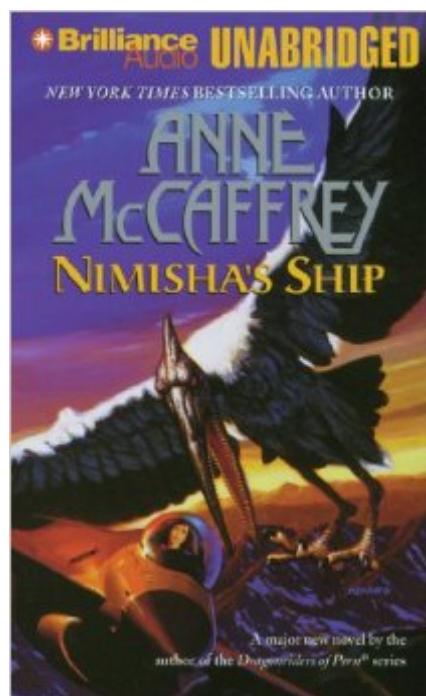


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# Nimisha's Ship



## **Synopsis**

On Vega III, where the jaded inhabitants pursue lives of malicious intrigue and decadent pleasure, Lady Nimisha Boynton-Rondymense has always been an anomaly. Disdainful of the frivolity of her fellows, she prefers the exciting and challenging world of her father, Lord Tionel, owner and principal starship designer of the famous Rondymense shipyards. Precociously gifted, Nimisha becomes Lord Tionel's secret assistant - and, in the aftermath of a shocking tragedy, his chosen successor at the helm of the shipyards. But supplanting her father's designated body-heir, the callow Lord Vestrin, is a slight that Vestrin and his mother, Lady Vescuya, will not easily forget. Or forgive. Preoccupied with carrying on her father's ambitious plans for the Mark 5, an experimental long-distance cruiser, Nimisha dangerously disregards Vestrin's animosity - until a solo test flight of the Mark 5 goes horribly awry, marooning Nimisha light-years from home on a planet as deadly as it is beautiful. Now, Vestrin and Vescuya are given the chance they've been waiting for: to reclaim the shipyards. . . by any means necessary. Only Nimisha's child, Cuiva, a girl every bit as ingenious as her mother - stands in their way. But for how long? For just when her daughter needs her most, Nimisha is unable to help - and in a precarious situation herself. But Nimisha has never given up in her life - and she's not about to start now . . .

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## **Customer Reviews**

I was charmed by the initial premise of "future nobility" and sucked into the will-she-ever-get-rescued plot, but by the end of this book I was totally unenchanted. One of the

main problems I had was with terrible editing. Words are repeated within sentences, character's names get switched, and explanations are often redundant, clunky, or downright confusing. Dialogue is frequently unattributed when there are more than two people in a scene, which had me spending a good deal of time wondering who said what. I also found myself dissatisfied with the characterizations in the end. It felt like a plot outline more than anything - Pretend these are actual characters with more than one dimension, then this is what they'd do. A plus B equals C, everybody makes babies (SO MANY BABIES), the adorable and completely undifferentiated aliens party, the end. The funny thing is, McCaffrey tries so hard to portray one thing while doing the exact opposite. The novel is full of Strong Female Characters - admirals, nobility, all sorts of naval personnel, bodyguards, the main character - but guess which gender gets weepy and hysterical on a FAR too regular basis, while men only ever get gruff lumps in their throats? Seriously, there's a scene near the end where an intelligent, capable female science officer starts crying on her husband's shoulder because it turns out oh gee, she forgot all about a regulation that pertains directly to their situation, a regulation that she would have been thinking about frequently for the past five years or so. Oh, and the female ALIENS do all the cooking and cleaning and clothes-making in their society, and fight over who gets to take care of the babies. None of the nanny aliens even get names...

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