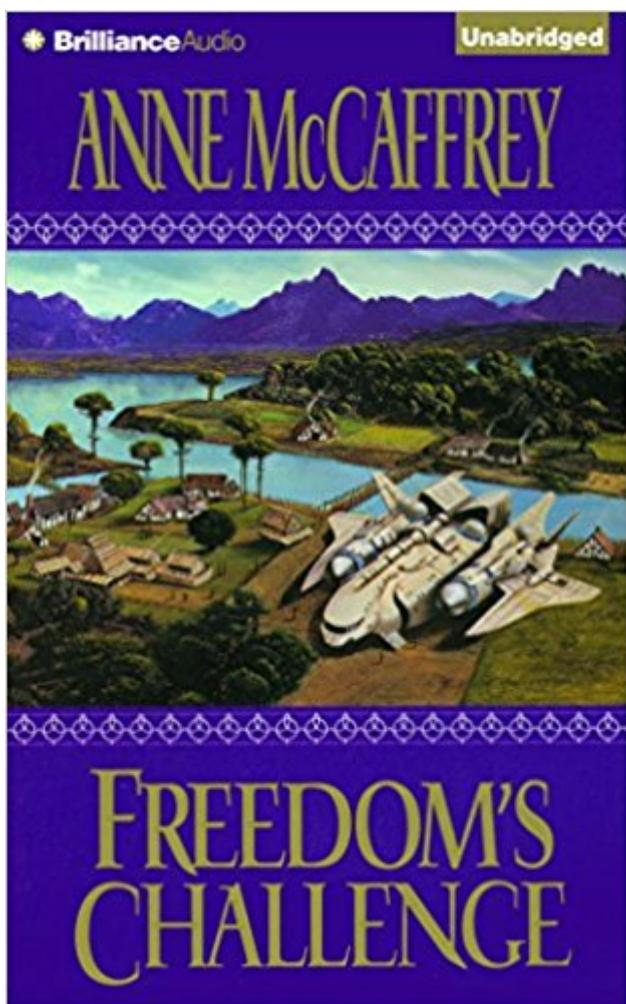


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# Freedom's Challenge (Freedom Series)



## **Synopsis**

Kris Bjornsen has come a long way since alien slave ships scooped her up in Denver with thousands of others. Dropped off on an apparently uninhabited world with the rest, she has fallen in love with Zainal, a renegade Catteni, and made a comfortable life for herself and her new family. But she feels a soldier's duty to escape Botany and rejoin the struggle for freedom. As the Eosi overlords continue to drop captives on Botany, the colonists learn that there are freedom fighters on every captured world, and Earth is full of pockets of resistance. There are even rebels among the warlike Catteni. Now the colonists have the technology they need to go back to war with the deadly Eosi— with a surprise strike at the enslaved planet Earth itself!

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## **Customer Reviews**

Abandoned on the planet Botany by their Catteni masters, a group of humans and other enslaved races now seeks to reclaim their worlds for themselves. This third installment of a series that includes Freedom's Landing (LJ 4/15/95) and Freedom's Choice (LJ 5/15/97) chronicles the stages of the war for liberation, from the theft of Catteni ships to the liberation of cargoes of slave laborers to a bold strike at the heart of the oppressor. McCaffrey excels as a storyteller and as a creator of worlds. Despite an occasional lapse in suspense, her latest novel provides a satisfying culmination to a saga of desperate courage and the desire for freedom. Most libraries should add this to their sf collections. Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or

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Another rousing episode, perhaps the last, in McCaffrey's saga, begun in Freedom's Landing (1995) and continued in Freedom's Choice , about the colonists on the planet Botany. Botany is now under attack by the Eosi, who are unable to penetrate the planet-surrounding Bubble constructed by the advanced race that had given permission for the colony to remain on the planet. Kris Bjornson, who was with the first group dumped on the planet by the Eosi-dominated Cattani forces, is one of the settlement's leaders, as is her lover, the insurgent Cattani, Zainal. Having built a new home for themselves, the settlers decide it is time to contact dissidents on the various Eosi-controlled worlds and wage a war of liberation. Since the Botany settlers possess stolen technology, including Cattani warships, they are able to rescue other victims of the Eosi and bring them to Botany. Kris and Zainal lead a small band, all disguised as Cattani, to the Cattani home world on the first sortie to enlist Cattani rebels in the battle. The action is fast paced and riveting, and the characters, human and of other species, are well limned and exhibit great individuality. McCaffrey continues to amaze with her ability to create disparate, well-realized worlds and to portray believable humans, convincing aliens of varied sorts, and credible interactions between them all. A very satisfying tale. Sally Estes --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

4.5\*Book source ~ Home libraryThe dropped survivors on Botany have come a long way from those first days when they had virtually nothing. They are living very well with many comforts of home and they are at the brink of ending the Eosi domination of several species and many planets and Kris Bjornson and Zainal are at the center of things. Making a good life on Botany isn't enough for Zainal though. He intends to destroy the Eosi for enslaving his people for two thousand years and for enslaving other worlds as well. However, the final piece of the plan will only work at great sacrifice to himself. Will his plan work and, more importantly, will he survive it?Once again I'm plunged into the fight for survival, the fight to free Earth, Botany and many other planets and how everyone works together for the greater good of the community. It's an awesome ride. All of the pieces of the puzzle come together and if they do so a little too neatly I'm not going to argue. I love this series and I love watching how everyone handles their part of the Great Plan despite overwhelming odds. A fast-flowing plot, great writing and wonderful characters keep me engaged from beginning to end. Anne McCaffrey always has so much going on and yet manages to keep the books to a reasonable length. There's just no way to summarize her stories without going on and on about everything that's happening. All I can say is this; open to the first page and hang onto your britches. It's going

to be a wild ride.

Freedom's Challenge is the third book in this intriguing science fiction series, by Anne McCaffrey. As in the first two novels the story mainly evolves around Kristin Bjornsen (human) and Zanial (catteni) and a growing population of alien dissidents who refuse to bow down to the Eosi domination of their species. With Botany now under the protection of a bubble shield, along with three ships they freed from the catteni, the dissidents have gained a small amount of freedom for themselves. But now the Eosi are wise to the problem that Botany has become to them and take steps to put an end to all involved. this novel contains a summary of the first two books of this series. I would recommend this novel for teens or adults.

This review is strictly for the audio books as most people will read the books first and then buy the audio book as a supplement. I first bought the Freedom series on cassette tapes (yes, I AM that old) and just fell in love with the acting of the two performers; Susie Breck and Dick Hill. They are just absolutely stunning with their vocal talents and help bring Anne McCaffrey's stories to brilliant life. I love audio books. They help pass the time when travelling long-distance in my car, make the walk with the dog not so boring, and help me survive traffic without resorting to road-rage. As anyone who has ever read an Ann McCaffrey story knows, she is just brilliant in bringing her fantasy worlds to life; so much so, that you have to keep reminding yourself that there are no such things as Catteni, Earth has never been attacked by aliens, and (for the Pern series) that there are NO dragons. She has a true gift with her different worlds she creates and it makes each book pure escapism. Susie Breck and Dick Hill have truly ruined me on just one actor taking on numerous characters. They each have such distinct voices for each character, that you don't need the "Zainal said," and "Kris said," to clarify. They help bring the words they perform to vivid life and you just get lost in the story and forget you're being "read" too. If you have any doubts about any book performed by these two actors, don't hesitate. They help the super talent author bring her stories to life.

GREAT transaction. Prompt service and book is in Excellent condition. This is another Great book by Anne McCaffrey. I've read the other reviews where people complained about the "Freedoms" books and what I've read was people whining and crying about this and that. Come on people!!! Get real!!! This is a Science Fiction book. Read it for what it is, ... not for what YOU want. If you want a long and boring book read War and Peace, or how about a psychology book on the social structure of the aborigines in the Australian outback. Anne McCaffrey is a Great writer. She has the ability to

actually take you into the stories. If you close your eyes you can easily visualize the location and characters. If the characters in her books don't act or respond the way "You" want them to then to, then write your own book. This way you can make your characters do what "You" want. Who knows, maybe you can get published and sell millions of books. If you're going to continue to read Anne's books then read them for what they are, ... Great entertainment!, and a Great way to relax and escape for a while.

The completion of a story line that actually completed in the first book. No surprises, nothing one would expect of Anne McCaffery...just plodding to an end visible from the second page. This whole story began as a Novella in Galaxy magazine (classic pulp) and while new there, completed as a concept in the Novella. Everything since is an addition similar to racing slicks and a spoiler on a Fiat 500. If you enjoy classic Anne McCaffery, you will be entertained by this series but don't expect anything surprising or new. It just isn't there.

This isn't the first time I've read this series and it won't be the last. Freedom's Landing, Freedom's Choice and Freedom's Challenge give you all the action you could ever want and when I finish Freedom's Ransom again, I will be wishing that Anne McCaffrey had been able to come up with one or two more books in the series as she did with the Pern books. Have loved her writings with the first book I bought, Restoree, in 1967. I have to say she is my favorite author. So glad I can get these for my Kindle.

loved it. Read the series years ago and it is better than I remember.

Very good read, you'll like it

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