

## Review of Emily Tesh's book *Some Desperate Glory*

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The book makes it obvious from the outset that the protagonist Kyr's *heroic view of her freedom-fighter society is going to be undermined*, but it still ends up taking a pretty surprising path. It's a good story with some interesting themes:

- Although the aliens *are portrayed sympathetically, the book resists giving a tidy or conclusive justification of their decision to destroy Earth. So Kyr's journey isn't a simple change of view about who the historical 'good guys' were. Rather, she's grappling with questions about what the reality of past injustice means for her own life.*
- Even as the characters try to *reject their extremist upbringings, they realize there will always be ways it's shaping them that they haven't yet noticed.*