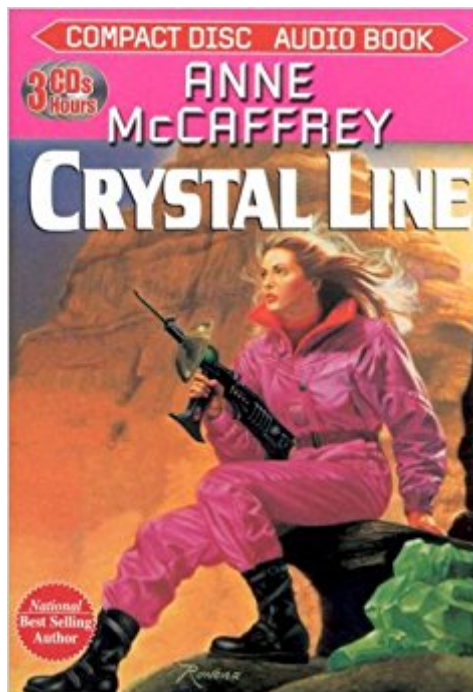


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## Customer Reviews

McCaffrey again explores the effects of institutionalized memory loss on a culture in the third volume of a series that began with *Crystal Singer*. Killashandra Ree, one of the rare individuals with perfect pitch who can find and cut the Ballybran crystals on which much of the galaxy's economy is based, turns away from her lover and partner Lars Dahl when he becomes head of the Heptite Guild and, to her discomfort, moves to bring some order into the workings of the organization that controls the crystal trade. In order to work with crystal one must adapt to a symbiotic organism that heals humans rapidly and prolongs life; as a side effect, those who handle crystal lose their memories, forgetting the locations of good mining sites as well as the identities of their friends and lovers. While Lars undertakes various projects to overcome this disability, Killashandra has an off-planet

fling. Eventually she reconciles herself to change, finding possible salvation for them all. As lacking in coherence as a crystal singer's life and bereft of interesting characters, this episodic McCaffrey effort is a major disappointment. Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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I first started reading Anne's books at age 12, I'm now 45! This is a series that I've read 11 times myself. All this authors stories are just amazing. They draw you right in, making you love the characters and live along with them through the twists and turn of such a well written series. I've always wished for a fourth book too tell the truth. Anne is now lost to us as her life has ended but forever she lives on in the stories she has written and the heart and minds of her readers. I was so blessed at 13 to write my first of many letters to Anne and get a reply which I never expected. She saw right away a young girl in love with reading and greatly encouraged me to keep reading and also writing my own poor stories just for the love of it. I have read every story she has ever written and have never once been disappointed. I hope you read this series and others she wrote in her life time and find the joy I have. Her son Todd McCaffrey has even taken up her Dragonriders of Pern series which he started to co write before her passing and does an excellent job which I know his mom is looking down on glowing with pride! This world is a sadder place with less joy of stories now she has passed. I found her to be such a kind and generous person through the letters I received as a kid I mourned greatly when she had to leave us all. So please join me in honoring her by reading her stories and holding them in your heart. Thanks so much! Heather

This is one of my favorite series " The Crystal Singer" from Anne McCaffrey. I have read pretty much everything she has written, and I am always surprised and how well she writes and develops each character. In her story telling, I find I am pulled into her world of Killashandra, and I can

BELIEVE that there is an FSP, and there are planets waiting for us to discover, just like what Killashandra and her friends do. I am a musician, and I have lost my ability to sing, I relate to Killashandra's story.. her main reason leaving her planet, leaving behind her music studies after her mentor and teacher told her she would never get a lead role in an opera. While she can still sing, her abrupt flight from the pain of hearing what she did not hear, takes her on a wild adventure of danger, political intrigue and new discoveries. I highly recommend this book...

I first read this, and all the other McCaffery books I could get my hands on, at the age of 15 or so. Now with the benefits of a few decades of my own since, I can appreciate the creativity that much more. This is a great author for teenagers, and anyone else looking for a break from modern reality. This is an author whom I wish were still alive and writing.

Ann's books are always great the crystal singer book my purchase in 1982 I have never regret it I assassinated for a fourth. As I have not seen one . Go Todd

Just like to say that this series has gotten better every installment and would be nice if we were able to get more !!!!

Love Anne McCaffrey. This series is a nice look into one part of her universe.

Interesting conclusion to the trilogy. Really wish there were more books in this series.

This is the third book of the trilogy. Killashandra a disappointed music student from the planet Fute, becomes a crystal miner. Killashandra is a strong woman, feisty, yet soft when in love. Ballybran is an interdicted planet because of the symbiot that forces all who are changed by it to stay on Ballybran except for the crystal miners. The biggest problem they have is memory loss, and their inability to remember. The trilogy takes her from our in the ranges into the galaxy. Definitely a fun read

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