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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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Editorial Review

Amazon.com Review

Parts of *Nimisha's Ship* are reminiscent of the melodramatic intrigue and romance among lords and ladies in Anne McCaffrey's first SF novel, *Restoree* (1967). Here, though, danger and drama are downplayed while the course of true love--plus the joy of friendship--moves to center stage. Nimisha, heir to her mother's wealth and high status, tomboyishly prefers the spaceship yards of her absentee father. She sneaks off to work with him and emerges as a gifted ship designer. One day, testing a splendid new space-yacht, she falls through a wormhole to a far-off region of the galaxy. This contains a planet of unfriendly beasties--mostly leathery-winged avians, easily shot down by Nimisha's yacht AI--and stranded wormhole victims: a haggard human party easily put right by medical treatment, and midget aliens who are easily befriended. Romance soon blooms for Nimisha, and she settles down to have the nicest human castaway's babies (twins, then triplets). Meanwhile, rescue missions are on the way, one by the long, slow route and one by accidental wormhole encounter. Happy family reunions follow, with a certain twinkly charm but no real suspense or surprise. It's a comforting, unthreatening read: McCaffrey addicts will love it, but newcomers may prefer to start with her tougher, grittier SF adventures like the classic *Dragonflight*. --David Langford, *Amazon.co.uk*

From Publishers Weekly

The magic of McCaffrey's alien planets and exotic space creatures, familiar from such novels as *Dragonriders of Pern*, is absent from this flimsy SF-clad romance, set on luxurious Vega III centuries into human galactic domination. Upon Lord Tionel's death, his precocious genius daughter, Lady Nimisha Boynton-Rondymense, takes charge of his famous shipyard and test-flies his cherished Mark V space yacht straight into an unexpected wormhole that flings her onto an unknown planet. While bearing five children in three years to Jonagren Svangel, a conveniently also-stranded hunk, Nimisha spunkily triumphs in one maudlin adventure after another, but she finally dissolves into a postpartum "leaky ula-ooli-la" when located by a previous lover and her own adolescent body-heir, Cuiva. Not even Nimisha's inexhaustible supply of hooting alien babysitters and Star Trek-like cybernetic shipmates Helm, Doc and Cater can compensate for the rapidly predictable teeny-bopper plot and cellophane-thin characterizations. There's not one redeemingly vicious villain. That bloats this lost-in-space operetta, a leaky ula-ooli-la if ever there was one. Science Fiction Book Club main selection.

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From [Booklist](#)

Once again McCaffrey has crafted a finely tuned, credible universe and two disparate worlds, human and alien societies, and human individuals within it. The story begins on Vega III, where members of the First Families adhere to a strict social protocol, though many also amuse themselves with political machinations and decadent pursuits. When Nimisha Boynton-Rondymense shows an early passion and aptitude for things mechanical--an unusual preoccupation for a female First Family scion--her father, Lord Tionel, owner and principal starship designer of the Rondymense Ship Yards, makes her his assistant, unbeknownst to her prim and proper mother. He also makes her heir to the shipyard, thereby supplanting his designated body-heir and Nimisha's blood brother, the malicious Lord Vestrin. When a freak accident kills Lord Tionel, Nimisha finds herself in charge of the shipyard and in danger from Lord Vestrin and his mother. While she is on a solo test flight of a new state-of-the-art starship she has designed, the ship is sucked into a wormhole. It emerges light-years away, and Nimisha lands it on a hostile planet. There she encounters other wormhole survivors and makes first contact with sentient aliens. Back home, Lord Vestrin and his mother move to take over the shipyard, and only Nimisha's precocious daughter, Cuiva, stands in their way. What happens thereafter makes this a page-turner all the way. *Sally Estes*

Users Review

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