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Galactica was trapped! A Cylon warfleet was lurking just a lightjump away. And Earth -- hopelessly primitive -- was completely unaware that the renegade Xaviar was rearranging history to make the planet into his private empire...

Only Captain Troy and Lieutenant Dillon knew just how dangerous Earth's predicament was. And if they had to save the ancient homeworld single-handedly -- well, that was a warrior's job!

Based on the pilot episode of Galactica 1980

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Daniel says

I'm trying to decide whether the self-congratulatory note, that readers of Sci-Fi are morally and intellectually superior to others, was the high or low point of the book.

Probably deserves one star less than what I've given it.

Carol says

standard novelization

Brian Schiebout says

Galactica Discovers Earth by Glen A. Larson and Michael Resnick is the fifth book in the Battlestar Galactica series. This book takes place many years after the original four books take place. Most of the heroes have died and Boxey has grown up. Commander Adama has discovered Earth only he has discovered that Earth in the year 1980 has nothing that can help them. However in the intermittent period Galactica's scientists have discovered a method of time travel. Thus this book takes place in three times the first is the Los Angeles area in 1980, the second is Germany during the second world war and the third is Galactica in the year 1980. In many ways the story comes across as a little campy but that may be because it takes place in a time right before I was born so to me today the year 1980 seems a little bit humorous. I found the theories behind this book though still inaccurate much better than the rest of the series. In 1980 the team from Galactica which includes Boxey grown up into Troy and Dillian discover that they don't have a clue how to function in a world where superfuge is commonplace and treacherous beings run. However their mission is cut short when one of the members of the leadership council of Galactica decides to rebel and help the Nazi's out during the second world war. I find that this makes perfect sense as in truth the tyranny of the Nazi's is more similar to the lifestyle on Galactica than anything in the modern western world. In the end however the two heroes discredit the traitor's rockets and cause him to continue to flee through history. When they return to 1980 they discover they must maintain the history that has occurred so as to keep things safe. I would argue however that we must fight to make the world a better place not merely to preserve what tradition has led us to but to make people better for the future.

Tim says

Written for the juvenile mind, I think. And so, a perfect fit for my reading style. :-p

I would have enjoyed this a great deal more when I was in middle school, even though I was less fond of Galactica's adventures on Earth than I was of her adventures in deep space. This novelization of the less than stellar TV show was faithful to the original, at least. There were a few scenes in the book that were, I think,

cut from the final broadcast version. Most of them added very little to the story as I remember it.

And I remember it reasonably well. Though I saw it broadcast only once that I remember, I recorded the audio onto my portable cassette deck, and listened to it over and over, complete with my juvenile comments as a running commentary. As a result, I was able to pick out exact lines from the film, and exactly where they deviated from the broadcast. Pretty darn nerdy, I have to say.

While I couldn't possibly recommend this book to anyone who wasn't a fan of the original series, I found it a good diversion, recalling for me one of the nerdy pleasures of a youth spent in front of the tube . . . and beside my portable cassette deck.

Exanimis says

the book is a little better than the series it is based on but *Gallactica 1980* wasn't a very good show.
