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"Runner of Pern" is set shortly before the Ninth Pass. It tells of a runner (messenger) Tenna, who is new to the craft but is good at the job.

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Manuel Antão says

I don't quite remember when I discovered Pern. I was young enough to think it was all very daring and edgy. I was reading books where the inside cover used the word "desire". I'm not kidding. Check it up yourself: old green cover of Dragonflight and the passage with Ramouth's first flight with Mnementh. All of a sudden I had a book in my hands with Dragons and Sex... And then, wait a minute, those were all men with green dragons so that meant gay sex with dragons!

The rest of this review can be found on my blog.

Brian Ackermann says

enjoyed it!

Diana says

This is my favorite short story in the Pern series. In this story, Anne McCaffrey shows us what life is like for people who aren't a part of the Weyrs. It's about the first crossing/run of one of the young messenger runners who cross Pern daily, and some of the trouble she gets into. If you're a fan of the series definitely read it, if you enjoy Fantasy give this series a try.

2016 A quick re-read, I love this story, I have no clue why. It's one of my favorite short stories by McCaffrey. It a good story to pick up when you need a short break in your day. For me, that's a break from college homework.

Re-read 2018

I needed to read a book that takes place on Pern. My favorite invention of the author Anne McCaffrey. I've been thinking about re-reading the entire series but there are so many it's a big undertaking. It would definitely be worth it though.

Susan says

included in *A Gift of Dragons*

Frans Karlsson says

A short story about a runner on Pern that have some trouble with on of her runs. A man almost runs her over and she falls into a dangerous bush. A story of romance

Gareth says

Fun short story this one, showing well the life of Runners in Pern, albeit before Thread reappeared. Good glimpse of a different part of society, and the characters in here were still quite well rounded despite the brevity of the tale. Only shame was that the timeline didn't encompass the Ninth Pass starting.

Janith Pathirage says

Im not very familiar with the 'Pern series' but this is a really good fantasy story. Reminds me a bit of 'A Princess of Mars' by Edgar Rice Burroughs. Its a very simple story like all the other stories of 'Legends' series, but sometimes its very hard to keep a story simple and make it an entertaining read at the same time. I think Anne McCaffrey has accomplished that quite well.

Robin says

Fun little novella of a new aspect of Pern--the Runners. Tenna is a great character, and I'd like to see more of her. (Found in A GIFT OF DRAGONS)

taeli says

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Kari Metzger says

Great short story - I rated this AS a short story, and not as a full-length novel - for what it was, I thought it was great - loved the characters, how quickly they developed for less than 50 pages, and how quickly we started to connect with them. This book is NOT for someone who isn't already familiar with 'Pern' and the Dragonriders - for those of you who are thirsty for more, you'll likely enjoy it! :)

Gloria says

The story starts off with Tenna, a runner from a line of runners, taking a missive to Fort Hold. She is run off of the trace by a runnerbeast and falls into a thicket of sticklebush. Sticklebush can be deadly as its long thin stickers worm their way into one's flesh and possibly get to your heart.

With help from the runner's station at Fort Hold, she reports the incident. And then she slaps the wrong man, while the man she talks to and tells the incident to makes things right (because he went to the station master and then his father, who told him that he needed to do more than throw marks (money) at her).

