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2030 Tokyo: While patrolling Tokyo's post-World War III refugee zones Togusa, the newest member of Section 9, discovers that one of the most powerful cyber-criminals his squad has ever faced has plans to kill their leader, Section 9 Chief Daisuke Aramaki, in one of three stories in this collection, and it will take all of the members of Section 9 to stop him. The action heats up in the stories "Double Targets," "First Love, Last Love" and "Revenge of the Cold Machines."

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Chance says

A little better than the volume 1, if not a bit more disjointed.

Jared says

This is a book of three shorter stories. I expected it to just wrap up each story and move on to the next one, however, it became clear after the second story that all three are certainly individual stories, but they all belong a greater plot arc that weaves like a thread through the fabric of each tale. Finally, it was very satisfying how the book concluded and things were tied up. It was a real surprise and treat. I couldn't say the same thing about another book in this same series. Still, I hope to read more by Junichi Fujisaku in the future.

And, on a more emotional note, I really enjoyed the center story, which focused almost exclusively on the Tachikomas. I love those little guys. It was great to see them get their own chance to shine.

Alithea says

Revenge of the Cold Machines is the second in a series of light-novels based on the Ghost in the Shell: Stand Alone Complex anime series. There are three stories that connect an overarching mystery that Section 9 must solve.

I really enjoyed it, as I enjoy all things Ghost in the Shell related. The characters voices carry nicely and all three stories are engaging.

Much like the series and the manga the scientific explanations can get overwhelming if you are not used to techno heavy science fiction, though I learned how to follow the jargon fairly simply.

The second story in the book is told from the point of view of an adorable Tachikoma think-tank. If you loved these guys in the anime series you're sure to find this chapter heartwarming and adorable.

Overall if you are a Ghost in the Shell fan already you'll probably really enjoy this book. If you are not familiar with the anime series, the original manga, or the Ghost in the Shell movies you might want to check those out first before picking up the light novels.

Stephen says

Very enjoyable but for Ghost in the Shell fans ONLY!

I found 4 mistakes. In the unlikely event of a re-publish let me know lol

Tina says

The weakest of the trio of Stand Alone Complex novels. Shaky narrative and a weak plot. Compared to Volume 1 and Volume 3, it's hard to believe this is the same author. :/

vonblubba says

Vale quanto detto per il vol.1

Qui la trama è forse leggermente inferiore. Il volume è composto da 3 racconti brevi. I primi due sono abbastanza banali e fanno da premessa per il terzo, più lungo e articolato.

Nel primo racconto, qualcuno assume un cecchino per assassinare Aramaki. Kusanagi & c si mettono all'opera per sventare l'attentato.

Nel secondo racconto uno dei Tachikoma viene spedito a lavorare in coppia con un ufficiale di polizia. Il più debole dei tre racconti.

Nel terzo racconto finalmente le cose si fanno interessanti. Un dirigente della Toyoda chemicals, una delle massime aziende produttrici di corpi cibernetici, viene rapito e poi inspiegabilmente rilasciato, senza nessuna richiesta di riscatto. La sezione 9 sospetta che qualcuno abbia sostituito il "brainshell" del corpo cibernetico del rapito.

Nel complesso, i primi due racconti sarebbero da 3 stelle, l'ultimo da 4. Media: 3 stelle :-)

[boredom.is.overrated] says

I loved it! Getting the Tachikoma's perspective is light, interesting, and uplifting. The two "fool" characters are not a new concept but they're still fun characters a briefly get some spotlight and I know that they make an appearance in the third book. I felt that breaking the plot into three parts made it a little confusing but I had gotten what was needed from the plot by the end. I found three errors in this book; errors seem to be common in light books, but the translation is much smoother (and flows better) than the first book. I would definitely recommend it if you're looking for something light and complicated T the same time - a feeling that only Ghost in the Shell seems to pull off so well. :]
