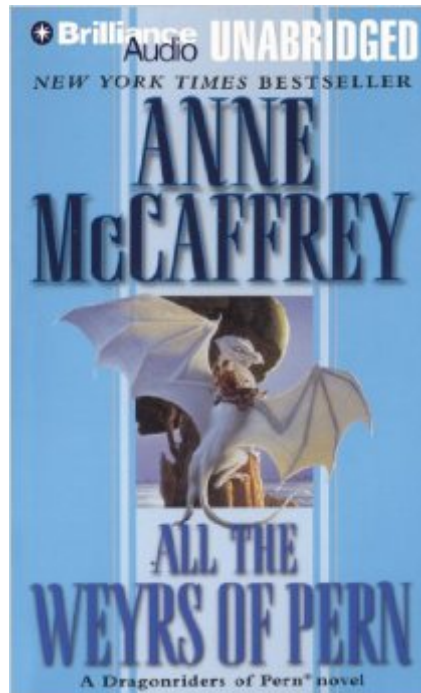


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# All The Weyrs Of Pern (Dragonriders Of Pern Series)



## Synopsis

For generations, the dragonriders had dedicated their lives to fighting Thread, the dreaded spores that periodically rained from the sky to ravage the land. On the backs of their magnificent telepathic dragons they flew to flame the deadly stuff out of the air before it could reach the planet's surface. But the greatest dream of the dragonriders was to find a way to eradicate Thread completely, so that never again would their beloved Pern be threatened with destruction. Now, for the first time, it looks as if that dream can come true. For when the people of Pern, led by Masterharper Robinton and Falar and Lessa, Weyr-leader and Weyrwoman of Benden Weyr, excavate the ancient remains of the planet's original settlement, they uncover the colonists' voice-activated artificial intelligence system which still functions. And the computer has incredible news for them: There is a chance—a good chance—that they can, at long last, annihilate Thread once and for all. When McCaffrey's beloved dragons roar and their riders soar upon the beasts' mighty backs fans of Pern will likely be enthralled. Publishers Weekly

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In All the Weyrs of Pern the large cast of characters from the Dragonrider and Harper Hall books, with the help of the Ancient AI device unearthed at the end of Renegades, settle down to their ultimate task: Ridding Pern of Thread for once and for all. I've read all the Pern books over and over since I first discovered them in eighth grade -- Dragonquest was the first book I bought with my

own money. In the main, I really enjoy them. Anne McCaffrey writes well and her ideas are very original, particularly in the earlier books in the series. Some of the later volumes have not thrilled me, however. *Renegades* I found particularly unmoving, so I picked up *ATW* with some trepidation the first time. But this is the *Dragonriders* series at its best, with all the characters the reader has come to know and love facing challenges with fortitude and even humour. I don't argue that McCaffrey is a great storyteller. She is at her best in situationally-driven stories (rather than character-driven), particularly those where her characters are put in a new, alien and/or hostile environment where they must develop the skills to succeed in various tasks. This is part of what makes her *Dragonrider* series appealing to fans of straight science fiction as well as fans of fantasy. And as the basic theme of *ATW*, it makes for an absorbing read. McCaffrey needs a continuity editor, however. As her world becomes more and more complex it seems she has trouble keeping track of the details. Unfortunately, I am the kind of person who is bothered by this. Is Jancis a Mastersmith or a journeyman smith? She seems to be both, often in the same paragraph. And how did she come to be Fandarel's granddaughter when he formerly stated he had no wife, only his work?

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