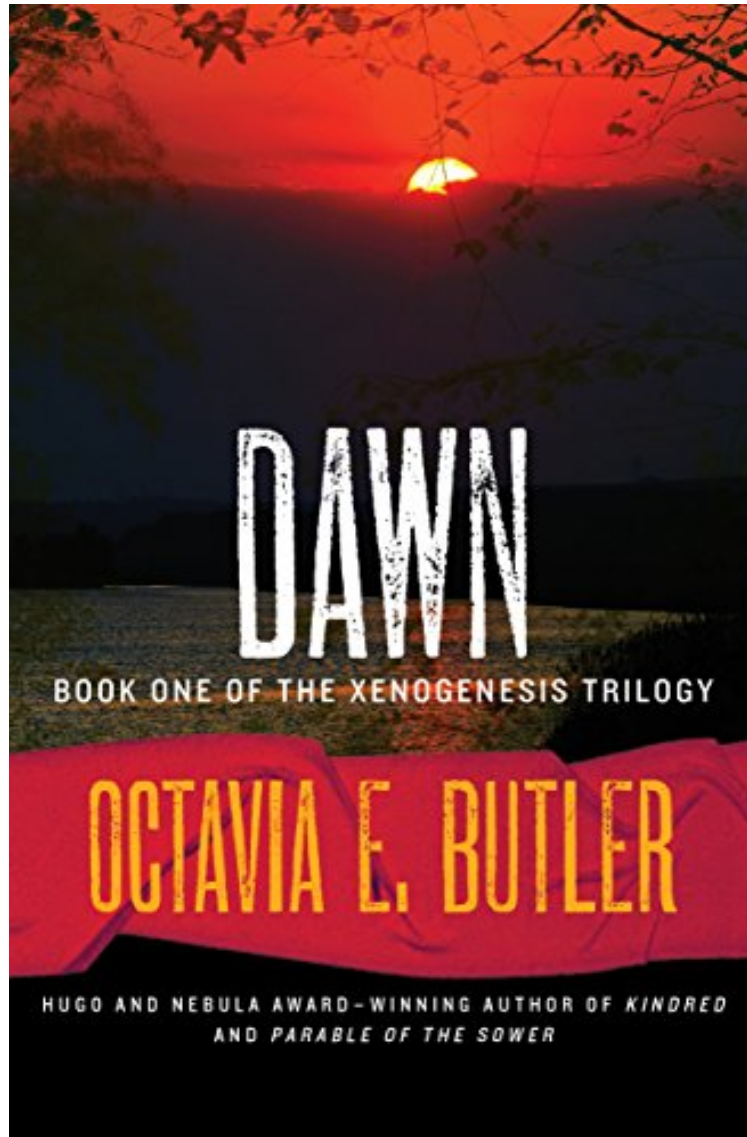


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Von Octavia E. Butler : Dawn (The Xenogenesis Trilogy) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Dawn (The Xenogenesis Trilogy):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Intriguing concepts but ploddingly writtenVon Douglas A. GreenbergIn this, the first novel in a trilogy about a possible post-apocalyptic human future, Octavia Butler has created a conjectural scenario in which humans are forced to question conventional notions of gender, species, and personal identity as the price for their continued survival. The

suggested forced interbreeding with an otherwise benign alien race brings us face to face with our collective uneasiness regarding being genetically manipulated to the point where we might no longer be truly "human." So far, so good--Butler's imagination and vision are truly exemplary, and these alone make the novel worthwhile. However, there are aspects of the work that I found irritating--most notably, the exceedingly low esteem in which Butler apparently holds just about all human beings, particularly males. One does not have to be a Pollyanna about human nature to find the human subjects of the Oankali experiment to be almost uniformly jarringly boorish, shallow, and pathological. The other aspect of the novel I found lacking was its literary style. Whereas Butler spins her tale in a careful, well-crafted fashion, the writing itself is generally sparse, even dull. No one will mistake this for the work of say, Ursula LeGuin. Consequently, there were times when, despite the fascinating events being described in the book, I found it a chore to force myself to keep reading. In the end, I certainly am glad I stuck it out, but it shouldn't have been such a struggle.

2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Good book, very interesting but... Von Michael D Ward This is a good book, well written with an extremely interesting premise--advanced (and very alien) aliens come to earth after a nuclear war and "save" mankind but turning humans into something else. The aliens call this a trade, a trade of genetic material in which each the two parties become something neither was before. The humans aren't thrilled with the idea and there lies the conflict. This is all well and good and certainly original and interesting but the humans in Butler's story seem too self destructive, too violent, and too unreasonable. At times Butler's aliens seem more realistic and more diverse than her human characters. Still, it is both startling and thought provoking. And certainly worth reading. Just don't expect it to be perfect.

1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Fabulous Trilogy with Believable Characters Von Ein Kunde Don't bother to waste time reading the rest of this review (or any of the others). Just immediately buy/order/borrow all three books in this trilogy. They were fabulous! I'm normally a fantasy reader and find sci-fi a bit dry. But Butler's characters are so real, so compelling and beautifully realized that they painlessly bring you to a contemplation of what it means to be human in all our beauty and painful inadequacy. I gobbled these books down one after the other in two days; they're just wonderful. It's nice if the fact that the protagonist is African-American is affirming for some folks, but I do have to say that to classify this as "African-American" writing is to limit it. Octavia Butler is a fabulous, interesting, insightful writer about the human (ok...and the alien) condition, and she and her heroine could be green with yellow polka dots. The fact that the books offer some racial insight was just a bonus for me.

Kurzbeschreibung An alien race calls on one woman to revive mankind after Earth's apocalypse in this science fiction classic from the award-winning author of *Parable of the Sower*.