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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

If the members of Terry Pratchett's *Night Watch* and Robert Asprin's *Phule's Company* were conscripted into Mary Gentle's *Grunts*, the result would be something like this caustic genre-parodying second novel from Martinez (*Gil's All-Fright Diner*). Never Dead Ned is an accountant whose only talent is self-resurrection. Chosen to lead the notorious Ogre Company, Ned ingratiates himself by dying before the senior officers can finish conspiring to kill him, and comes back to life just in time to be caught up in a battle with Rucka, the world's most powerful demon. Martinez loves turning conventions upside-down: Ned is unbearably uncharismatic, Rucka is 19 inches tall, the wizard Belok is allergic to magic. That makes the predictable elements—the self-sacrificing supernatural guardian, the inevitable love triangle, Ned's world-changing destiny—seem even more hackneyed, somewhat diminishing the power and fun of the "gotchas." Once Martinez learns to strike that balance, he'll be a humorist to be reckoned with.

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Never Dead Ned has died 49 times but can't seem to stay dead. Afraid of death, anyway, he found a safe niche as an accountant for Brute's Legion. Upper management transfers him to command Ogre Company, the legion's dumping ground. He has one advantage over previous commanders: no matter what accident befalls, he comes back alive. And then he finds out why he never stays dead, after which he has to go to any length not to die again. That's harder than it seems when commanding such stellar specimens as a two-headed ogre, an orc who's oversensitive about looking like a goblin, a daredevil pilot goblin (and the not very trainable rocs he flies), a siren, a temperamental Amazon, and an oracle who hears and smells the future. Still, he has six months to whip Ogre Company into shape. Oh, for the love of Ned! Martinez's follow-up to *Gil's All-Fright Diner* (2005) is as joyfully fast paced and funny. Ogre Company tweaks fantasy cliches most excellently. *Regina Schroeder*

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Review

"[A] terrific debut. . . . Fans of Douglas Adams will happily sink their teeth into this combo platter of raunchy laughs and ectoplasmic ecstasy."--*Publishers Weekly* (starred review) on *Gil's All-Fright Diner*

"[A] laugh-out-loud comic fantasy that should appeal to fans of Terry Brooks's *Landover* novels."--*Library Journal* on *Gil's All-Fright Diner*

"Do you know a young man twelve to seventeen years old who hates reading? Does he love gory subjects, especially when action-packed sex, danger, horror, and fantasy are included? Then this is the book for him!"--*Voices of Youth Advocates* on *Gil's All-Fright Diner*

"Delightfully droll, this comic romp will be a crowd-pleaser."--*Booklist* on *Gil's All-Fright Diner*

"It's an appetizing snack perfect for devouring quickly over a hot cop o' joe."--*Fangoria* on *Gil's All-Fright Diner*

"If there's any justice in this world, Martinez is already working on a sequel to star Duke, Earl, Cathy, and the ghost of a plucky little dog."--*Analog Science Fiction and Fact* on *Gil's All-Fright Diner*

"It's horror both humorous and grisly, a twisted take on small-town America and buddy adventures."--*Locus* on *Gil's All Fright Diner*

"A supernatural concoction spicier and tastier than a bowl of Texas red. . . . The funniest book you ever read about the undead, the occult, and Armageddon."--*The Decatur Daily*, Alabama, on *Gil's All Fright Diner*

"Can a vampire find true love with a ghost? Can a teenage witch open the gates of Hell? Anything can happen in Martinez's wacky debut."--Charlaine Harris, bestselling author of *Dead to the World* on *Gil's All Fright Diner*

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