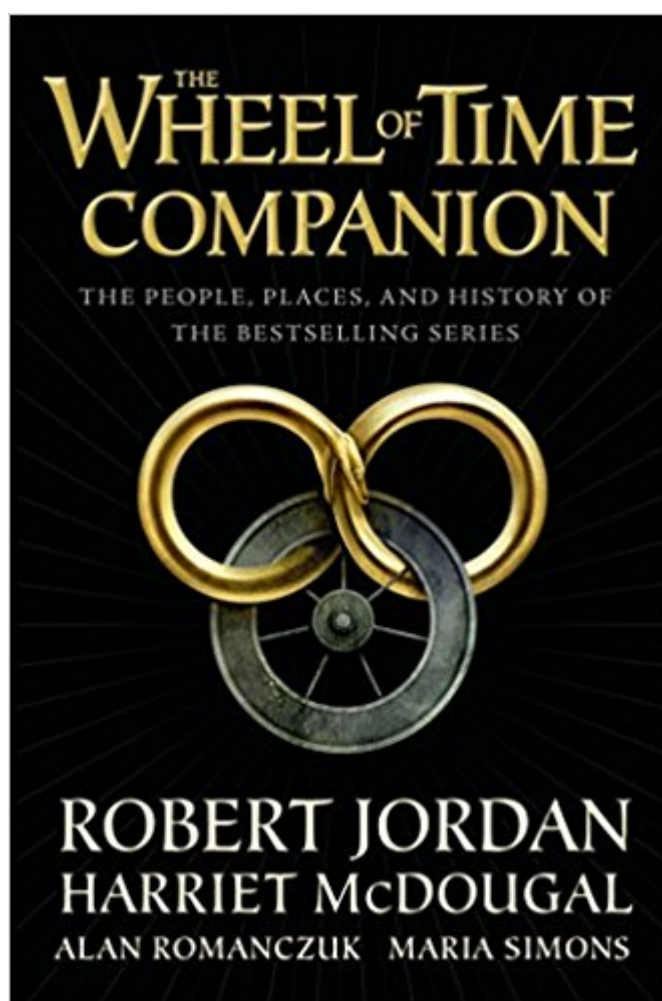


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New York Times
“The definitive American fantasy saga, a fantasy tale seldom equaled and still less often surpassed in English.”
Chicago Sun-Times
“Hard to put down for even a moment. A fittingly epic conclusion to a fantasy series that many consider one of the best of all time.”
San Francisco Book Review

ROBERT JORDAN (October 17, 1948–September 16, 2007), was a native of Charleston, South Carolina. He began writing in 1977 and is best known for The Wheel of Time series.

HARRIET MCDOUGAL, former Editorial Director of Tom Doherty Associates, was Robert Jordan's wife and editor. ALAN ROMANCZUK and MARIA SIMONS were Robert Jordan's editorial assistants for a combined 18 years, and Harriet's for 14.

Meh. I guess I thought this would be a lot more never-before-seen details and further reading. It's really a reference guide/expanded glossary as others have said. ("Companion" is absolutely an appropriate title, and I should've known.) I would suggest, as other reviewers have already suggested, that this is a good book to have at hand when you are doing a re-read. It is not a standalone book, but it would enhance your enjoyment of the details as you read the series. Just don't expect, as has been implied in some of the fan sites (and thus my disappointment - I'd built it up), that this is going to fill in any of the blanks for you.

Great companion to the incredible world the Robert Jordan created! If you are new to this series, this is not a story book, it is just a encyclopedia style book that compliments the series. This gives so much background and insight into characters, factions, countries and so much more that can sometimes get forgotten in the books, even to a multi-time reader like me.

This is just a quick reference guide if you are looking for a deeper insight into the world and characters. The casual reader who is looking for more info will likely find a lot of really good information here. Most of the negative comments are from superfans that have read the series

numerous times, been part of multiple fan communities, read all the RJ interviews and comments, and for those people this book contains much less because they have discovered the information already.

This "Companion" book isn't like the last one that came out in 1997, "The World of Robert Jordan's The Wheel of Time". So be ready for that. That book came out after book 7 in the series and was colorful and full of pictures and such. This book is what would be used in olden days. It is a companion to the whole series and doesn't have all the flashy bits. When you find it in the store it looks like it's just another book in the series and when you open it you will see that it is written out like the Glossary section of the books. It does have more details though than what the glossaries ever held. People, Places, and History is what you will find in here. More description on each and the history of each main character from start to finish.

Loved this companion. It puts so much of the WOT world into one place with extra information to boot. I have used it a lot for looking up references to characters that are third or second tier and don't show up enough to remember very well, or have a complicated backstory. It is a big book, written simply, and has an encyclopedia feel to it. Great for researching and filling in holes.** Also, buy the hardcover and right now you can buy the Kindle version for just \$3; a special for the hardback buyers, which can be searched easily. Great combination. I find myself going from reference to reference on planned and random trails. Very fun past-time for me and my WOT friends.

I am a Wheel of Time Fanatic. I've read the series more than 7 times in total, in book form and Audiobook, and some of the early books are falling apart because I've read them more than fifteen times apiece. Suffice it to say that I'm the kind of guy who was waiting out in front of the bookstore early on a Tuesday, and could barely believe that I was the only one. I should love the WoT Companion. But I don't. There are some interesting entries. Cadsuane's, as well as a few other Aes Sedai entries, are well done. Some of the minor characters have a bit of an expanded history, and there are occasionally a few turns of phrase that, while anachronistic and occasionally goofy ("adventures were her bag"), tell you that this entry was largely part of Robert Jordan's notes file, not meant to be released to the public. At times, it's an interesting look behind the scenes. And then there's the fact that really, there's almost no new information in this 800+ page behemoth. I don't honestly think it's fair to expect there to be answers to everything I've ever wondered about in the

series, but I put together a list of 75 issues and/or characters that I wanted to know something more about, and out of the 75, exactly one was resolved from having read this glossary. Nakomi was "a mysterious Aiel woman whom Aviendha met in the Waste" and there is no clarity on what may have become of favorite characters after the Last Battle. Aside from a mention of Rand's pipe, nothing else is said, and there is no expanded information on anything related to the Age of Legends, Demandred (that we didn't know already) or Shara. Minor mysteries from within the series are often glossed over, and the mechanics of interesting abilities (Slayer, Androl) are not explained in any great depth. Some backstories that may have been interesting, especially in the cases of most Black and/or Red sisters, are missing. In many cases, but particularly in the case of the Forsaken, the BWB has the glossary completely beat. It's not really for casual fans of the series, and it's not really for me, the poster-boy of superfandom, so who is this for really? A part of my collection, but not one I'll revisit.

It's not like the Guide but an encyclopedia. Reading items one by one would be kind of boring. Kindle version's index is even not in alphabetical level. That makes finding a single item very difficult.

To start, I do really like the wheel of time epic. Been following it for decades. Have high expectation for the wheel of time companion. The details is awesome, but I thought there will be a lot of images and pictures. Unfortunately, pictures are so limited in the book

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