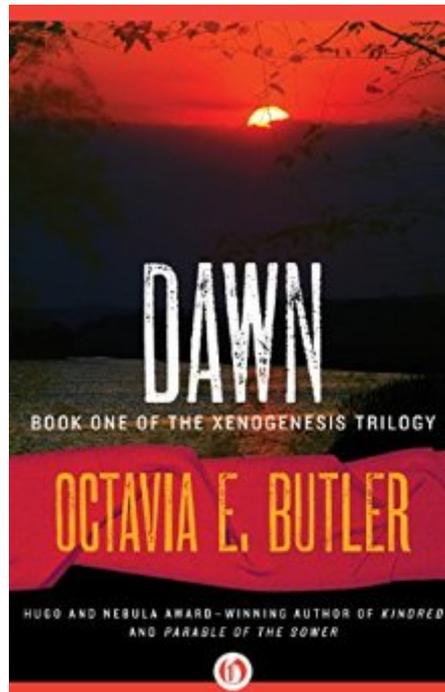


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# Dawn (The Xenogenesis Trilogy Book 1)



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I finished the book several days ago, and I'm still disturbed by it. In a sickly kind of way, I'm still curious about the story and keep revisiting parts of the book to settle whether I got it wrong, whether the author meant to write the story the way I interpreted what I read. The superiority of the aliens, in every way, the "bystanderish" attitude of the protagonist, even while watching rape of the person she cares for the most, and a sort of passive acceptance of the end of the human species, where those who object are also described as violent juvenile and backwards when dealing with their new situation. Pretty much every person not on board with what was going on, had no redeeming features when their characters were described, and that was very disturbing to me. The most violent of the humans, were those who most staunchly defended the survival of the species, In the ensuing fight I wanted them to win so badly, even though I knew they wouldn't. Usually my favorite authors are those who don't judge their characters, but I felt this author judged every character, and that I was in disagreement with her all the time - It bothered me a great deal, since while reading, I not only wanted to kill the aliens, but also severely beat some sense into the protagonist after she allowed "her" alien to rape the man she was with, even though he clearly said no to the act. - The alien replied with: your body says yes! while she was there and proceeded with the act. - To my knowledge, it is the fact that some rape victims feel their body betrays them, that they carry a sense of self loathing and deep shame far worse than any bruising they made have incurred. I was revolted.

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