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Dragonsdawn (Dragonriders Of Pern Series)



Synopsis

The beautiful planet Pern seemed a paradise to its new colonists—until unimaginable terror turned it into hell. Suddenly deadly spores were falling like silver threads from the sky, devouring everything—and everyone—in their path. It began to look as if the colony, cut off from Earth and lacking the resources to combat the menace, was doomed. Then some of the colonists noticed that the small, dragonlike lizards that inhabited their new world were joining the fight against Thread, breathing fire on it and teleporting to safety. If only, they thought, the dragonets were big enough for a human to ride and intelligent enough to work as a team with a rider. And so they set their most talented geneticist to work to create the creatures Pern so desperately needed—Dragons!

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Customer Reviews

Readers who for two decades have been following the fortunes of the dragonriders and other inhabitants of the planet Pern will welcome the latest volume, chronicling the early years. It stands very much on its own, however; knowing about the later history of the planet only adds enjoyment. After 15 years of cold sleep, 6000 colonists land on Pern, seeking a simpler existence, escaping the aftermath of interstellar war and an overly technical society. The colony prospers until the consuming Threada force that destroys all life it comes in contact with makes its first appearance. A brilliant bio-engineer attempts to develop a biological weapon to save them, a much larger version

of a native life form many of the colonists have adopted as pets: dragonets with the ability to teleport and breathe flame after eating phosphoric rock. The book ends with the first successful result of that experiment. Many richly developed characters people the novel, among them two youngsters, Sorka Hanrahan and Sean Connell, who grow up to become two of the first dragonriders. One hopes McCaffrey, who most recently has been writing in the mainstream (*The Lady*), is beginning a new Pern cycle in which she will tell, in answer to many other questions, whatever happened to the intelligent dolphins that came with the humans to Pern. Major ad/promo; author tour Copyright 1988 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an alternate Audio CD edition.

Have you ever wondered how life on Pern started and where the dragons came from? McCaffrey presents the birth of civilization on Pern in *Dragonsdawn* , the "prequel" to her earlier novels about this strange planet (e.g., *Moreta: Dragonlady of Pern* , Audio Reviews, LJ 9/15/93). Listen to the adventures of the first colonists on this beautiful planet and learn where all the names, customs, and legends come from. Reader Dick Hill provides excellent characterizations for each role and conveys much emotion. Even listeners unfamiliar with McCaffrey's other installments in the Dragon series will delight in this audiobook. Suitable for broad fiction collections.- Miriam Kahn, Columbus, Ohio Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an alternate Audio CD edition.

First, I'd like to say that I love these books. I re-read them ever couple years and it's a fresh story with new meaning each time. For me it's a timeless series. I offer many thanks to Anne McCaffery and her son Todd McCaffery who has picked up the reins of story telling with the Realms of Pern. As for the Kindle Edition of this book, I am sorely disappointed in the typographical errors. In a time when we have simple spell checking on just about every application we use, it's depressing to see this digital media plagued with such inconsideration for the reader. The spelling of the character names are misspelled, sometimes from paragraph to paragraph. There are major typographical mistakes in connection words that require the reader to read, and then re-read the entire sentence to discern the actual word intended as different words could change then entire feel and meaning of the sentence. Paying roughly the same for this Kindle Edition as I would for a new mass-market paperback, I question why anyone would pay full price when a print copy can be acquired, used, at a fraction of the cost. The Kindle Edition is a sad disservice to the readers and fans of Anne McCaffery. Del Rey and Random House Digital should be ashamed of themselves for releasing such a poor quality product!!

An exciting adventure in the far reaches of the universe. A planet where the colonists have evolved into a feudalistic society, where dragons and their telepathically linked riders save Pern from a ravaging, mindless organism that falls from the skies, as it is thrown into Pern's gravity well during an Asteroid's pass near Pern. The descendants of the colonists call it Thread. It will devour anything in its path, unless the weather is freezing or the Dragon Riders flame it with dragon flames. It has been 400 years since the last pass, Dragon Riders are being seen as slouchers and not worth supporting, most people think that Thread will never fall again or don't believe the legends of the past. There are few Riders left to cover a whole planet and Thread is indeed coming. This is where this story starts and the adventure begins. I first read this story in Junior High School and read it over and over. I discover something new in the story every time, it is so rich in detail character. You just believe these people are real somewhere out there in the universe.

I first read Dragonsdawn decades ago when it first came out in hard copy. I loved it then and I love it now. While it is not the first book in the series, it is a good starting point for anyone who has never read the series. The book is full of the history of the planet Pern and the people who settled there. It explains how the Dragons came into being and a lot of other facts not provided in the books that introduced Pern and their battle with the deadly Thread to readers long before this book and it is one of my favourites in the series. What is bad about the book is the fact that the publisher did not proof the digitization of the original text. While there aren't pages and pages of misspelled words there are enough to be distracting when you are reading. Still, this is a must have book and I recommend it to anyone interested in acquiring it.

I loved the book so much that I wanted to have a copy to listen to while I was driving. The only complaint that I have is that the discs were mislabeled. Instead of disc 2 being disc 2 it turned out to be disc 10, that was a little annoying to find out in the middle of driving down the freeway putting in what you thought was going to be the second disc only to find out that you suddenly jumped from the beginning of the book to almost the end.

~I love all of Anne McCaffrey's books. Having read the hardcover versions, I purchased this for my Kindle. ~Yes, there are typos and text issues ~ Perhaps I am able to overlook them because I can get lost in the story. And what a great story it is! ~I would recommend this book ~ the whole series actually ~ to anyone who

would like to get started on reading sci-fi fantasy. It will get you hooked.

Imagine that you left your home land or world to start a new, a group of people decided that the Earth, is no longer a place for them to be! Their are various reasons. Lucky for them the technology and star travel is possible, their are dozen or hundreds more, for colonization . To start fresh to build a society of their own! The planet it self is Earth-like in many ways. But the original report seen complete but that was about hundred years ago. And records were lost or incomplete. A new danger is troblem this world they now call home! A danger which they must success or see their new home die before help can be sent!

The Dragonriders of Pern sets the example for a different kind of Science Fiction adventure, in fact, you will begin by thinking it is Fantasy, but it isn't. What if a planet is settled by humans, everything is going really well and then one catastrophe after another hits until all technology is lost. Millennia pass and the descendants of the humans begin learning the truth about everything except why this planet, with so many dangers, was chosen...Parallel Earth, Resources Negligible. The dragons's characters mimic their riders, no one seems to notice this, especially the riders and this can lead to many humorous exchanges between dragon and rider. Imagine arguing with yourself...literally, only a much larger self with claws, and some can breathe fire, as well. After over 1500 years on a planet where disaster strikes every 200 years and last for 50 years everyone is getting a bit disgusted with their lot in life. Now many of the people think it won' happen again How the dragonriders deal with this and the disaster that is about to strike again makes for very tense reading. The humor comes as a great release. If you have not read these books, you really need to do so. I consider them a classic in their own genre and they are Anne McCaffrey at her very best.

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