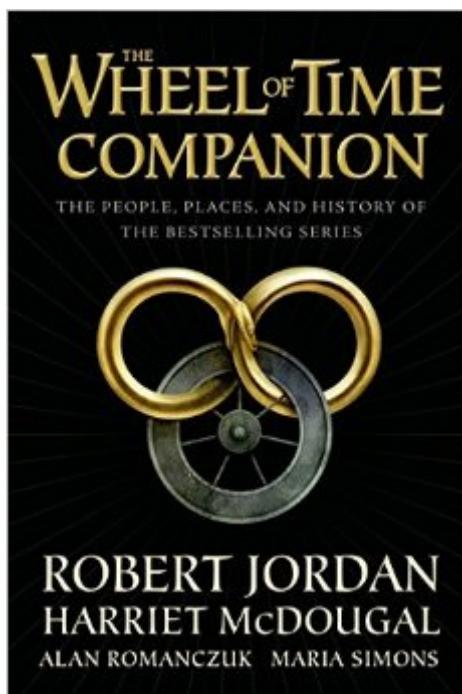


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Customer Reviews

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.

Having been a WoT fan nearly my entire life and having read each book in the series, at least, 10 times, I was incredibly excited while waiting for this release. I was also incredibly disappointed when it came out. Many have commented about the content of the Companion and complained that very little new information is contained. That's not really the problem. We know the story is over and every article and interview about this before release mentioned it would be a collection of the author's notes and not expand in any way on the story. So it shouldn't be a surprise to anyone that we don't find out things like the names of Matt and Tuon's children. The real problem is the organization of the content. It is, literally, an alphabetical reference work. There is no other organization, at all. A good example is the service of Amyrlin Seats in the White Tower. Did you enjoy that Tor.com 'preview' that listed each Amyrlin, in order, since the founding of the Tower? It's not in this book that way... In order to read the same thing in the book that you read on Tor's site, you would have to ALREADY know the name and order of service for every Amyrlin ever, because they're only listed in alphabetical order, by name. There are already much better sources of this information online, for free. Encyclopedia Wheel of Time has been available for years online and in addition to the alphabetical indexes, it also has gathered the same information together in meaningful ways, like their entire section on Prophecy. There is no Prophecy section in the published Companion. To read any prophecy, it either has to be named specifically, and so get an alphabetical entry of its own, or you have to read it as part of the character entry on the person who gave it, like Min.

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