

SUGGESTED READING ORDERS OF BOOKS AND STORIES IN ANNE MCCAFFREY'S PERN SERIES

Fans often ask for advice as to the order in which to read the books in the popular Dragonriders of Pern® series. Anne McCaffrey herself suggests you should read them in the order in which they were published. For most of the series written by Anne the chronological order is also the publication order. But the Pern Series is the notable exception. For those of you who prefer to read (or re-read) the Pern Series in chronological or story line order we are therefore including a second, chronological list. However, this list cannot give a pure chronological order because that is an impossibility – some of the books and stories take place during the same time period. For example, a book like *The Renegades of Pern* spans a long period of Pern's history in the run up to and during the Ninth Pass. As such, it runs parallel to several other books in the series.

1. Pern Books and Stories in order of Publication

- Dragonflight (1968)
The short stories "Weyr Search" and "Dragonrider" are incorporated in this book.
- Dragonquest (1971)
- Dragonsong (1976)
- Dragonsinger (1977)
- The Smallest Dragonboy, in: *Get Off The Unicorn* (1977)
- The White Dragon (1978)
The earlier publication "A Time When" (1975) is incorporated in this book.
- Dragondrums (1979)
- Moreta: Dragonlady Of Pern (1983)
- Nerilka's Story (1984)
- Dragonsdawn (1988)
- The Impression, in: *The Dragonlover's Guide To Pern* (1989)
- The Renegades Of Pern (1989)
- All The Weyrs Of Pern (1991)
- The Chronicles of Pern: First Fall (1993)
The earlier publications "Rescue Run" (1991) and "The Dolphin's Bell" (1993) are incorporated in this book.
- The Girl Who Heard Dragons, in: *The Girl Who Heard Dragons* (1996)
- Dragonseye, published as *Red Star Rising* in the UK (1996)
- The Masterharper Of Pern (1998)
- Runner Of Pern, in: *Legends* (anthology edited by Robert Silverberg) (1999)
- The Skies of Pern (2001)
- A Gift of Dragons (2002)
The short story "Ever the Twain" is incorporated in this book.
- Dragon's Kin (with Todd McCaffrey) (2003)
- Beyond Between, in: *Legends II* (anthology edited by Robert Silverberg) (2004)
- Dragonsblood (by Todd McCaffrey) (2005)
- Dragon's Fire (with Todd McCaffrey) (2006)

2. Pern Books and Stories in Chronological Order

- Story “Survey P.E.R.N.” in: The Chronicles of Pern: First Fall
- Dragonsdawn
- Story “The Dolphin’s Bell” in: The Chronicles of Pern: First Fall
- Story “The Ford Of red Hanrahan” in: The Chronicles of Pern: First Fall
- Story “The Second Weyr” in: The Chronicles of Pern: First Fall
- Story “Rescue Run” in: The Chronicles of Pern: First Fall
- Dragon’s Kin (with Todd McCaffrey)
- Dragon’s Fire (with Todd McCaffrey)
- Dragonsblood (by Todd McCaffrey)
- Dragonseye/Red Star Rising
- Moreta: Dragonlady of Pern
- Story: “Beyond Between” in: Legends II (anthology edited by Robert Silverberg)
- Nerika’s Story
- The Masterharper of Pern
- Story: “Runner Of Pern” in: Legends (anthology edited by Robert Silverberg)
- Dragonflight
- Dragonquest
- Dragonsong
- Dragonsinger
- Dragondrums
- Story: “The Impression” in: The Dragonlover’s Guide To Pern
- Story: “The Smallest Dragonboy” in: Get Off The Unicorn
- The White Dragon
- The Renegades of Pern
(actually covers the whole period from The Masterharper Of Pern to All The Weyrs Of Pern)
- Story: “The Girl Who Heard Dragons” in: The Girl Who Heard Dragons
- All The Weyrs Of Pern (overlap with next book)
- The Dolphins of Pern (overlap with previous book)
- The Skies of Pern

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