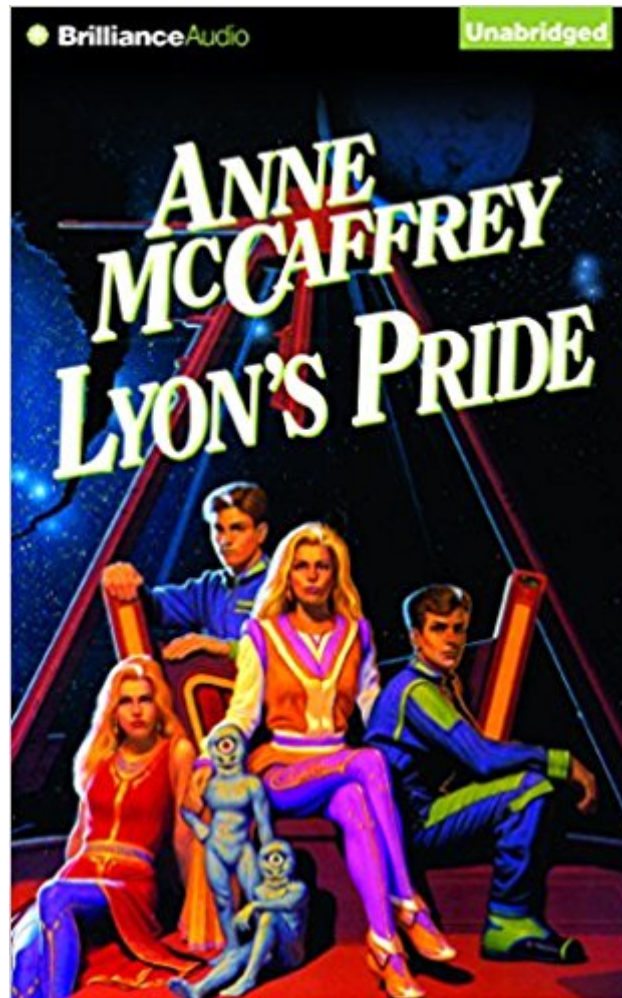




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# Lyon's Pride (Rowan/Damia Series)



## Synopsis

The beautiful woman called The Rowan was the most powerful telepath on all the planets of the Alliance until the birth of her daughter, Damia. Damia and her husband, Afra Lyon, were the most extraordinary team of telepaths the Alliance had ever seen until the powers of their children began to emerge. Now the combined power of all these generations, especially the unique abilities of the younger Lyon clan, is needed to face once and for all the threat of the alien Hivers. The human worlds see themselves as peaceful, and traditionally they have used deadly force only in self-defense, but now the time has come to take the battle with the Hivers out into space. A fleet of starships, with the powerful Lyon clan as its leaders, is sent into Hiver territory. Their mission: seek and destroy the Hiver threat that is lurking at the edges of known space.

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## Customer Reviews

In this sequel to *Damia's Children*, the psionically Talented children of Damia Gwyn-Raven and Afra Lyon are pushed closer to the forefront of the struggle between the human Nine Star League and their alien Mrdini allies against the blind expansionism of the insect-like Hive culture that threatens both their civilizations. Rojer, like his siblings a T-1 at the most powerful level of Talent, is assigned to provide communication and transport for a squadron following a Hiver vessel. When he refuses a command by the Mrdini Captain PrtgIm to launch missiles psionically against an occupied Hiver planet, he barely escapes while PrtgIm kills his Mrdni companions, complicating an already delicate situation. A debate sharpens within the human community and with the Mrdini over the fate

of the Hive colonies, with some humans and most of the Mrdinis holding out for complete destruction. Another large faction of humanity, which has eschewed war for generations, seeks a less bloodthirsty solution, such as isolation and containment. While McCaffrey's protagonists remain as warm and appealing as ever, her plotting here lacks vigor. Since the scene has been set for further volumes, a more rapid resolution to the Hive dilemma and the introduction of a new challenge might be in order. Science Fiction Book Club main selection; Doubleday Book Club alternate. Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

YA-This fourth book in the Raven-Lyon family saga continues the story of Damia's Children (Ace, 1993), the human-Mrdini Alliance, and their ongoing battle against the insectlike Hive creatures. McCaffrey has several story lines going at once. The human-Mrdini ships want to destroy several Hive vessels that escape from imprisonment because when the Hive colonize a planet they eliminate all sentient life. There is conflict over what to do with the captive Hive queen-some want to study her, learn more about her, and hope for peaceful co-existence, while another segment of the alliance thinks she should be killed outright. While the book is readable and well written and the characters are believable, the story is not as tight or as strong as *The Rowan* (1991) and *Damia* (1993, both Ace). Nevertheless, libraries that own the previous titles will want to purchase this one. John Lawson, Fairfax County Public Library, VA Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I love this story -- in fact I love the series. I got introduced to this series by my daughter eons ago -- she asked for them for Christmas and I read all the books before I gave them to her because I wanted to make sure they were appropriate for a high school student. I was hooked then and they still hook me every time I read them. I would say that it helps to read these books in order since then you are grounded in the premise of the books. The Pegasus series (most of these books are a set of connected short stories) tells of the evolution of the development of the organization of the para-psychics into the FT&T that is well developed in the Tower Sseries. I won't summarize the story. This is the second to last book in the series and it shows the conflict that exists between the desire to a peaceful solution to conflict and the need to take more aggressive action - the latter concept being one developed more completely in the last book of the series. These books were written a long time ago, so be aware that especially the very early books have more primitive technology than we have today, but it is no worse than reading other books written years ago.

These books are great for girls and boys, men and women -- the writing is great and there are none of those glaring inconsistencies between books in a series that seem to be prevalent in some of the newer series that I have read. Great books. I love science fiction but abhor graphic violence so I find myself reading Anne McCaffrey's books again frequently.

This story is awesome. I first read this as a teenager and loved the way the author took me into the future and to outer worlds. I loved this book then and I will continue to love this novel and storyline now and into the future.

The Tower and the Hive is one of my favorite sci-fi series. The premise is that there are people who have extraordinary mental and psi powers. They are employed by the government to communicate and transport cargo through intra- and inter-stellar space. The series follows a family of people with these talents through a variety of encounters with alien civilizations, exploring their own personal challenges in the process. There are some mature themes in some of the books which might not be suitable for younger readers, but otherwise this is a very entertaining read for anyone from late teens on up.

I enjoy all of Anne McCaffrey's books. Although "Lyon's Pride" gets a bit technical in so far as there is a lot of the action on spaceships "far, far, away" I enjoy reading the "whole" story. I read this book in paperback when it was first published and recently bought the kindle edition so I could read it anyplace I had my phone and time on my hands. This is probably the fourth time I've read it. I find it relaxing to read a favorite book. I know when it's a good stopping point and I already know what happens so I don't stay up until 2 am trying to finish it...

I have all of this series in paperback as well as digital. I like it. I liked Anne McCaffrey and the way she wrote her books.

Beginning with "To Ride Pegasus" and "Pegasus in Flight," each of McCaffrey's books dealing with Talents (people gifted with ESP abilities) also deals with ethical questions: What is ethical behavior for a Talent? What are Talents' obligations to society? McCaffrey outlined a code of conduct to answer these questions, and in this book both the code and its adherents are put to the test: the characters deal with ethical dilemmas as well as physical dangers, personality conflicts, space travel, personal relationships, and the ultimate goal of finding a way to survive and restrain the lethal

Hive Culture without copying its methods. Slower paced because of the material (and space!) it covers, Lyon's Pride is an indispensable part of the Tower and Hive Series: 1. The Rowan 2. Damia 3. Damia's Children 4. Lyon's Pride 5. The Tower and the Hive. Enjoy!

This is a well written book and keeps hold of your attention. For those who don't know this is a continuation of a series "The Talent Saga), This Saga begins with the book "To Ride Pegasus", "Pegasus in Flight", Pegasus in Space", "The Rowan", "Damia", "Damia's Children" and then is book with the series ending with "The Tower and the Hive which is available. The first three books are available in Kindle but the next three are not available on Kindle. It is a shame that does not provide the missing three books because they are a fantastic series. But all this aside, this book can and should be enjoyed by itself.

This was an enjoyable reread of one mine. However at 50 I am losing my connections with the younger characters. And being former military some of the scenes feel off but I have to remember Space military vs US Army training. US Army training does not apply. YA readers will enjoy and so with Anne's fans.

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