

# COSMERE READING ORDER *Checklist*

There are three possible ways to read the Cosmere novels. For new readers, I suggest you follow my recommended reading order. I would strongly advise against Chronological order for beginners. But it makes for a fun way to re-read the series. Quick note: The first two lists below only contain core novels, no short stories or novellas.

## RECOMMENDED

- Elantris
- The Final Empire
- The Well of Ascension
- The Hero of Ages
- The Alloy of Law
- Shadows of Self
- The Bands of Mourning
- The Lost Metal
- Warbreaker
- The Way of Kings
- Words of Radiance
- Oathbringer
- Rhythm of War
- Wind and Truth
- White Sand Omnibus
- Tress of the Emerald Sea
- Yumi and the Nightmare Painter
- The Sunlit Man
- Isles of the Emberdark

This is my personal recommendation as someone who has read all the books.

## PUBLICATION

- Elantris
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Publication order is the most traditional way to read the Cosmere books and the first order to consider as a new reader.

## CHRONOLOGICAL

- White Sand Omnibus
- Elantris
- The Hope of Elantris
- The Emperor's Soul
- The Eleventh Metal
- The Final Empire
- Mistborn: Secret History

- The Well of Ascension
- The Hero of Ages
- Warbreaker
- Shadows For Silence in the Forests of Hell
- The Way of Kings
- Words of Radiance
- Edgedancer

- Oathbringer
- Dawnshard
- Rhythm of War
- Wind and Truth
- The Alloy of Law
- Allomancer Jak and the Pits of Eltania
- Shadows of Self

- The Bands of Mourning
- The Lost Metal
- Tress of the Emerald Sea
- The Sunlit Man
- Yumi and the Nightmare Painter
- Sixth of the Dusk
- Isles of the Emberdark

Chronological order is for hardcore fans doing a re-read. This list contains all novels, novellas, and short stories.

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