the field.

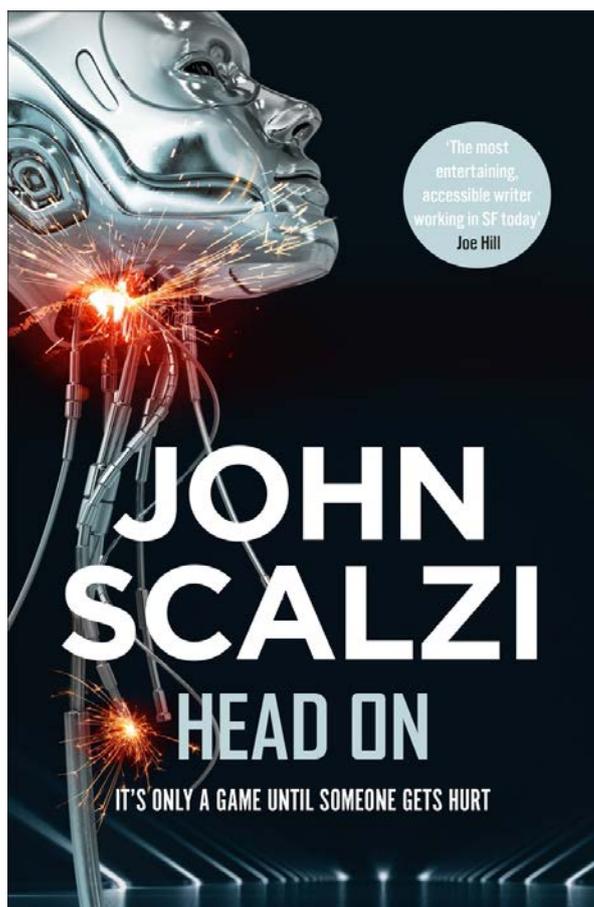
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

John Scalzi is one of the most popular and acclaimed SF authors to emerge in the last decade. His debut, *Old Man's War*, won him science fiction's John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer. His *New York Times* bestsellers include *The Last Colony*, *Fuzzy Nation*, *Lock In*, and also *Redshirts*, which won 2013's Hugo Award for Best Novel. Material from his widely read blog *The Whatever* (whatever.scalzi.com) has also earned him two other Hugo Awards. He lives in Ohio with his wife and daughter.

REVIEWS

'Scalzi takes his work to an entirely new level' Cory Doctorow

'A smart, thoughtful near-future thriller . . . This powerful novel will intrigue and entertain both fans and newcomers' *Publishers Weekly*, starred review for *Lock In*



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