Kiln People

by David Brin

Kiln People is a 2002 science fiction novel by author David Brin. The book is set in the near-future, where technology allows people to place a copy of their personalities into animated clay bodies (called dittos or golems). In Brin's imagined future, folks are able to make inexpensive, disposable clay copies of themselves. Kiln People has been called a book of ideas disguised as a detective story and a technological exploration.