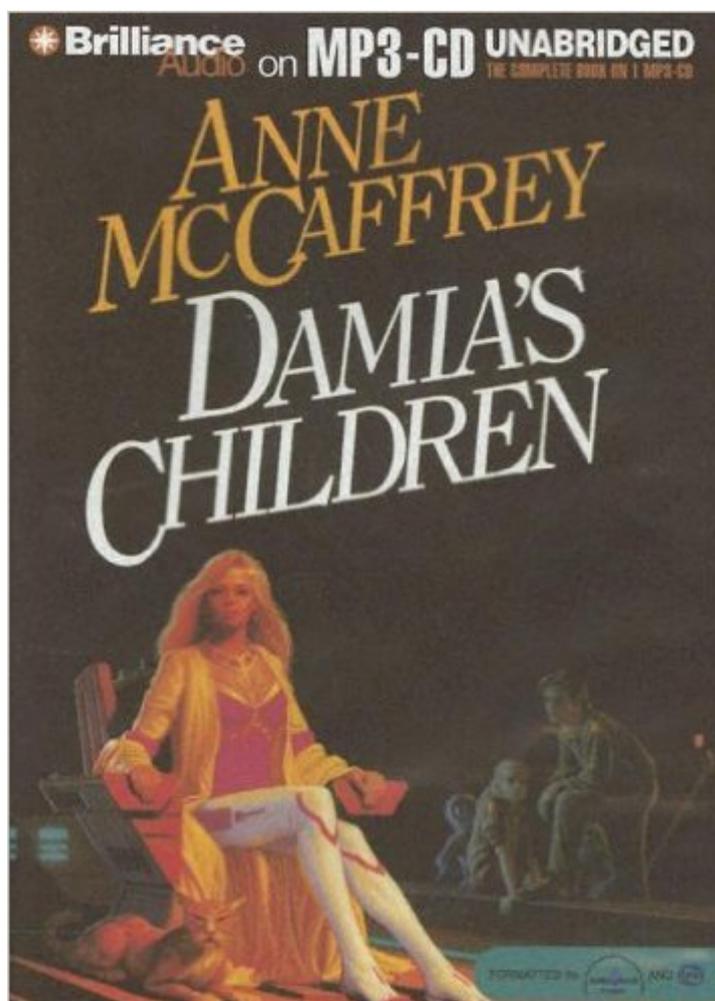


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# Damia's Children (Rowan/Damia Series)



## Synopsis

In *Damia's Children*, one of science fiction and fantasy's most beloved novelists, Anne McCaffrey, continues the story of psychic Talent begun with *The Rowan* and *Damia*. The Rowan's next generation of passionate and talented descendants prepare to defend their worlds against an alien attack of mysterious origin. *Damia* had deflected a previous attack on the human worlds and sent the aliens into deep space. Hungry for more living space, they return with plans to dominate, armed with knowledge of the psychic defense they can expect from humanity. However, as it has been learned that Talent can be both bred and taught, the combined abilities of *Damia's* children make them an even greater power than *Damia* or her mother. Each child has a special Talent that together makes them the most powerful Gwyn-Raven force yet to come. United they will confront the attackers face to face.

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## Customer Reviews

Although I have read many of Anne's novels, *Damia's Children* truly captured my imagination and interest. The book opens leisurely, some years after its predecessor, the book *Damia*. The beautifully written openings describe in great detail the individual characters of *Damia's* Talented children, but it foreshadows the menace the reader expects. And true to its promises, the book plunges into an exciting expedition where the combined fleets of both the Human and Mrdini species track down the home world of their decades-old enemies, the Hive. But this book is not just about space-battles and "star wars". The reader witnesses the growing-up and maturing of *Damia's*

four eldest children, and we even see glimpses of characters that one would expect to be obsolete: the Rowan, Isthia Raven, and the rest of Damia's children's predecessors who played such a large part in previous books. The book is definitely, without a doubt, a must-read, especially if you have read the previous two books, *The Rowan* and *Damia*..

*Damia's Children* is one of those 'in-the-middle-of's' books that a person will get totally lost in if they don't read the books in front of it. I found it ceaselessly step-by-step, with no real sense of forward movement of the plot, of tension or suspense, etc... and yes, it gave good information, as far as the plot of the entire series went, but as a stand-alone, it was boring and confusing. Don't get me wrong: I LOVE Anne McCaffrey. I have dozens of her books and have read just about everything she has written. This series? I loved the Rowan. Damia not so much - she was a hard character to like. After this one is *Lyon's Pride*, which picks up the pace and develops likeable and hateable characters, and then *Tower and the Hive*, again moving information along but terribly boring to read. You finished it because it was the last book in the series. On a scale of 1-10, the Tower Series gets about a 3. Most of her series are better ... the Pern ones outstanding, the Freedom Series excellent, and I liked all of the Brain ship ones. I STILL read Killashandra's series (*Crystal Singer*, *Killashandra*, *Crystal Song*) and Peter Reininger's over and over a couple times a year.

*Damia's children*, Anne McCaffrey's continuing saga of Rowan's psychic connection as airport controllers in future space stations, family relationships, hope, love, loyalty all tested and made stronger. Great series, and one of my top five authors.

I LOVE THIS SERIES!!!! I loved it in paperback and am soooo glad they are finally putting it out on Kindle. It does seem a bit strange they have put this series out backward (the final book in the series came out not long after Kindles hit the market) but I will take it however I can get it. Now just waiting until "The Rowan" is available and I will be set!

I have read all of Anne McCaffrey's books. I have been waiting for this series to become available on Kindle! I hope the rest will be available soon. You can't go wrong if you enjoy sci-fi/fantasy. This author has a number of very enjoyable series.

It's strange that we're getting these on kindle backwards, but I will not complain. I love this series and the mythos is so stable it's easy to skip around and read my favorite parts without losing the

suspension of disbelief. Read it! Now! But maybe don't start with this one :-D

Book source ~ My home library. Damia's children are growing up and taking their places in FT&T. All are powerful, but each has their own special Talents. Paired with young Mrdini allies when they were babies they've grown up with the aliens and are comfortable with them. Unlike others in the Federation who think the Mrdinis are weasel-like and shouldn't be allies with humans. Laria, Thian, Rojer and Zara will play their parts in the ongoing search for more Hivers and the Hive home world, so that a way can be found to contain the Hivers and keep them away from human and Mrdini planets. Revisiting this story 20 years later made me realize I hadn't forgotten much. The good mark of a story that enthralled me. Laria, as the eldest, goes to Clarf as part of the exchange that was agreed upon before she was born. Gaining experience in her own Tower has matured her and when her year is up and it's time for her to train on Callisto and for Thian to take her place on Clarf, something else for Thian comes up. He's needed on a fleet ship amongst a squadron that has been tracking Hive ships. At 16 he's young for the responsibility, but it's believed he can handle it and off he goes. Rojer follows about a year later by joining another ship and at the end of the book Zara pulls a stunt reminiscent of Damia when she was a child, but she does manage to figure out why the captured Queen appears to be dying. This book is chock full with information about Damia and Afra's children, especially the older ones and how they're maturing and helping FT&T. Lots of adventure, information and great story-telling. A lot more is learned about the Mrdini and there's even new info about the Hivers. This book is an excellent addition to the series and I look forward to rereading the next book and having the saga continue.

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