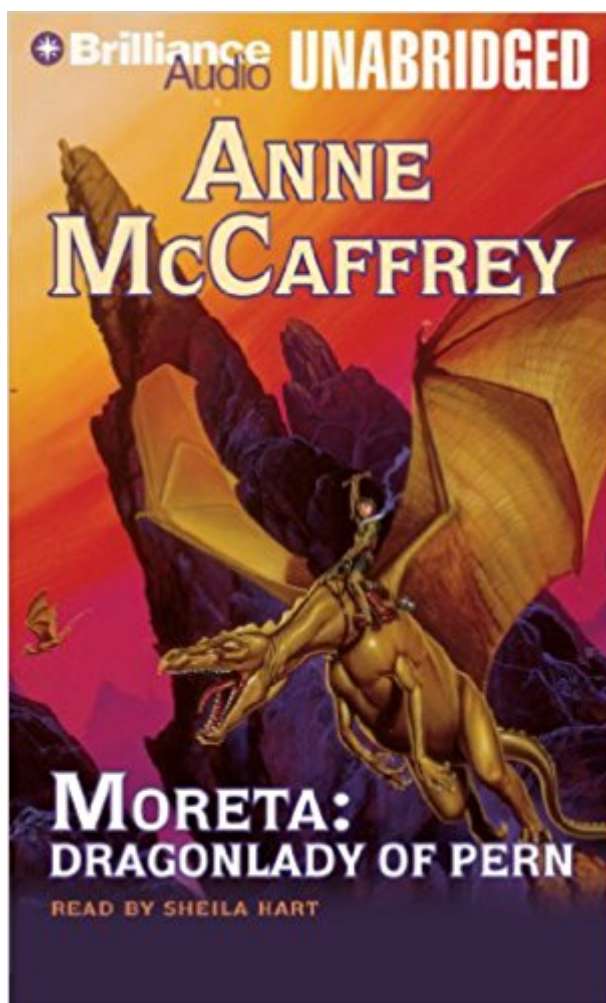


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Moreta: Dragonlady Of Pern (Dragonriders Of Pern Series)



Synopsis

An air of pleasant anticipation hung so thickly over the Halls, Holds, and Weyrs of Pern that it had affected even the businesslike ways of Moreta, the Weyrwoman of Fort Weyr. Her dragon, Queen Orlith, would soon clutch; spring had made a glorious debut; the Gather at Ruatha Hold was extremely merry; and Moreta was enjoying the attentions of Alessan, the new Lord Holder of Ruatha Hold. With only eight Turns remaining before the deadly Thread would cease to Fall, all seemed well on Pern. Then, without warning, a runnerbeast fell ill. Soon myriads of holders, craftsmen, and dragonriders were dying; and the mysterious ailment had spread to all but the most inaccessible holds. Pern was in mortal danger. For, if dragonriders did not rise to char Thread, the parasite would devour any and all organic life it encountered. The future of the planet rested in the hands of Moreta and the other dedicated, selfless Pern leaders. But of all their problems, the most difficult to overcome was time.

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Customer Reviews

There are dragons all over Anne McCaffrey's house. Some she's bought, but many have been made for her by adoring fans and given to her as gifts. I don't make dragons, of course. But whenever circumstances allow, I do try to bring her American bacon, something she can't get easily in Ireland, and something which she has taught all her friends there to love, as well! I remember the first time I went to visit her, when she was still living in her old, much smaller but very homey, house.

My husband and I arrived at the doorstep, and she immediately began bustling about, frying up some of the bacon we'd brought and sharing a lovely late breakfast with us before sending us off to the hotel for a nap. She made us dinner that night, too--the one and only time in my life that I've actually liked shrimp cocktail. Maybe that's because if you squint your eyes and look sideways, shrimp are kind of dragonlike, and I was eating them in the right company!

--Shelly Shapiro, Executive Editor --This text refers to an alternate Audio CD edition.

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I've been binging on Pern books for a while. I started with "Dragonflight," "Dragonquest" and "The White Dragon." Then I decided to read them all in chronological order according to the Pern timeline. That wasn't necessarily a good idea. Following the fictional timeline, "Moreta" comes after a five-book arc where the Riders are trying to save the dragons from a plague. Then here come's Moreta! They've saved the dragons, but now humans and runnerbeasts are dying. One plague follows another ad nauseum (pun not intended, but appropriate.) "Moreta" was published in 1983. The five books that precede it in Pern-time were written after 2000. Had I read them in order of publication, it would have been a different story. But, come on. ANOTHER Pern-wide plague? Seriously? That's where we're going to go? If you're going to read all the books, do yourself a favor and skip around between "Moreta" and the five books that precede it in Pern time.

Great book, but the mp3 version is defective, and since I am reviewing the product, that is why this gets 1 star. Unfortunately, it is past the time I can return (which is obviously my bad for not listening to it sooner), so I am stuck with it.

I have been a fan of these books for over 20 years now. My addiction started in junior high and has grown into the love that it is today. Her style along with the descriptions have immersed me in the dragonriding fantasy world of Pern. The characters are so vivid in my mind that they actually feel

like friends or foes. She is by far my favorite author. I'm so glad that Todd has picked up and continued on with the story.

I have probably read over a thousand books in my life and I have never had a reaction to a happening in a book as I had to this one. When I realized what had happened I found my self sobbing as hard as I did when I put my Great Dane down over 15 years ago. This book was one of her first Pern books I believe as it was published in 1983. It was so well written as far as emotions for the people and non-emotional/logical thoughts of the dragons. I also have never written to an author but I did try to send an e-mail to A. McCaffrey after I finished as I just felt I had to tell her of my experience with this book. I hope she rec'd it. If you want to start reading the Pern books this is a great one, of course they are all very good. Her creations are the best, she thinks of everything and why. Have a great ride!! Maggie Collins Thousand Oaks, CA.

I love all of Anne McCaffrey's work. I purchased this for my son-in-law to enjoy.

another great McCaffrey and yes more of P.E.R.N.

Moreta is a character referenced in the first Pern novel "Dragonquest". It is a tantalizing reference to her incredible ride. We don't get the details of her "ride" until now. This is also the first Pern novel to use a "Plague" as the central theme, and also gives us more detail about the difference in the morals and complicated relationships caused by the bonding between dragons and their riders. I thoroughly enjoyed the story and the well developed characters. There is a lot of depth to many of the characters that really pulls you into their lives and the story. I loved the way Ms. McCaffrey wrote the companion story "Nerilka's Tale", showing the same events as seen from what was a minor character's view and her own adventure during the story.

Anne McCaffrey...nuff said

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