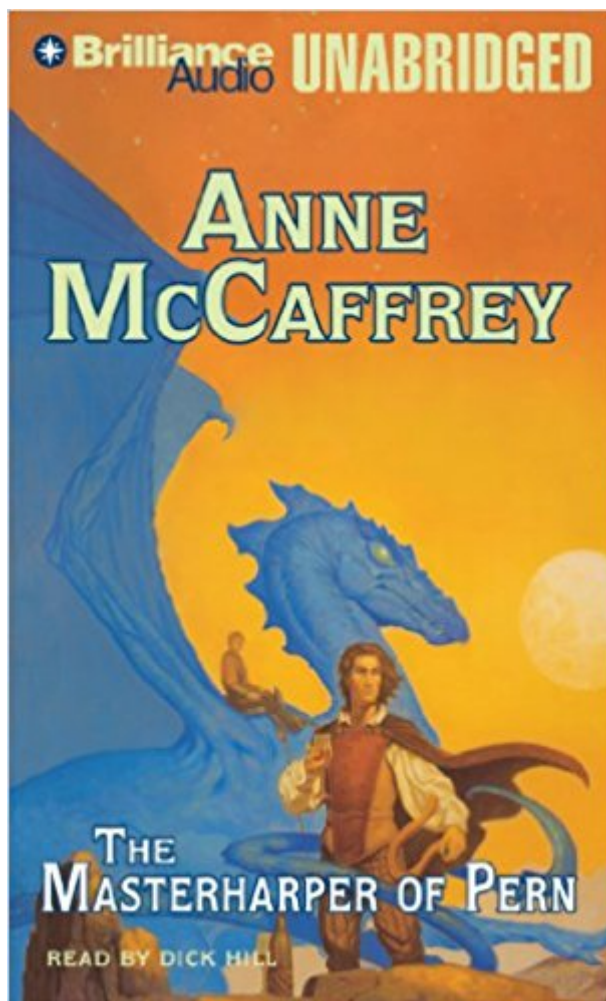


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The Masterharper Of Pern (Dragonriders Of Pern Series)



Synopsis

In a time when no Thread has fallen for centuries - when, indeed, many are beginning to dare to hope that Thread will never fall again - a boy is born to Harper Hall. His name is Robinton, and he is destined to be one of the most famous and beloved leaders Pern has ever known. It is a perilous time for harpers. They sing of Thread, yet more and more people are beginning to doubt the return of that deadly scourge. They teach reading, writing, history, but Fax - who hates the harpers in general - is determined to keep his growing area of influence free of the learning that might sow unrest. And they extol the dragonriders, whom many view increasingly as a drain on the resources of the Holds. Now harpers are being turned away from the holds; and, worse yet, they are being derided, attacked, even beaten. It is the climate of unrest that Robinton will come into his own. For despite the tragedies that beset his own life, he continues to believe in music and in the dragons, and is determined to save his beloved Pern from itself . . . so that the dragonriders can be ready to fly against the dreaded Thread when it at last returns!

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YA-Set just prior to Dragonflight, Masterharper details the life, loves, and heartbreaks of Robinton, Pern's most beloved harper. Readers follow him through a childhood filled with rejection and neglect by his Mastercomposer father, the loss of his wife, the death of his best friend, to his becoming Masterharper of Pern. This is McCaffrey at her best, combining excellent writing with vivid settings

and detailed, fully fleshed-out characters. The book would be best read after *Dragonflight* (1986) and *Dragonquest* (1979, both Ballantine), but can stand alone. John Lawson, Fairfax County Public Library, VA Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

McCaffrey's latest rummage through the archives of planet Pern (*Dragonseye*, 1997, etc.) has unearthed Robinton, the Masterharper of Pern, and the circumstances surrounding the advent of weyrleader F'lar and Lessa, the first woman Dragonrider. It's a time when no Thread has fallen for centuries (it's due in 50 years or so), and five of the six weyrs stand inexplicably empty of Dragons and Riders. Young Rob, rejected by his father, is a musical prodigy and has the ability to speak telepathically with dragons. As Rob's musical and diplomatic skills grow, he becomes friendly with Dragonrider F'lon and also earns the enmity of Fax, a holder who refuses to allow his people to be educated (the traditional role of the Harpers). Rob marries, but his wife dies of a fever; F'lon's wife dies in childbirth; Fax, meanwhile, by force and trickery dominates the north and threatens the very basis of Pern society. Then, after F'lon is killed in a contrived duel, Fax invades Ruatha Hold, and now Rob must enlist the aid of F'lon's son F'lar to defeat Fax. Covers well-trodden ground in more detail than hitherto; presumably, most dragonfans will find it satisfying enough. -- Copyright ©1997, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Ann McCaffrey made Pern a world that is so real I feel like I have been there, Robinton has been my favorite character in the whole series. A man of principle and emotion. I would love to sit and have a tea with him! If you haven't read the Pern books, Please do. There is a series list that will guide you through the novels. Start at the beginning and get to know each character in depth. Ann McCaffrey's Pern books are the standard against which all books in this genre should be measured!

I love the Pern Series and have for years. My favorite part of the books has been the dragons and the fire lizards, so I wasn't sure that I'd like a book that had less focus on them and more focus on the harpers, even if it is the beloved Master Robinton. However, this book proved me wrong as Anne McCaffrey's incredible world pulled me into yet another story in this glorious series. I laughed, I fell in love, and I cried. Another great book in this amazing series.

I finally got to really learn about the Masterharper Robinton. This book also takes the

storyline of the series - further along from where it left off in The White Dragon.

The Masterharper of Pern was a story I enjoyed very much. I recommend it highly. If you're interested in the dragonriders of Pern series. It answers a lot of questions and fills out the world and makes it much more interesting. I highly recommend this book. It follows Robinson from the time of his birth. Up until he becomes the master Harper.

I love this book. Anything by Anne McCaffrey is a really good read. Her Pern series is my favorite.

This is actually one of my favorite books in the Pern series - The Masterharper has long been a favorite character and I do not get tired of re-reading about all the events and experiences that shape him into the strong character that appears in some of the other Pern books, including another favorite of mine, "The White Dragon." I was skeptical about getting this in an ebook format because I have a well-worn paperback, but I do like the convenience of visiting my friends on Pern whenever I feel like it. :-) This is one of the top books I'd recommend a new-comer to the series read, after reading Dragonsong, Dragonsinger, and Dragondrums - these will give folks a chance to meet the Masterharper before learning his story.

Real boring. Characters did not live as they do in her earlier works.

I have read this book and other Pern books a hundred times since a friend introduced it to me. At least now on the Kindle I can't wear the pages out!!! That is truly how well this series is written.

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