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Khorii, the rebellious daughter of the near-mythic Acorna and her lifemate, Aari, has followed in Acorna's footsteps leading their people from danger, but the pressure to succeed and fulfill a legacy is tremendous.

For the deadly foe that has ravaged the known worlds and weakened even her famous parents has launched its final assault, and only Khorii and her newly discovered sister, Ariin, are able to stop the brutal attack. But success is elusive, and fragile, and even time itself may not be enough to help their desperate quest to save their family . . . much less the universe.

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Jess says

Admittedly, It's been many a moon since I last read a McCaffrey novel. I was way into her when I was a teen, now I'm 24. I picked up this series and with the first novel I started to remember what I liked about Anne. By the second book I was starting to feel like maybe I was mistaken. By this one I was wondering what on earth happened.

The reasons for the plague and the stages are just so out there (I know, in a book about unicorn people, who am I to complain?). It just all seems so hastily slapped together. In fact, this entire last novel seems completely haphazardly stitched together...

Kimberly Karalius says

Ahhhh, I finished the ENTIRE series!!!! I feel like I just reached the end of a marathon and I don't know what to do with myself. All these characters have become such a big part of my head space. No matter how twisty the plot had gotten (and sometimes confusing), it was such a fun ride and I'd say that most, if not all, of the plot threads have been tied up - ending at the true origin of Acorna's race (what a surprise! and a strange way to end the book, haha).

Acorna herself will always be my Wonder Woman and I'd love to see these books adapted on screen someday. I loved following her daughters' adventures more than I thought I would and I'm happy to have even gotten one more ship out of it (yaaaayy Khorii and Mikaaye).

? BookAddict ✎ La Crimson Femme says

Khorii has a sister? Ariin comes out of no where. These stories are getting stranger and not really up my alley anymore. This is the last one I'm going to read. I really love Ms. McCaffrey and I try to read anything that she publishes. I have to say the last couple of these books are just not as good as her other work.

Leilani says

Even though it had been a few years since I read book two and struggled a little trying to remember specifics of what had already occurred, I enjoyed this book until the last four pages. The ending felt like it was just slapped on to rush the end of the book. Little was explained to tie up the story; a very abrupt ending. It was more like someone forgot to finish writing and just decided to publish the outline they drafted out. I was sad to see it that way. I love Anne McCaffrey's books and this is the first of the many, many I have read by her that I felt wasn't her best work.

Before the ending however, she does well with Ariin and Khorii's relationship and it grows at a believable

pace. Khindii/Grimalkin was a wonderful asset to the solving of the mystery. There were a few other moments that could have done with a little more developing story wise that felt abrupt (like the sudden curing of Acorna and Aari), but overall this story is a nice addition to the Acorna series.

Philena Garey says

The plague is finally killed! Lots of twists and turns take place in the plot before this is accomplished.

I enjoyed this episode of the plague books more than the earlier ones but still found the temporal jumps hard to follow. I was glad Kornya and Ahrii finally got out of quarantine so they could join the others in the fight against the plague.

Jerry says

This series passed its shark-jumping point a while ago.

Theresa says

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a great continuation of the acorna's story showing the dynamic nature of her children and their ability to stand up to things similar to their parents. They attempt to reconnect time, and Acorna and Ari

Gloria says

Khorii and Ariin use the chrono to travel back in time to find out about the mysterious inorganic eating "inogre"; Khiindi comes with them and becomes Grimalkin again. Ariin recognized the movement pattern and compared it to the Friends' shape-shifting houses, so they travel back to the Linyaari homeworld when the Friends were there, returning just at the point that Ariin left. Trading places, Ariin sneaks around trying to find out about who discovered the mutable substance while Khorii takes Ariin's place. Ariin decides to go chase a lead, while Khorii must find Khiindi or Grimalkin and then join her. Grimalkin has developed a crush on a unicorn(Ancestor/Other). Once Ariin and Khorii are reunited along with Grimalkin and Pircifer (Friends), they run into a particular snake at a carnival, Khorii heals it, and then, after some flying tigers, healing for pay, and other gypsy shenanigans, they go to the snake's home planet to return her to her people. The snake helps with packing up the sample of the mutable shelter (book describes her as throwing things out of it and then squeezing it down). So they know the coordinates of the planet.

The two gypsies had one of the chronos, and shifted to when the unicorns were on earth. The adventurers came to rescue them, and ended up rescuing the Ancestors, though Pircifer was killed. They returned to their own time, where Khiindi began mourning the loss of his companion Friend. Aari and Acorna were also healed of the plague.

Since they knew the location of the planet, they journeyed there, and discovered that the Khleevi had also been there. It wasn't certain, but suspected that the Khleevi had precipitated the extinction of the snakes.

Grimalkin pieced together that Odus, a rather unempathetic Friend, had tinkered with the genetics of the snakes/former skins that were malleable. Akasa, another rather self-centered Friend, had then journeyed and spread the plague, which also affected her looks. While Grimalkin tried multiple times to get Odus to stop, eventually, he always turned into Khiindi before he had completed his persuasions. A technician came for the heroes and Akasa had the tech that froze Grimalkin into Khiindi - this was used to shrink the mutable inogres where they had nearly destroyed planets.

Khorii wished Khiindi would stay with her, but recognized he may not want to. She released him, and he returned to the unicorns, from whence the Linyaari race came.

Jackie Krasuski says

Probably the best book of the Acorna series yet. This book was in two parts, the first half of which they are flitting all through time gets confusing, but the point is that they are learning things about this plague. The second half is when they are actually trying to stop this plague. There is a lot of drama and adventure and that really kept me interested. Then again, I can never seem to put a McCaffrey down.

Judy says

I usually like this author and had read the prequels to this book. It was okay. I guess I am just not as interested in her books. I did find the end had an interesting twist.

Cheryl Lengyel says

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It feels good to have finally completed the Acorna series. I really enjoyed them all. This book wrapped everything up nicely.

Jennifer says

SOOOOOO GOOD! The Acorna series were actually the first Anne McCaffrey books i ever read, and i just want more!!!

Marissa says

Satisfying conclusion to the trilogy and an extremely fitting ending. The loose strings were all wrapped up, and nicely integrated information from the extended series.

Lisa says

Great finish - More could still be done with character development...I wonder if there will be new books in this series?!

Michael says

Another great addition to the series. The ending was a bit disappointing though. It was kind of sudden and left a lot of questions unanswered. I hope there will be more books for this universe someday.

Chelsie says

Took a while for me to get into the book, but by the end it got pretty good. Not as spectacular as the earlier books, however.

Sharon says

This is one I haven't bought yet, because I couldn't find it when it came out in paperback. This story is getting a bit attenuated by the 10th volume. It was a bit difficult for me to keep track of all the characters. But I'll happily read anything with McCaffrey's name on it.

Mary Mackie says

Interesting enough to finish the series, but I felt that the author wanted to finish this off as much as I did. Interesting read, but I would not go out of my way to track down another series by these authors. It ought not be filed under Anne McCaffrey, it is not up to her engrossing style.

Becca says

This lousy ending to a series which started off badly and got steadily worse is a confusing, disconnected, and unresolved mess. We are never reintroduced to the characters we read about a year ago, when the second book came out, and are scarcely given enough clues to recognize them at all. Many main characters from the previous books in the series are forgotten, or mentioned only once or twice, as a side note. The "cure" to the "plague" is discovered suddenly in the last few pages, applied to perfect effect, and a happy ending assumed, with little attention given to the emotion of the characters. Actually, part of the confusion in the whole novel

is the lack of emotion--who cares what happens to Khorii and her friends, anyway? Even so, it was frustrating when the instigator was found--and then lost again, with no further efforts to find and punish him planned. I would not recommend this book to anyone. ::disgruntled and disappointed::

Kate Millin says

The third and final story in the Acorna's children series – where they finally defeat the plague that is decimating the universe
