

Review of Brandon Sanderson's book *The Way of Kings*

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I tried to listen to *The Way of Kings* several years ago and bounced off it, but this time around it really sucked me in. Kaladin is as stereotypical as a hero can be, yet I can't help cheering as he progresses from *hypercompetent guy who always does the right thing* to *hypercompetent guy who always does the right thing even when he's completely convinced it will be futile*. The chasm-filled battlefield where armies use teams of conscripts to move portable bridges around is a nice premise.