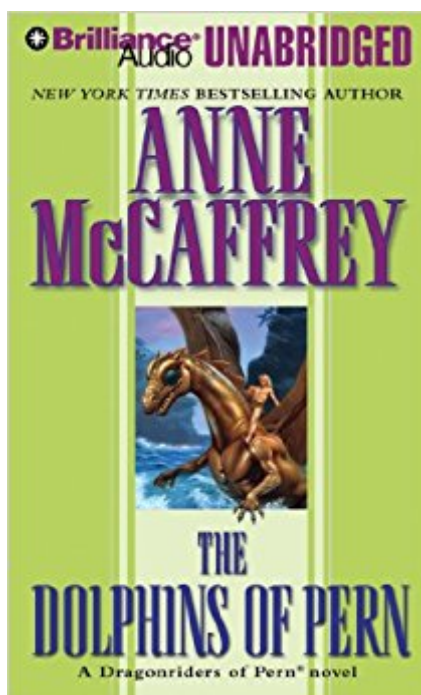


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# The Dolphins Of Pern (Dragonriders Of Pern Series)



## Synopsis

When the first humans came to settle the planet Pern, they did not come alone: intelligence-enhanced dolphins also crossed the stars to colonize Pern's oceans while their human partners settled the vast continents. But then disaster struck. The deadly silver spores called Thread fell like rain from the sky, and as human colonists' dreams of a new, idyllic life shattered into a desperate struggle for survival, the dolphins were forgotten. Now, centuries later, as the dragonriders of Pern prepare to complete the momentous task of ridding their world of Thread forever, T'Pol, a young bronze rider, and his friend Readis, son of the Lord Holder of Paradise River Hold, make contact with the legendary "shipfish." And as the dragonriders grapple with the end of an era, T'Pol, Readis, and the dolphins face the start of a new one: reviving the bond between land- and ocean-dwellers and resurrecting the dreams of the first colonists of Pern.

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## Customer Reviews

In this latest addition to McCaffrey's popular Pern series (Chronicles of Pern: First Fall, etc.), the humans of Pern are reunited, after eons of noncontact, with the intelligent dolphins who had originally settled the planet with them. When a boy, Readis, is rescued by "shipfish" and realizes that they can talk, he develops a lifelong obsession with the fascinating creatures. But, though his interest is shared by the young dragonrider T'Pol and his dragon, Gadareth, it is forbidden by his mother, who has feared the unusual ever since she was kidnapped by outlaws because of her ability to hear and talk with dragons. Readis pursues his briney friendships nonetheless, reporting

his findings to the computer, Aivas, which is attempting to guide the humans to a new era by freeing Pern forever from the devastating, life-consuming Thread. Meanwhile, the leading dragonriders and holdlords must act to contain the lust for land and power of Toric, Lord Holder of the South. Expanding upon events related in *All the Weyrs of Pern*, McCaffrey here adds yet another dimension to her colorful and vivid saga by focusing on the attractive dolphins and their highly believable society. Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Preloaded Digital Audio Player edition.

Rescued from drowning by a pair of dolphins, a young boy embarks on a lifelong mission to reestablish ties with the third most intelligent species on the planet Pern. This latest installment of McCaffrey's most popular series (*The Chronicles of Pern*, LJ 10/15/93) features a resourceful and determined human hero as well as a host of appealing dolphins as the supporting characters. The author's unnecessary reliance on parental opposition as a stumbling block to the fulfillment of her protagonist's dream is the only weak point in an otherwise solid contribution to the growing literature of Pern. Demand will be considerable for this title. Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Preloaded Digital Audio Player edition.

I read this long ago. I recently picked up a large collection of McCaffrey hardback (many first edition) novels. I felt somehow in Her presence as I was about halfway through this book when she passed to 'between.' This is not my favorite book of the Pern novels, but it ranks very high. I am passionate about dolphins and swimming... and dragons. But at times I wished for more of Readis's life than the life of the 'politicians' of the planet. I wished for more science discovery. There was a lot of that, but I wanted more. But I know these are the threads of the next books and the evolving of Pern, so I shouldn't complain. Though I have the hardback, I now prefer to read on Kindle where it doesn't hurt my eyes. And at times I need the audio version to listen to when my eyes get tired. Since the text to speech tool didn't work on this novel I downloaded the Audible version. Hearing a human voice narrating is always preferable to the computerized versions, anyway. Mel Foster's interpretation was different than what I expected. I think, knowing that Anne McCaffrey is of Irish descent, I expected a brogue to come from the sea holds rather than what sounded a southern drawl. But that was Mel's interpretation and I soon adjusted. He did a decent job keeping the character's voices dissimilar enough to know who was talking when. I look forward to 'worming' my way through all of Anne's books, those I have read and those I haven't yet. I hope I can afford to use Audible/Kindle help to do this. R.I.P. to my most favorite author. Let the all humans, firelizards, dolphins and dragons

keen:Drummer, beat and Piper, blowHarper, strike and Soldier, goFree the flame and sear the  
grassesAs the dawning Red Star passes...Until eternity passesFor Anne McCaffrey

If, like me, you've read several of the other books in the "Pern" series, this book provides a pleasant return to an engaging scifi world. Names and places are familiar and that makes it an easy book to get into. The downside to THE DOLPHINS OF PERN, however, is twofold. First, there are a great many references to characters and events from previous books that, because it's been a while since my last visit to Pern, I had only vague recollections of. It would have been nice if people and events from previous stories were brought in with more background to refresh the reader's memory. Second, and more importantly, the story has almost no plot. It reads as a chronicle of events that are, in some cases, almost unrelated. The issue between Lord Toric and the other Holders and the Dragonriders, for instance, is straightforward and has no direct connection with the developing relationship between humans and dolphins. Further, the growth of that relationship is very linear, with little that would qualify as a significant complication. Toric simply steps out of line gets his wrists slapped. Additionally, the notion of a "normally" social teenage boy who is so obsessed with dolphins that he is elated with the opportunity to isolate himself from other humans (including girls) for a long period of time is difficult to accept. THE DOLPHINS OF PERN qualifies as little more than a casual return to the intriguing world of Pern. It's OK as an update of events on Pern, but if you're looking for an actual story, you won't find it here. In my opinion, this is the least interesting book of those I've read in the Pern series, so far. If you're a fan, you might enjoy the revisit, but I don't recommend this installment for casual readers.

As always Ann McCaffrey writes a novel that draws you into it allowing you to experience the characters lives. You experience every tear of sadness and joy, every highlight in their lives, and every tragedy. The birth of a babydragon during impression calls you to walk the hot, hot sands of Pern as a candidate. I enjoy novels of Pern over-and-over again and again. If you have never experienced this wonderful and exciting world of Pern now is the time to buy the series of books. They are an awesome read. No matter how many times you read the book series, you will want to pick it up again for the experience. You will not want to put the book down. You will never sell it, lend it out (without a lending book list, maybe), or throw it out. Settle back and take a moment to read.

Dolphins is one of my very favorite books this new purchase was to replace the original purchased

new that was severely falling apart Anne McCaffrey's Dragonrider series has been my favorite since they were first written.. I vacation there yearly

Great series

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good read

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