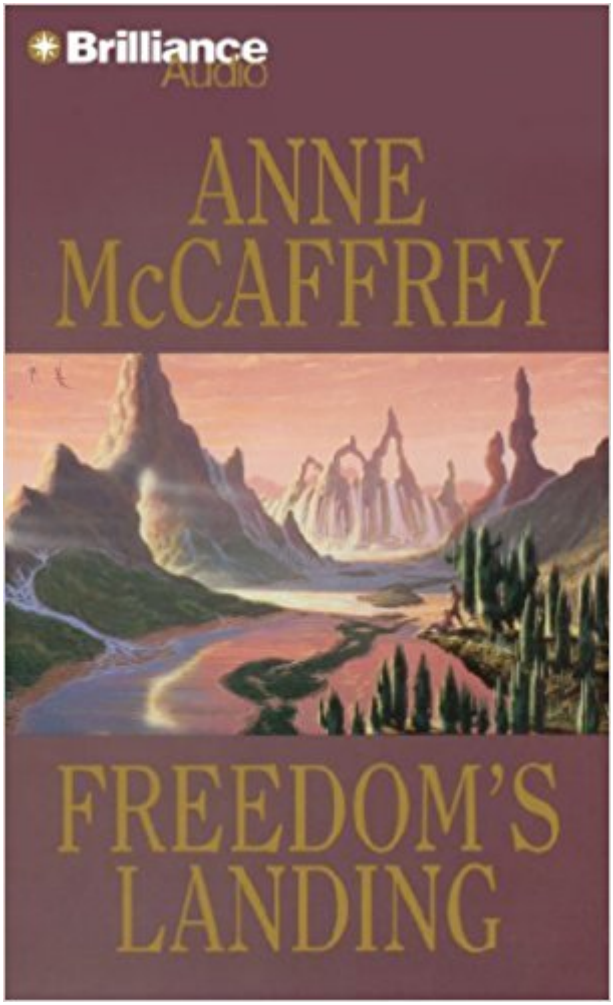
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Freedom's Landing (Freedom Series)



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Synopsis

It’s the dawning of a new age for mankind when the Catteni descend to Earth and easily overcome the Earth’s population. Thousands are herded onto slave ships headed for the intergalactic auction block. Kris Bjornsen is captured in Denver on her way to her college classes and wakes up on the primitive planet Barevi. Courageous and resourceful, she manages a single-woman escape from the Catteni and is living in the wilds of the planet when she comes to the aid of a Catteni soldier pursued by his own ranks. Recaptured together, they join forces with other slaves to outwit their captors and a hostile planetary environment. Listeners will delight in this "against-the-odds" story of survival, ingenuity and romance. As her audience has come to expect of McCaffrey, she delivers a rich and intricate science fiction adventure in "Freedom’s Landing", sure to win over even more listeners and add to her legions of fans.

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With a tale of human and other slaves abandoned by harsh masters on an ostensibly deserted planet, McCaffrey begins another highly readable series about successful survival in difficult circumstances. Kristin Bjornsen, an escaped human slave on the planet Barevi, saves one of the Catteni masters, Zainal, from being killed in a blood feud. When she tries to return him to the capital city, she is caught in a roundup of troublemakers designated for colonization duty. Among those dropped with few supplies on the unexplored new planet, later named Freedom, is Zainal, who turns

out to be an aristocrat of his species. After Zainal is again saved from death, this time at the hands of vengeful former slaves, he casts his lot with the castaways, who have turned to former Marine sergeant Chuck Mitford for leadership. In sturdy Robinson Crusoe fashion, the survivors overcome the odds against them, rescue other castaways and find signs of a mysterious civilization that is using Freedom as a giant mechanized farm. They also deal with the few bad apples in their midst. Meanwhile love blossoms between Zainal and Kristin, to the displeasure of some of the other humans. McCaffrey has created another set of winning protagonists and a carefully detailed, exotic background on which to develop a new series. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc.
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YA?McCaffrey begins a new chronicle of human resilience and survival. Earth has been invaded by the Catteni, a race of soldiers who have come to quell opposition and to relocate troublesome cases (both human and alien) to inhospitable worlds. Kristen Bjornsen, a human, and a ragtag group must learn to communicate and begin to build a new life. Further, they must discover what is behind a completely different civilization that is using their planet (nicknamed Botany) as a farm for animal and vegetable produce. Underlying this cooperation is the resentment that some of the colonists feel for Zanial, a member of the race of slavers, and the romantic feelings that Zanial and Kristen begin to feel for one another. With two possible antagonistic alien cultures and their own internal problems, there can only be more interesting scenarios for the settlers of Botany. The characters are especially well developed: teens will be able to identify with their spirit, creativeness, and tenacity to survive despite all odds. A delightful novel for more than just McCaffrey’s "old" fans.?Brian Martin, W.T. Woodson High School, Fairfax, VACopyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I believe this book was first published in 1995. Reading it, I was reminded at various times of James Dashner’s Maze Runner, TV’s "The Dome" and Lindsay Buroker’s Fallen Empire Series. It was interesting and held my attention. A few minor negatives... (1) The things Kris said were sometimes hokey/dated. (2) I couldn’t quite fathom why Kris was so loyal to Zainal so quickly, especially after what he said that caused her to knock him out and try to get rid of him. It seemed like she should be more wary. (3) The progress made by the settlers was incredibly rapid and almost cutesy sometimes.I’m not sure I will continue with this series after reading reviews of the next three books. But, I do not feel like the first book was a waste of time. I highly recommend Lindsey Buroker’s books to those who enjoyed this book and the main character Kris.

This story begins cool lowering a human woman through her trials with a spacer faring race who has invaded Earth and taken prisoners to another planet. From there, she and others (both humans and aliens) are sent to yet another planet to colonize it. They discover the dangers of this new planet and learn how to survive and get along together? I say a good start because you'll be wanting to pick up the next two in the series. (The fourth in the series isn't so good.)

This has been a favorite for many years, a unique amazing perspective which combines the concept of alien invasion, survival skills, and integration with other lifeforms (we could learn a lot!). I couldn't get into the Pern series, but Anne McCaffrey is a spectacular storyteller, a beautiful writer and worldbuilder. This book put me on the path for my own career and I have to say THANK YOU to her for lending me her brilliance for the pages of this book. The audiobook is pretty awesome too! All I need now is my own little retirement home in Ireland too!

A typically great work from Anne McCaffrey.Although she is known primarily for her stories of the mythical world of Pern with the life there of interaction between flying dragons and humans, she writes other stories of science fiction and fantasy as well. This is one of those stories and to me, it fits both genres.This is the first of a series and I see it having the potential to expand to Pern like dimensions. I hope she continues it soon.There is action, suspense, conflict and resolution. The action starts with the two protagonists first in conflict with each other and then their joint escape from the forces after both of them The conflict is both intra-species and inter-species with resolution by both physical force and force of will. Suspense comes from wondering if they will not only survive, being thrown onto a new and hostile planet, but will they thrive in both the strangeness and familiarity of the situation they find themselves in. Conflict exists in the struggle to overcome the obstacles they find in a new world and the struggles of different cultures coexisting. Resolution of all these issues is what the story is about and isn't that the story of us all as we go through life?There are three other books of this series available here on .

Anne McCaffrey had a way of making the reader part of the story, early on in the story you really feel as if you become Kris & you begin to feel her emotions and see her character as it develops the story. I couldn't put it down and I had to order all the rest of the books in the series & was sad to have it end. Unlike some story lines, she was had the born ability to convince you thru her writing skills that this is something that could happen. Some other stories written by other folks are

definitely not believable, couldn't happen in a million years, but she puts a grain of workable proof into her stories that makes you accept the possibility of them occurring in the future. Her story intrigues the reader.

*Book source ~ My home library.Kris Bjornsen was going about her day at Denver University when the Catteni attacked Earth. Scooping up citizens by the thousands from 50 cities around the world the Catteni ships took their new slaves to Barevi, a planet used by the Catteni for R&R and a depot for their purloined goods from around the galaxy. Kris manages to escape her new `master' and is hiding out in the wilds of Barevi when a chance encounter with Zainal, an Emassi (or high ranking Catteni), changes her life yet again. Gassed during a riot she and Zainal are dumped onto an empty world the Catteni have chosen for the aliens to colonize. Terrans make up the largest group, but there are also Deski, Rugarians, Turs and Ilginish. Fortunately for them, they have Zainal who knows a little bit about the initial survey of the planet. Unfortunately for Zainal, no one likes Catteni and there's a large consensus to kill him. Chuck Mitford, a retired Marine, takes charge of the motley crew and makes a command decision to keep Zainal alive. For now. With only knives, hatchets, blankets and ration bars, they have to work together to survive on an alien planet.I love, love, love this book. There's something about survival books I really like and I think it's because I put myself into that situation and wonder how well I'd do. But this isn't just any old survival situation on Earth where you can hope to eventually find civilization. Cell phones, a grocery store, a bed, hot water, a toothbrush. Forget it. This is an alien planet. Completely unknown. What is safe to eat? What will kill me? Are there dangerous animals? Is there shelter? What kind of weather is to be expected and how long are the days? Or nights? Back to basics in a way that's hard to do on Earth anymore.I've read this book (and the whole series) several times over the years and I've enjoyed it each and every time. So much to do and so much to explore with people and aliens who are strangers. The book mostly follows Kris as she survives on the planet they name Bounty and once again it kept me enthralled the whole time. The world is unique, the writing is wonderful and I love the characters. There is action, mystery, humor and even romance. All-in-all an excellent sci-fi adventure.

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