

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 politely 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 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. A graphic display of chronological order is added to illustrate this and as a handy overview.

1. Pern Books and Stories in order of Publication (stories in italics)

- 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) and *A Gift of Dragons* (2002)
- 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)
- *Rescue Run* (1991)
- *The Dolphin's Bell* (1993)
- 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 Dolphins of Pern (1994)
- *The Girl Who Heard Dragons*, in: *The Girl Who Heard Dragons* (1996) and *A Gift of Dragons* (2002)
- Dragonseye, published as *Red Star Rising* in the UK (1996)
- The Masterharper Of Pern (1998)
- *Runner Of Pern*, in: *Legends* (anthology ed. by Robert Silverberg) (1999) and *A Gift of Dragons* (2002)
- The Skies of Pern (2001)
- *Ever the Twain*, in *A Gift of Dragons* (2002)
- 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)
- Dragon Harper (by Todd McCaffrey) (2007)
- Dragonheart (by Todd McCaffrey) (2008)

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 (overlap with Dragonsdawn)
- 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
- Dragonseye/Red Star Rising
- Story: *Ever the Twain* in: A Gift of Dragons (anthology)
- Dragon's Kin (with Todd McCaffrey)
- Dragon's Fire (with Todd McCaffrey)
- Dragon Harper (with Todd McCaffrey)
- Dragonheart (by Todd McCaffrey)
- Dragonsblood (by Todd McCaffrey)
- Moreta: Dragonlady of Pern
- Nerika's Story
- Story: *Beyond Between* in: Legends II (anthology edited by Robert Silverberg)
- 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 and A Gift of Dragons
- 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 and A Gift of 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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Chronological reading order of the books and short stories in the Pern Series by Anne McCaffrey and Todd McCaffrey

Book publication
Short Story publication
Published as book and short story

	Survey P.E.R.N.		
First Pass	Dragonsdawn	The Dolphin's Bell	
	The Ford of Red Hanrahan		
	The Second Weyr		
First Interval	Rescue Run		
	Red Star Rising/Dragonseye		
Second Pass	Ever the Twain (?)		
Second Interval	Dragon's Kin		
	Dragon's Fire		
	Dragon Harper		
Third Pass	Dragonheart		
	Dragonsblood		
Sixth Pass	Moreta: Dragonlady of Pern	Nerilka's Story	
	Beyond Between		
Sixth Interval			
Eighth Interval	The Masterharper of Pern	Runner of Pern	
	Dragonflight		
Ninth Pass	Dragonquest	Dragonsong	The Renegades of Pern
		Dragonsinger	
	The Smallest Dragonboy	Drigondrums	The Girl Who Heard Dragons
	The Impression		
	The White Dragon		
	All The Weyrs of Pern	The Dolphins of Pern	
	The Skies of Pern		