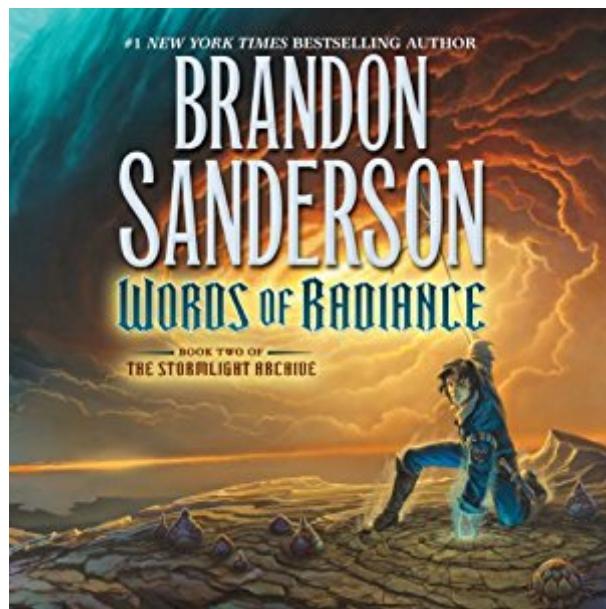


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Synopsis

The Stormlight Archive sequence began in 2010 with the New York Times best seller *The Way of Kings*. Now, the eagerly anticipated *Words of Radiance* continues the epic story and answers many of your questions. Six years ago, the Assassin in White, a hireling of the inscrutable Parshendi, assassinated the Alethi king on the very night a treaty between men and Parshendi was being celebrated. So began the Vengeance Pact among the highprinces of Alethkar and the War of Reckoning against the Parshendi. Now the Assassin is active again, murdering rulers all over the world of Roshar, using his baffling powers to thwart every bodyguard and elude all pursuers. Among his prime targets is Highprince Dalinar, widely considered the power behind the Alethi throne. His leading role in the war would seem reason enough, but the Assassin's master has much deeper motives. Expected by his enemies to die the miserable death of a military slave, Kaladin survived to be given command of the royal bodyguards, a controversial first for a low-status "darkeyes". Now he must protect the king and Dalinar from every common peril as well as the distinctly uncommon threat of the Assassin, all while secretly struggling to master remarkable new powers that are somehow linked to his honorspren, Syl. Brilliant but troubled Shallan strives along a parallel path. Despite being broken in ways she refuses to acknowledge, she bears a terrible burden: to somehow prevent the return of the legendary Voidbringers and the civilization-ending Desolation that will follow. The secrets she needs can be found at the Shattered Plains, but just arriving there proves more difficult than she could have imagined. Meanwhile, at the heart of the Shattered Plains, the Parshendi are making an epochal decision. Hard pressed by years of Alethi attacks, their numbers ever shrinking, they are convinced by their war leader, Eshonai, to risk everything on a desperate gamble with the very supernatural forces they once fled. The possible consequences for Parshendi and humans alike, indeed, for Roshar itself, are as dangerous as they are incalculable. The doors of the Stormlight Archive first opened to us with *The Way of Kings*. Listen to that book and then *Words of Radiance*, and you can be part of the adventure every dazzling step of the way.

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Customer Reviews

I am in my seventies and hope that I live long enough to finish this great series. Ten books, please Mr. Sanderson, don't take as long to finish the series as this book did to finish. I know great books take a great deal of time to write but at my age, I don't know how much time I have left to enjoy pleasures such as these novels. I am a voracious reader, mostly action, spy, counter terrorism etc. My daughter reads like I do and she reads these fantasy epics. Her son, my grandson, gave me a copy of the Way of Kings for Christmas 2012 saying it was his favorite book of all time, and he is a chip of the ole' block. He is a huge reader also. I so enjoyed that book that I couldn't wait until this second in the series came out, bought it for my Kindle the day before and it was ready to read the next day. I haven't finished it yet, but, almost. I have not been disappointed in any way except that I will soon be finished and then what? My daughter has suggested that I start on another of Mr. Sanderson's novels and I believe that is what I am going to do. So, thanks to my grandson Victor and his mom, Stephanie, I am now a fan of fantasy fiction and especially, Brandon Sanderson.

EXCELLENT! Run, don't walk to get this. Let me say that a large part of my enjoyment is the incredible audio narration by Michael Kramer. I'm normally not a fan of Kate Reading also narrating, but she really really did an excellent job here and I've become a fan. What powers this book, and the one before it is the incredible depth of character and world building. Really the entire book deals with fleshing out a single person in incredible detail, by the end of the book you feel as if you know what makes her tick, why she is the way she is, and what motivates her. Sanderson also describes the world in incredible detail and you truly feel as if you are there. There are a few areas which are a bit unbelievable, just things characters do which defy logic but do tie into the story, but then again if someone wrote a book about me I'm sure there would be plenty of situations where I acted in a way that others would say defied logic. So upon reflection that might be an actual strength. I hesitate to give out examples though as I'd hate to ruin the story for anyone else. I've also heard complaints about Sanderson's prose, although I find it just fine. Overall a very enjoyable book and I can't wait

for the next one in the series to come out. Do yourself a favor and splurge on the audio narration, you won't regret it.

You read a book. It is highly diverting, incredibly entertaining. And then you move on... Not with this book. It gets inside of you! Roshar is one of the most original, unique, alien, and compelling fantasy worlds every created. And the characters that inhabit it are full-bodied, vibrant, and dynamic. Just when you think you've got someone figured out... Wham! another piece of the puzzle emerges, and everything you thought you knew shifts, realigns and refocuses. Then you see a bigger picture, and begin to grasp what you think these people and their world really look like. Then something else emerges, the puzzle changes, and new pieces fall into place. You would feel almost betrayed, if it wasn't so much fun! And then he does it again, and Again, and AGAIN! Brandon's fiction is not just superb entertainment, it is great literature. It is an art form that teaches about love, hope, honor, betrayal, fear, anger, revenge, mercy, and justice. People might wonder about the many side-stories, interludes, and seemingly random snippets woven throughout Words of Radiance. Just you wait. The vague puzzle pieces from Way of Kings (Stormlight #1) are now (mostly) clearer, and those that are not, well, this is a 10-book epic. There are plot lines running the entire course of this series that are only just getting started. I was there when Brandon released his first novel, Elantris. I remember walking up to him at a signing table in the BYU Bookstore, an author no one had ever heard of, and asking him what his book was about. His answer, not surprisingly, was read and find out. I devoured Elantris, and have since attended many of his release events and read every book he has ever published (and one or two that he hasn't). I have read more fantasy books than I care to count, and Brandon Sanderson is the real deal. Your grandkids are going to be reading these books, and I for one cannot wait to see where Mr. Sanderson takes us!

I say there's some sex, but nothing graphic whatsoever. You just know certain characters get laid significantly more than others. But Sanderson is SO BAD@\$\$ and an amazing writer. I can't get enough of his books and Words of Radiance delivers. Very long and detailed which brings this interesting universe to life. I'm chomping at the bit waiting for the next book to be released!

Brandon Sanderson just delivers. I think I can explain this best with a true story. My wife and I drove to Florida last month. I had just finished rereading/listening to The Way of Kings, so I was eager to do the same with Words of Radiance on the long trip from Maine to Florida. My wife agreed to listen with me shortly after I started. I attempted to catch her up with the plot as it was happening,

including referencing the first book, which she had not read. It was in doing this that I noticed a repeated occurrence. Whenever I gave her a quick background of a character's main motivation, or an explanation of the strange world or magic system the story invariably mentioned these things within the next few minutes. This happened about four times before I laughed and told my wife I would just let Brandon tell her what she needed, since he was doing a better job than I, in a much more colorful and entertaining way. Mr Sanderson's plots are well-constructed and thought out, and he packs more things happening in one novel than most "epic" fantasies have in half the series. You will not be left hanging for 2-3 novels to have main plot resolutions, and these satisfying resolutions will serve to set up the next densely packed novel in the epic.

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