



Lambda Sci-Fi
DC Area Gaylaxians



A Psalm for the Wild-Built
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Discussion Questions

1. Did you enjoy this book?
2. This book won the Hugo Award for best novella of 2022. Did you read any of the other finalists, and if so, did you agree with the award? (*Across the Green Grass Fields*, by Seanan McGuire; *Elder Race*, by Adrian Tchaikovsky; *Fireheart Tiger*, by Aliette de Bodard; *The Past Is Red*, by Catherynne M. Valente; *A Spindle Splintered*, by Alix E. Harrow)
3. What were some of the things you learned about the world and society in the pages leading up to Sibling Dex leaving the monastery? Was this effective world building?
4. Dex's vehicle is described as a wagon. How big do you think it was and what did you imagine it looked like?
5. What did you think of the technology this society used? Do you think it's feasible?
6. Dex's computer was "only" repaired five times in about 15 years and was built to last a lifetime. Did this make you laugh or cry?
7. Going off to a hermitage to find crickets sounds like a pretty low-stakes plot line. What did you think of the tone of this book? What sort of mood did it put you in?
8. The book asks a lot of questions. Which ones do you think are central to the theme?
9. What did you think of the writing style?
10. Would you read another book in this series? Why or why not?