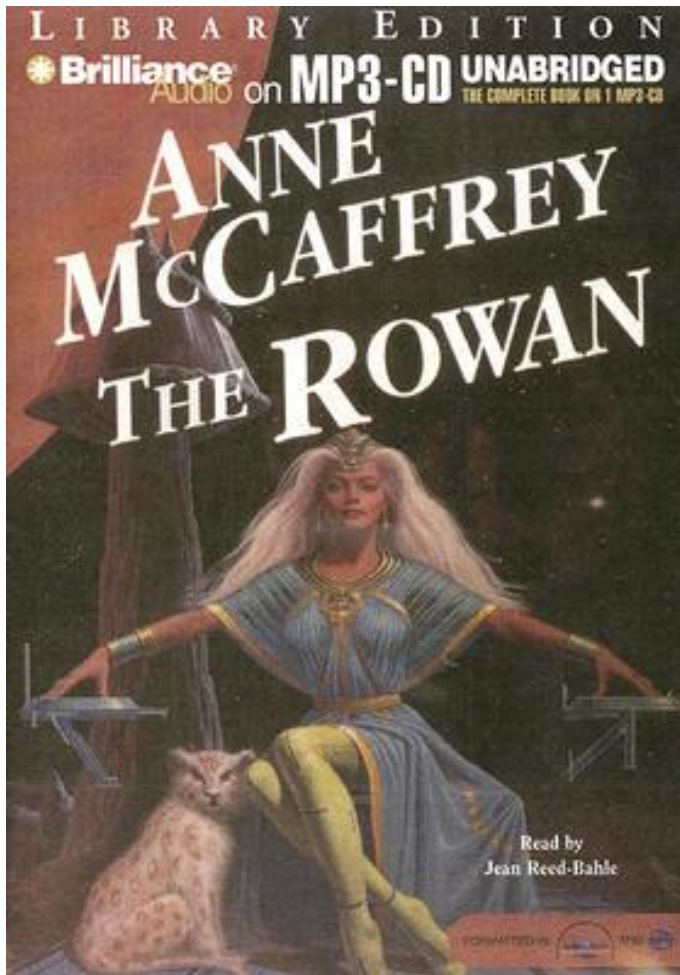

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Description

Told in the timeless style of Anne McCaffrey, *The Rowan* is the first installment in a wonderful trilogy. This is sci-fi at its best: a contemporary love story as well as an engrossing view of our world in the future.

The kinetically gifted, trained in mind/machine gestalt, are the most valued citizens of the Nine Star League. Using mental powers alone, these few Prime Talents transport ships, cargo and people between Earth's Moon, Mars' Demos and Jupiter's Callisto.

An orphaned young girl, simply called The Rowan, is discovered to have superior telepathic potential and is trained to become Prime Talent on Callisto. After years of self-sacrificing dedication to her position, The Rowan intercepts an urgent mental call from Jeff Raven, a young Prime Talent on distant Deneb. She convinces the other Primes to merge their powers with hers to help fight off an attack by invading aliens. Her growing relationship with Jeff gives her the courage to break her status-imposed isolation, and choose the more rewarding world of love and family.

Insightful reviews

Ryan G: The Rowan, and it's sequels, are comfort reading for me. I'm not a huge science fiction fan, nor am I really a fan of Anne McCaffrey. I've tired to read the Dragonriders of Pern books, but really can't get into them at all. But there is something about this series, these particular characters, that I can't seem to ever let go of, and choose to revisit every once in a while.

I'm sure part of it's because the Rowan, whose real name ends up being Angharad Gwyn, and her sense of isolation and loneliness that tugs at those same feelings in my own life. Because of all the moving and traveling we did as a kid, I never really had the opportunity to stay around kids my own age, which means I really never learned how to develop lasting friendships. I couldn't relate to them, so loneliness was a very real thing for me growing up. Add in the feelings of growing up a gay kid, and you can imagine that it wasn't a ton of fun for me. Like the Rowan, I grew up, and while that loneliness never goes away all the way, I've learned to deal with it, and have come out of my shell quite a bit. She is an amazing character, one that changes so much through this books, and it's sequels, but like a lot of my favorite characters, she is more than that for me. She's like a sister I never knew I had, or a long lost cousin, one I get to reconnect with every year or so.

What really sets this book apart from the rest of what I've read from McCaffrey, are the secondary and supporting characters. There really isn't a weak or unnecessary one in the whole bunch, and I'm in love with them about as much. I adore Jeff Raven, and his mother for that matter. He's such a quietly confident individual, and he is the perfect match for the Rowan. They compliment each other in ways, I can only hope of finding in my own life. I've always pictured them this way; take the relationship that Nick and Nora Charles have, take away the alcohol, give them monstrous telepathic/telekinetic abilities, and put them in space. They are one of those couples that just fits, and nothing could ever force them apart. There's also Afra Lyon,

who I love just about as much, and a whole host of equally compelling characters. When you put them together, it's the perfect family portrait, just mixed in with telepathy and invading aliens.

Stephanie: I first read this book when I was 7 or 8 years old. I have read it EVERY year since. I love this book. I sincerely hope that they never make a movie about this book so that they cannot ruin it for me.

The thing that I love the most about her is that she is strong and fierce, but also soft and feminine. That is how I strive to be. She has influenced me throughout my adolescence and I will continue to read her story probably for the rest of my life. I will give this book to my children to read. I have given it to many friends to read. They ALL love it!

The story starts out on the planet of Altair. Rowan starts out a toddler and you get to follow her through her adolescence and into adulthood. Through loss and love, heartache and joy. And thankfully her story goes on in "Damia" a story about her daughter.

LiteraryLover: The Rowan is about a woman who was found orphaned as a baby on a small mining planet. Her entire town was destroyed during a mudslide leaving her as the only survivor. She may not have survived anyways due to her being trapped inside a vehicle under the mud. However, Rowan has incredible psychic powers in telepathy and telekinesis which caused people from other planets to hear her crying. She was eventually saved and placed with someone to watch over her. Due to her strong powers, they thought that the Rowan would grow into someone called a Prime. Primes are the strongest of Talents, talents being people with psychic powers. She eventually grows up and takes over a Tower, but she's lonely and listless. Until one day she hears a distress signal from someone on a distant planet which changes her life forever.

I would give the first 2/3 of this book 4 stars. It kept my attention, I liked the characters, and even though it moved kind of slow I could tell it was building towards something. And then... I don't know. I got up to the part where the Rowan takes over a Tower and then she hears a distress signal and was still liking it. But then she merges herself with this stranger to help and it's instant love. He calls her 'love' and she's in love now even though they don't know anything about each other. Then they're sleeping together and within a few chapters she's pregnant and ... whaaa? I don't know, I thought there was this whole building of the character Rowan but the love story was instant. I'm not a big fan of 'love at first sight' relationships because you miss out on the characters getting to know each other and to me, you don't feel a connection to it. Now I'm just ranting. So basically I didn't like the ending but the beginning was really good. End rant.

Martina the Book Fairy: this is often certainly one of my all-time favourite books. I first learn it whilst i used to be thirteen or 14 and endured to choose up Anne McCafrey's complete catalog afterwards. i have learn it each few years in view that (I'm now 34) and nonetheless adore it! I also have a signed replica from whilst I met Ms. McCaffrey again ing 2005. Sadly, the explanation I picked it up back was once simply because Ms. McCaffrey gave up the ghost quite a few days in the past - on November 21, 2011. It appeared becoming to learn it back now as a party of her existence and the position she performed in turning a tender lady into an avid reader.

Charlee Allden: The Rowan by way of Anne McCaffrey is the 1st novel I ever learn that i couldn't placed down. I learn it immediately via hide to cover. I do this very often those days, yet on the time it used to be an occasion that rocked my world. I as soon as heard a male sci-fi writer name McCaffrey's books a gateway drug for buying ladies into sci-fi, yet for me this booklet clued me in on what was once lacking from the sci-fi books I'd already been reading—romance. The Rowan catapulted to the pinnacle of my all time favorites checklist and here's why....What i like in regards to the heroine:Rowan is a lonely younger woman, with amazing psychic gifts, who takes herself too heavily at times. Doesn't sound like heroine fabric right? however it makes her very relatable. belief me on this. She additionally has courage, consistently manages to upward push above events, and steps as much as the plate to save lots of the area and her hero.What i admire concerning the hero:Jeff Raven is a secret guy who calls out to his heroine throughout space. He suits her for psychic talents and braveness with a slightly of fascinating conceitedness further in. Besides, he's suffering desperately to save lots of his people, what will be extra heroic?Other cool stuff i admire approximately this story:The psychics during this booklet are charged with making house shuttle happen. They push shipment and passenger vessels via area with their minds. Cool!

Snail in Danger (Sid) Nicolaidis: So in fact i might learn this before, repeatedly — I used to like it, even. I observed it on the library's jumble sale, besides a host of its sequels. It used to be reasonable and that i was once gripped by means of nostalgia, what am i able to say.You can bet by way of that commencing that i am a piece embarrassed. Well, I am. How did I ever imagine this used to be a superb romance? examine it because the tale of a charismatic megalomaniac coming alongside at a time and with the expertise to be priceless to humanity and feed his ego on the related time, and never a romance, and it really is a little much less nauseating. (I settle for that the couple listed below are appropriate yet that does not inevitably make it a satisfying romance for the reader.)However. there is a scene in right here that is immediately up brain rape even if it is provided as being for the titular character's personal good. whilst Jeff Raven forces/compels/"helps" the Rowan to recuperate her memories: (view spoiler)"he had pierced via each layer of privateness in her mind" — "She cried out on the strength of his psychological penetration" — "his intrusion." (hide spoiler)] I agree that she desired to consider who her mom and dad are yet ... he did not warn her and also you cannot deny that consent was once absent. Also, it does not aid that on web page 248, she recalls her parents' names, yet on 276, she does not know, and unearths out again, and so they have assorted names than they did on 248! that sort of whole continuity failure relatively insects me, even supposing it isn't considerably vital to the story.Anne McCaffrey did have the aptitude of bobbing up with a few fascinating premises, and he or she had a manner of storytelling that can simply engross the reader. yet occasionally the characters and/or the plotlines are wince-inducing upon examination.

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