

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

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

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

PUBLICATION

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Elantris | <input type="checkbox"/> Oathbringer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Final Empire | <input type="checkbox"/> White Sand |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Well of Ascension | <input type="checkbox"/> Rhythm of War |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Hero of Ages | <input type="checkbox"/> The Lost Metal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Warbreaker | <input type="checkbox"/> Tress of the Emerald Sea |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Way of Kings | <input type="checkbox"/> Yumi and the Nightmare Painter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Alloy of Law | <input type="checkbox"/> The Sunlit Man |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Words of Radiance | <input type="checkbox"/> Wind and Truth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shadows of Self | <input type="checkbox"/> Isles of the Emberdark |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Bands of Mourning | |

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

CHRONOLOGICAL

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| <input type="checkbox"/> White Sand Omnibus | <input type="checkbox"/> The Well of Ascension | <input type="checkbox"/> Oathbringer | <input type="checkbox"/> The Bands of Mourning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elantris | <input type="checkbox"/> The Hero of Ages | <input type="checkbox"/> Dawnshard | <input type="checkbox"/> The Lost Metal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Hope of Elantris | <input type="checkbox"/> Warbreaker | <input type="checkbox"/> Rhythm of War | <input type="checkbox"/> Tress of the Emerald Sea |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Emperor's Soul | <input type="checkbox"/> Shadows For Silence in the Forests of Hell | <input type="checkbox"/> Wind and Truth | <input type="checkbox"/> The Sunlit Man |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Eleventh Metal | <input type="checkbox"/> The Way of Kings | <input type="checkbox"/> The Alloy of Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Yumi and the Nightmare Painter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Final Empire | <input type="checkbox"/> Words of Radiance | <input type="checkbox"/> Allomancer Jak and the Pits of Eltania | <input type="checkbox"/> Sixth of the Dusk |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mistborn: Secret History | <input type="checkbox"/> Edgedancer | <input type="checkbox"/> Shadows of Self | <input type="checkbox"/> Isles of the Emberdark |

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