

GREEN CARD SOLDIER

An Historic Adventure Novel

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Dedication

According to the U.S. Department of Defense, there are about 31,000 non-citizens (approximately 1.5 percent of the force) currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard. More than 4,100 deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan from all branches of the Armed Forces. These brave men and women may be permanent legal residents, but they are not U.S. citizens. At the same time, they have voluntarily chosen to defend the very country where they now live.

Since the Revolutionary War, it's not been uncommon for refugees to take pride in America and want to show their patriotism by serving. Although newspaper, magazine and Internet coverage of "green card" troops has been extensive, little has been done to tell their stories through the heart and mind of a Green Card Soldier. That's what this literary voyage attempts to do.

It is an honor and a privilege for me to dedicate this book to those who routinely stand in harm's way and especially the heroes who've made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of America's freedom.

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