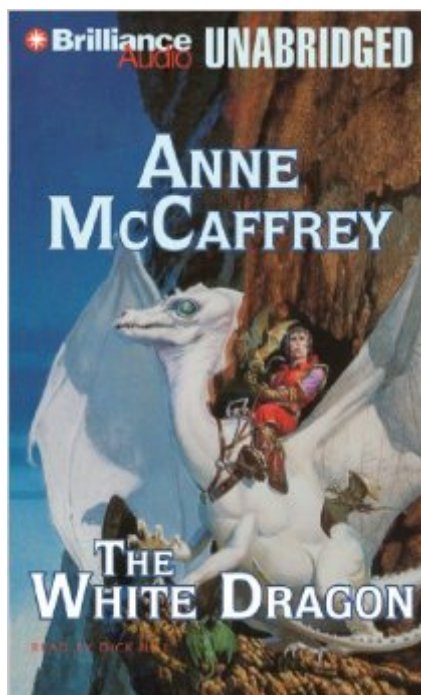


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# The White Dragon (Dragonriders Of Pern Series)



## Synopsis

Never had there been as close a bonding as the one that existed between the daring and adventurous young Lord Jaxom and his extraordinary white dragon, Ruth. Pure white and incredibly agile, Ruth was a dragon of many talents, though almost everyone on Pern thought he was a runt that would never amount to anything. But Jaxom knew better, knew he could teach his dragon to fly and to destroy the deadly silver Threads that fell from the sky. Disobeying all rules, Jaxom and Ruth trained in secret. Their illicit flights seemed but a minor disobedience - until they found themselves in the path of danger and in a position to prevent the biggest disaster of all.

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## Customer Reviews

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 McCaffrey. Del Rey and Random House Digital should be ashamed of themselves for releasing such a poor quality product!!

In *The Dragonriders of Pern*, Anne McCaffrey creates a stunning and richly detailed world. It's clear on reading these stories that they are very dear to McCaffrey's heart. Her blend of science, music and human drama are supported by a wholly believable mythology which bridges the gap between our earth and Pern. Unfortunately, this edition was hastily thrown together without any regard for the author's hard work. On seemingly every page there are typographical errors so severe that McCaffrey's spell is broken. Character names constantly shift spelling. Words are misspelled, mixed up and changed to the point that the prose completely falls apart. At times geographic locations on Pern are switched with character names...this is a work of Science Fiction/Fantasy but when the place where you live starts talking all believability goes out the window. The sloppy editing of the edition was so bad I ended up buying individual copies of *Dragonflight*, *Dragonquest* and *The White Dragon*. I noticed none of the errors I saw in the three-in-one volume. I highly recommend reading *Dragonflight*, *Dragonquest*, and *The White Dragon*, but save yourself the confusion and disappointment of this three-in-one edition. Buy each separately.

I read these books years ago. I am glad to say I enjoyed rereading them just as much now as I did then. However, as at least one other reviewer noted, this is a lousy edition. There are numerous typographical errors that totally ruin the joy of a good read. Read these books, just not this edition.

This is the first book I bought on my kindle and I was sorely disappointed in this version of the books. There were many errors in all three books and it left so many plots unexplained. I ended up buying the full versions of the original books and wish I hadn't wasted my money on this one.

I absolutely love these books and when my bound copy was borrowed and not returned I decided to buy the Kindle edition so I'd never be without them again. I have reached the halfway point in *Dragonflight* and just can't stand reading further in this Kindle edition. I have read the books several times and I have a good memory for the content and flow of a story so I am absolutely certain there are omissions in the text. There are misspellings, format problems and incorrect words. I enjoy becoming immersed in what I'm reading and the constant errors in the text prevent me from

achieving literary nirvana. Example: 'She wanted go back to Benden Weyr, not so much to sleep as to Benden herself about Fâ™lar.' Right. I can guess that the second 'Benden' in that sentence was supposed to be 'reassure' or something to that effect but BOOM! I'm out of the story now. After three or four of these on a page I'm just about ready to chuck my Kindle out a window. As annoyed as I am about faults of this kind in books with which I am familiar I am curious about books I have read for the first time in a Kindle edition. Was my lackluster reaction to a book because of some missing text that would have illuminated a salient plot point? I will never know. I am so fed up with slipshod Kindle editions! I think my local used bookstore and the library will be seeing more of me in the future.

Jaxom is the future Lord Holder of Ruatha, one of Pern's oldest and most venerable holds and has been groomed for his role since he was very young. When he accidentally impresses a white dragon named Ruth, everyone is dismayed and worried about what to do with him. Dragonriders belong in the Weyr, after all, and a man simply cannot be a dragonrider and a Lord Holder - or can he? Jaxom is determined to keep Ruth and to learn how to fly, breathe fire and kill Thread - and be the future leader of one of the most prosperous Holds on Pern. What others refuse to teach him, Jaxom discovers for himself. It is as Ruth and Jaxom are experimenting that they find themselves in the position to prevent a great disaster on Pern and to unite the Oldtimers and the Weyrs of the Northern Continent through Ruth's unique ability of always knowing when he is and his rapport with fire lizards. Ruth and Jaxom even discover some new "secrets" on the Southern Continent that the ancients left behind! The White Dragon is simply a superb book. I loved the characters and really felt that I identified with Jaxom as he was growing up and growing into his roles as both a dragonrider and as a Lord Holder. Readers who have read McCaffrey's previous books in the Pern series will simply find that it is another story about Weyleaders F'lar and Lessa (Dragonflight & Dragonquest), as well as Masterharper Robinton and Journeyman Menolly (Dragonsong & Dragonsinger) told from a different, very enjoyable perspective. I loved the way McCaffrey took the time to incorporate older characters so that the readers know what is happening in their lives. The White Dragon is an exciting link between the first several books and the next grouping as there are many surprises and new discoveries that take place here. Ruth is also one of my favorite dragons and was such a joy to read about. Anyone who loves fantasy will enjoy this book so do yourself the favor and buy this book!

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