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## **Editorial Review**

From Publishers Weekly

Spanning a variety of eras, settings and genres (SF to mainstream), this new collection of 15 tales by the prolific McCaffrey is a satisfying exhibition of her storytelling ability. In the haunting "Velvet Fields," colonists on a new world must make a terrible decision when the planet turns out not to be as uninhabited as it appears. The title story, the only tale set on Pern, recounts some of the circumstances leading up to *Renegades of Pern*, focusing on the plight of the masterless and homeless in times of peril. In "Zulei, Grace, Nimshi, and the Damnyankees," an Arab woman sold into slavery protects a plantation and its horses during the Civil War and its aftermath. A random group of people from different eras caught in a time storm are dominated by an old woman who can predict the time changes in "A Flock of Geese." The contemporary "Euterpe on a Fling" explores the relationship between a singer and an audience in producing a performance. Few horsemen have been left on the Earth depicted in "The Quiet One," where large animals have had to make way for an expanding human population. McCaffrey ( *Lyon's Pride* ) nicely demonstrates her range and world-building skills in this eminently readable assembly. Illustrations by Mike Whelan .  
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From Library Journal

This collection of 15 stories, including a new "short novel" of Pern, offers a varied look at one of sf's most popular storytellers. Recommended.  
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From [Booklist](#)

There's something for almost any kind of McCaffrey fan in this diverse assortment of 15 short fiction pieces never before gathered in one volume. The heroine of the engaging title story, a new Pern novella and the only Pern tale in the collection, is somewhat akin to Menolly in *Dragonsong* in that she, too, eventually rises above her birthright to follow the destiny that her particular talent dictates. Perhaps the strongest inclusion here is "The Greatest Love," also a novella, which predicted in 1977 (when McCaffrey wrote it) the extrauterine fertilization of a human ovum to produce a healthy baby (actually a set of identical twins) whose proxy mother is their paternal aunt; told from the point of view of the young female doctor who performed the procedure, the story focuses on the turmoil engendered by the maternal grandmother, a despicable termagant who raises the question of incest. "Duty Calls" is an exciting tale in McCaffrey's *Ship Who Sang* series (in which the latest full-length novel is *The Ship Who Won* ). Other stories focus on everything from spaceship adventure, shifting time-storms, and the unwitting near-destruction of sentient life-forms by human colonists on a distant planet (and the fitting, if gruesome consequences)--to ghosts and romance. There's even a futuristic variation of *Cinderella* in this veritable cornucopia that lives up to its intention of showing the range and scope of McCaffrey's work. *Sally Estes*

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