AUTHOR BACKSTORIES

Brandon Sanderson

Reading list

Every book in order of first publication. Each series is kept together, in reading order, starting where its first book appeared. Tick the box as you finish each one.

52 books · 8 series · List updated November 14, 2026

☐ 2005 *Elantris*
Novel
His first published novel.

Mistborn
Series · 7 books · 2006–2022

Two eras so far: the original trilogy and the four Wax and Wayne novels, beginning with The Alloy of Law.

☐ 2006 *Mistborn: The Final Empire*
Novel

☐ 2007 *The Well of Ascension*
Novel

☐ 2008 *The Hero of Ages*
Novel

☐ 2011 *The Alloy of Law*
Novel

☐ 2015 *Shadows of Self*
Novel

☐ 2016 *The Bands of Mourning*
Novel

☐ 2022 *The Lost Metal*
Novel

Alcatraz
Series · 6 books · 2007–2022

☐ 2007 *Alcatraz Versus the Evil Librarians*
Novel

☐ 2008 *Alcatraz Versus the Scrivener's Bones*
Novel

☐ 2009 *Alcatraz Versus the Knights of Crystallia*
Novel

☐ 2010 *Alcatraz Versus the Shattered Lens*
Novel

☐ 2016 *Alcatraz Versus the Dark Talent*
Novel

- ☐ 2022 *Bastille Versus the Evil Librarians*
  Novel
  Written with Janci Patterson.

The Wheel of Time (with Robert Jordan) Series · 3 books · 2009–2013

The last three books of Robert Jordan's series, written from Jordan's notes after his death in 2007.

- ☐ 2009 *The Gathering Storm*
  Novel
- ☐ 2010 *Towers of Midnight*
  Novel
- ☐ 2013 *A Memory of Light*
  Novel

- ☐ 2009 *Warbreaker*
  Novel

The Stormlight Archive Series · 7 books · 2010–2024

Planned as ten books; Edgedancer and Dawnshard are novellas set between the novels.

- ☐ 2010 *The Way of Kings*
  Novel
- ☐ 2014 *Words of Radiance*
  Novel
- ☐ 2016 *Edgedancer*
  Novella
- ☐ 2017 *Oathbringer*
  Novel
- ☐ 2020 *Dawnshard*
  Novella
- ☐ 2020 *Rhythm of War*
  Novel
- ☐ 2024 *Wind and Truth*
  Novel

Legion Series · 3 books · 2012–2018

- ☐ 2012 *Legion*
  Novella
- ☐ 2014 *Legion: Skin Deep*
  Novella

- [ ] 2018 *Legion: The Many Lives of Stephen Leeds*
  Story collection
  Collects the three Legion novellas, including the new Lies of the Beholder.

- [ ] 2012 *The Emperor's Soul*
  Novella
  Won the 2013 Hugo Award for Best Novella.

The Reckoners
Series · 3 books · 2013–2016

- [ ] 2013 *Steelheart*
  Novel
- [ ] 2015 *Firefight*
  Novel
- [ ] 2016 *Calamity*
  Novel

- [ ] 2013 *The Rithmatist*
  Novel

- [ ] 2016 *Arcanum Unbounded: The Cosmere Collection*
  Story collection

White Sand
Series · 3 books · 2016–2019

Graphic novels written with Rik Hoskin.

- [ ] 2016 *White Sand, Volume 1*
  Graphic novel
- [ ] 2018 *White Sand, Volume 2*
  Graphic novel
- [ ] 2019 *White Sand, Volume 3*
  Graphic novel

- [ ] 2017 *Snapshot*
  Novella

Skyward
Series · 5 books · 2018–2023

- [ ] 2018 *Skyward*
  Novel
- [ ] 2019 *Starsight*
  Novel
- [ ] 2021 *Cytonic*
  Novel

- [ ] 2022 *Skyward Flight: The Collection*
  Story collection
  Three novellas written with Janci Patterson.
- [ ] 2023 *Defiant*
  Novel

- [ ] 2021 *Dark One*
  Graphic novel
  Written with Jackson Lanzing and Collin Kelly.
- [ ] 2023 *The Frugal Wizard's Handbook for Surviving Medieval England*
  Novel
- [ ] 2023 *The Sunlit Man*
  Novel
- [ ] 2023 *Tress of the Emerald Sea*
  Novel
  The first of four "Secret Projects" funded on Kickstarter in 2022.
- [ ] 2023 *Yumi and the Nightmare Painter*
  Novel
- [ ] 2024 *The Most Boring Book Ever*
  Children's book
  A picture book with pictures by Kazu Kibuishi.
- [ ] 2025 *Isles of the Emberdark*
  Novel
- [ ] 2025 *Tailored Realities*
  Story collection
  His first collection of stories outside the Cosmere.
- [ ] 2026 *The Fires of December*
  Novel
  Released first to backers of a 2026 crowdfunding campaign.