

GREEN CARD SOLDIER

An Historic Adventure Novel

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Plot Summary

Green Card Soldier is an historic adventure novel that follows the exploits of Andro Babich – a naïve, but inquisitive teenage soccer star frustrated by his mundane life on the family farm in Bosnia. In the early 1990s, Andro’s sporting hopes are drowned as the former Yugoslavia is battered by thunderous storms of religious and nationalistic disgust that rip apart families, villages and the vast Balkan countryside. Once-civil debate decays into hate mongering, land grabbing and ethnic cleansing on all sides.

This tragic tale is told by Heath Winslow – a cynical, yet self-deprecating, war correspondent who, for decades, has seen much the same in other locales around the globe. Both characters challenge readers with the question: *Can life become richer – and people stronger – when we look beyond labels to appreciate one another for the unique individuals we are?*

In the years that follow, Andro escapes to Greece, sails to America and joins the Army. As a *Green Card Soldier*, he soon earns his U.S. citizenship. Andro then returns to Bosnia as a USAID worker. During these vexing escapades, he meets a multitude of dynamic people and faces a mountain of barriers to reaching his life’s goal. This swarm of forces tests his drive and attempts to skew his moral compass. Andro eventually has an epiphany about achieving his quest... his life’s goal. In the end, our *Green Card Soldier* identifies several simple, but universal truisms that he intends to plant as part of his former homeland’s rebirth.

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