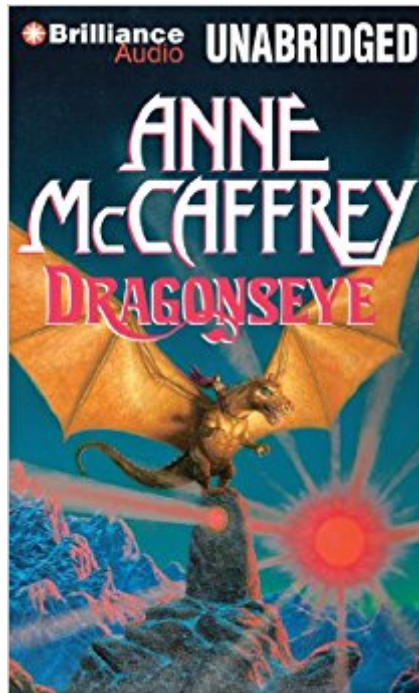




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Synopsis

Thread: deadly silver strands that fall from the sky like rain, devouring every organic thing in their path - animals, plants, and people alike. Who could believe that such a horrible thing could exist? After all, it's been two hundred years since Thread supposedly fell on Pern. No one alive remembers that first onslaught. There's no sign of it anywhere in the world. Only the dragons, originally created to be a weapon against Thread, are still around to remind people that once before their population was decimated, their hopes and dreams and livelihoods almost destroyed forever. For two centuries the dragonriders have been practicing and training, passing down from generation to generation the Threadfighting techniques learned on the fly by their besieged ancestors. And most of the Lord Holders are prepared to protect their people, to provide sanctuary, to assemble groundcrews to search out and destroy any Thread that might be missed by the dragons soaring overhead. All but one. Even now the ominous signs are appearing: the violent winter storms and volcanic eruptions that are said to herald the approach of the Red Star and its lethal spawn. Impossibly, one stubborn Lord Holder, Chalkin of Bitra, refuses to believe - and that disbelief could spell disaster for all of Pern. So while the dragonriders desperately train to face an enemy they've never fought before, they and the other Lord Holders must find a way to deal with Chalkin and protect Bitra.

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Customer Reviews

When the volcanoes rumble and the powerful storms begin brewing on Pern, it means one thing:

Thread. For 257 years Pern has been free of the life-destroying Thread, but now the Red Star has reappeared in the sky and soon the deadly Threadfall will follow. In the holds and weyrs across the land, the genetically-engineered dragons of Pern and their human riders begin feverishly training to combat the Thread, for only dragon fire can destroy the silvery invaders. But, incredibly, one Lord Holder refuses to believe the Thread will fall again, and he may endanger the entire planet. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

YA. While not as good as the first "Dragonriders" novels, this 11th in the series comes closer than most of the more recent Pern books. It has been more than 250 years since the first Thread fall, but everything seems to indicate the imminent approach of the Red Star. The Dragonriders have been practicing and passing down knowledge for over two centuries to be prepared, but there are skeptics unwilling to believe. The worst of the lot is Lord Holder, Chalkin of Bitra, a greedy, self-centered, abusive leader. He refuses to take any action to prepare, threatening the survival of the planet, because all must work together to overcome Thread. Interesting, fleshed-out characters combined with a well-written story makes for a very good read. While this entry can stand alone, it is best read along with the other Pern novels, especially *Dragonflight* (1978) and *Dragonquest* (1979, both Ballantine).?John Lawson, Fairfax County Public Library, VACopyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I am reading this series for the second time, (all this time as I missed some before), but this time I am reading it in the order of progression suggested by Ann McCaffrey in her Series Reading Order book and it is so much more fun and enjoyable this time!!

I have started reading these Pern books in chronologic order. This particular book starts about 250 turns(years) after humans landed. I enjoyed it. I cannot insert Spoilers, but if you know of these Pern books or like me have only read 3 this is a good way to start. So this is actually the fourth book in year order. A web search can help finding the order which each person wants to read. There have been 23? so it is up to the reader to decide the order publication or chronologic.

There are several interwoven storylines in this book - some I enjoyed more than others.What I found most interesting is how they begin transitioning from a higher to lower technological level due to equipment breaking down from age and/or lack of resources to fix them, as well as how they face the challenges of keeping such a large and diverse population educated and informed.I also

enjoyed the storylines about how they prepare for the return of Thread after a 200 year hiatus and the struggles of budding romances and ongoing relationships - both couples and families. However, I did NOT enjoy the main one about a holder who refuses to believe Thread is coming, or to prepare for it - he's so completely unlikable I found nothing interesting about him or the storyline.

I think I read my first Pern story in 1975 - it was in a collection of different authors. It took me a while to find her books, but I believe I've read, and own, every single one. These include her non-Pern books and the ones by her son, Todd. *Dragons-eye* is a good finish to the initial Pern Trilogy without a sudden ending making you ache for more!! It wraps up nicely with just enough hints to other stories being spun that you do want to look for them, but it's not a burning, unfinished-business need!! However, due to the sexual affiliations attributed to some of the characters, this really isn't a book for children - mid-to-late teen is the earliest age for reading them. It doesn't get graphic, just can be a bit intense.

This book in the PERN series details how important the Harpers of HarperHall are to the planet's survival. Without them the population of the planet would forget how important it is to keep supporting the voracious, long-lived dragons and their riders through the 200 years between threadfall. It also gives insights into how the dragons are raised and trained by their riders, from their escape from cracked shelled eggs to their place in society as full-grown protectors of the planet. The book shows how just one nonbeliever can create havoc and nearly bring down the planet's defenses when not held in check. McCaffrey, once again, accomplishes all this in a book that has the reader fully engrossed in what he/she can plainly see is a scientifically plausible future for residents of our planet earth should they ever venture out into the galaxy. Yes, newbies to McCaffrey's work will discover it is all plausible. As McCaffrey shows in her first book, *DragonsDawn*, the dragons are truly plausible in the way they were created by earth's scientists from a small lizard originally found on the planet. Again, GREAT BOOK, but should only be read in consecutive order behind the books before it in the series.

Excellent portrayal of the challenges of accepting a truly oral and non-technical existence and the preparations for future generations who would not have the same education or access to records. The editing could be better as there are many misspellings. But worth reading. It fills in some of the questions that might arise reading books that take place in Pernese future.

This was a great book for fans who are looking to fill in the history of Pern. It makes the customs and conventions understandable and enriches the original trilogy which I read many years ago and often re read just to enjoy this totally wonderful world. McCaffrey is in fine form as she fleshes out the transition from an small colony with a history in the stars to a planet on it's own creating their own history, rules and traditions as they struggle to survive on a challenging planet with a unique social structure. Even without our old friends--F'lar, Lessa, Robinton , F'nor we are drawn in to the intimate lives of the people of Pern and learn how they and their time would come to be. If you have not read the trilogy, this book stands alone very well and make a nice entry to the series.

given to friend so they can learn of PERN and hope they can enjoy series

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