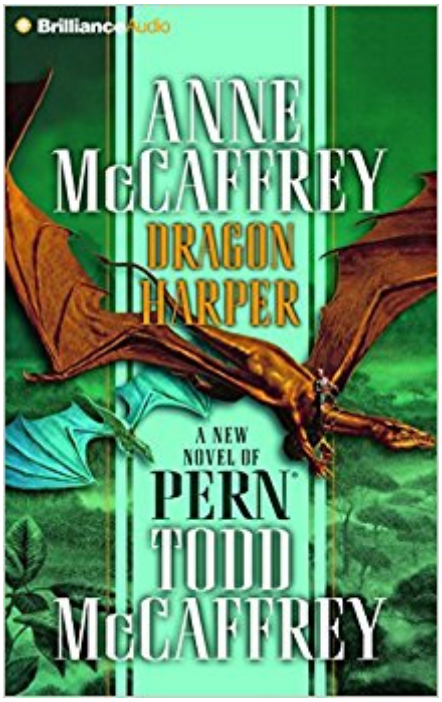
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Synopsis

Life in the Harper Hall is busy for best friends Kindan, Nonala, and Kelsa. As the only female apprentices, Nonala and Kelsa are the butt of jokes and easy targets for the bully Vaxoram and his cronies. But when Kindan springs to KelsaÃ¢â ¬â„¢s defense, he winds up in a fight for his life against the older, bigger VaxoramÃ¢â ¬â •a fight that will lead to a surprising friendship.Meanwhile, in nearby Fort Hold, a clutch of fire-lizard eggs is about to hatch, and Lord BeminÃ¢â ¬â„¢s beautiful young daughter, Koriana, is determined to Impress one of the delightful creatures. At the hatching, Kindan Impresses a fire-lizard of his ownÃ¢â ¬Â|and wins the heart of Koriana. But Lord Bemin mistrusts harpers and will not hear of a match between his daughter and the low-born Kindan.Then fate intervenes in the form of a virulent plague as fast-spreading as it is deadly. Arising suddenly, as if out of nowhere, the contagion decimates hold after hold, paying no heed to distinctions of birth. In this feverish crucible, friendship and love will be tested to the breaking point and beyond. For with Threadfall scant years away, the Dragonriders dare not expose themselves to infection, and it will fall to Kindan and his fellow apprentices to bravely search for a cure and save humanity.The price of failure is unthinkable. But the price of success may be even harder to bear.

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Customer Reviews

As a terrible plague sweeps Pern, a brave Harper apprentice emerges as a true hero in this satisfying third collaboration between McCaffrey mÃƒÂ¨re and fils (after 2006's Dragon's Fire). The

danger this time is not the deadly Thread but a virulent disease, similar to our world's 1918 influenza epidemic or the more recent outbreaks of SARS. Kindan, a young apprentice of the Harpers' Guild who's dedicated to music, education and healing, had hoped to become a dragonrider, but failed to bond with a dragon at the last hatching. Then his education and budding romance with a lord's daughter are disrupted by the epidemic, which poses a particular threat to the dragons and dragonriders who will be needed to fight the approaching Thread. The McCaffreys depict the crisis vividly, with enough detail to make the tragedy all too real and with enough hope to keep fantasy fans happy. (Dec.) Copyright Ã Â© Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

In this sequel to DragonÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Fire (2006), young Kindan is now a Harper HallÃ Â apprentice and proud owner of a fire lizard.Ã Â Hall, Hold, and Weyr (three sections of Pernese society) are threatened by a deadly plague, and Kindan and his fellow apprentices areÃ Â racing to find the cure before the Third Pass begins.Ã Â InÃ Â a smooth, clear readingÃ Â that is somewhat lacking in intensity, Ericksen does not create distinct voices for each character.Ã Â Series fans, however, will undoubtedly have no trouble identifying the principal players.Ã Â Featuring a large cast of adolescent characters, this coming-of-age tale is suggested where earlier Pern titles by the McCaffreys (mother and son)Ã Â are popular. --Jessica Moyer --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

DRAGON HARPER stars apprentice harper Kindan. It begins with him standing up for the girl apprentices from bullying by an older apprentice Vaxoram. They fight a duel with the loser becoming a servant to the winner. Kindan wins and is determined to redeem Vaxoram. But events intervene....A new virulent plague is infesting all of Pern and threatens to kill everyone. The Dragonriders need to stay away from the infected Holds because Pern won't survive the next Threadfall without the Dragonriders. And it isn't long before the trusted elders at Harper Hall succumb to it, leaving the fate of Pern in the hands of Kindan and his fellow apprentices.There is a romance too. Both the Lord Holder's daughter Koriana and Kindan impress two from a clutch of fire lizards and fall in love. But the Lord Holder isn't going to let his daughter marry a lowly harper.This was an entertaining story that makes me eager to read the next book in the Pern series.

Love all of her Pern books. Able to get lost in another world for awhile. Have most of her books in paperback. Thought it might be about Master Harper Robinton but was a good book about another

Harper, Kindan who was the main character during the great plague. Excellent story line and well worth the read.

Kindan was always in trouble because of his guestioning mind. At the same he was making friends with the very ones who appreciated his quests. The lead to unusual answers to things needing fixing. The master Harper supervised his training and allowed some leeway in the growth of Kindan. After all he was attached to a former green watch weyr, he was friends with Dragon Riders and Miners, and he had befriended the weaker apprentices at Harper hall.Kindan fights a duel to protect the girls of Harper hall from harassment. In winning the fight he becomes responsible for the loser and make a great friend. But a plague hits Pern and Kindan is called on to grow up fast and try to find a way to bring Weyr, hold, hall, and dragon riders to the aid of Pern.This is a very heartbreaking story of the devastation a plague can bring. But is also the story of a young mans growth in awfull times and the strength that has been brought to the survivors .

The first thing with the time knot books that Todd McCaffrey has written is that they are a tad confusing and difficult to get into. It is hard to tell how much of that is the time traveling concept and how much of that is the writing style of the author. That being said I do like the characters and I got very invested in them and their story. I also got the feeling that Todd was settling into his story and writing style a little better. These books only make sense if you read them all together so as a whole even though some books weren't my favorite I really liked the whole story line over all and will read it again.I will read this book again and look forward to other Todd McCaffrey Pern books.

I found the story line very confusing. I could not tell who was where or when or who was in more than one time, or what relative time they were in (or how it related to the main story). The love triangle from Dragongirl once again shows up, and to my mind, detracts from the core story, it is almost immaterial to what is going on, i.e. thread and a shortage of fighting dragons to cope with same. In conclusion--Not well done, confusing, murky story line and too many (peripheral) distractions.As a reader of the Pern series for many years, I feel that the saga is losing its "luster" due to, in my mind, poorly executed story lines, and lackluster character development (with an exception or two).

Todd Mccaffrey, what can I say? Your mother was still alive at the time of you writing this book yet you couldn't pull this story out of the doldrums. It is an interesting story arc but to be told in such a

manner as to kill the franchise. You labor too hard on the background and mild geo politics.Maybe I just got spoiled by the way your mother wrote all of her books (okay,not the Acorna ones). But your plodding needs help. Have you considered working with any of the people who collaborated with Anne, on any of her other series? I think you are too close to your mother's style to handle it lighter. It shouldn't be rocket science for you. Although Anne, did have some great rocket science books and some truly spectacular short story anthologies. Please get some writing help.

Great Store line and nicely Read on this Audio Book Version.

I enjoyed this novel, although not as much as Dragon's Kin (the first book that focused on Kindan) or Dragon's Fire. I found it very enjoyable to read and a good addition to the Pern series. That being said, this is where Kindan starts to come off as a bit "too perfect" and that can get annoying. I know some people aren't happy about another book about a plague, but I found it to be very different than Moreta's story because it focuses on the people in the Holds. There are also some pretty intense scenes, one of which made me cry. I'd recommend the book for fans of Pern!

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