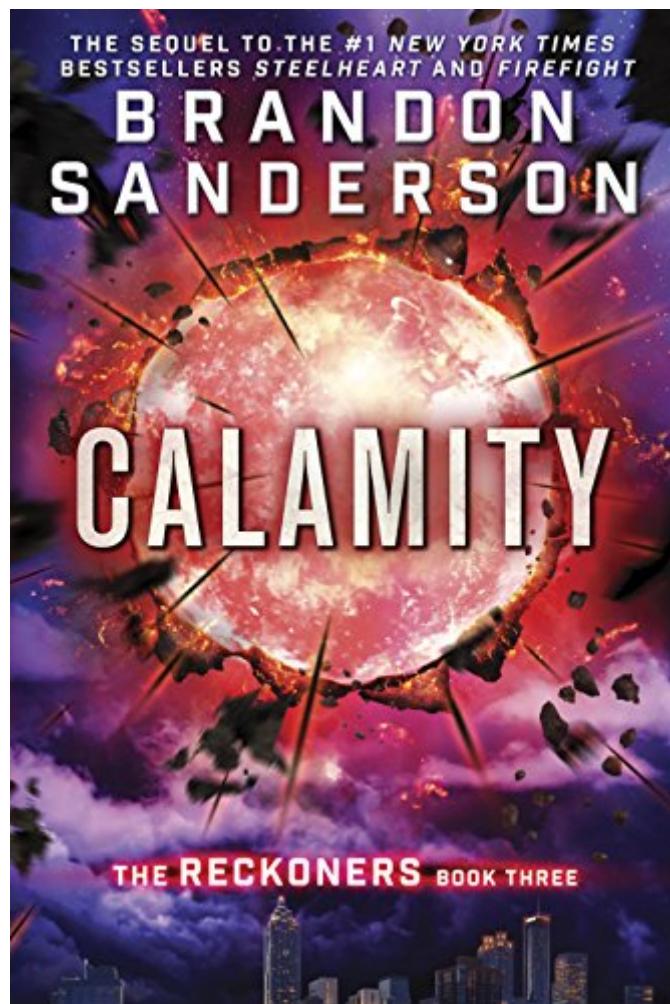


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Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

In this book, you will find everything that you liked in "Steelheart" and "Firefight". Interesting characters, witty dialogue, plenty of action and impressive plot twists. That said, I feel that the ending of this book (and the whole series, effectively) was rushed. Brandon Sanderson, normally, prepares the reader very well for a book's grand finale, when all the questions are getting answered in a surprising, but totally logical and satisfying way. Not so much in "Reckoners" series. Don't get me wrong, the book is really good, I just thinking there was some room for improvement, and Mr. Sanderson is totally capable of doing just a little bit better.

Unfortunately, I think Sanderson rushed this one. Sanderson is my favorite author and really loved what he was doing with the Reckoner series. unfortunately, this one ends very abruptly and leaves a lot of questions unanswered. I felt a bit cheated with this book.

Yesterday, when "Calamity" arrived in the mail I promised myself that I would be in control and only read it after I finished my work and school assignments however as soon as I picked it up to "read just a few pages" I knew that I had made a fickle promise that couldn't be kept. Not only did this book meet my expectations, but very much surpassed them in nearly every way. If you've read the first two books in the "Reckoners" series you are probably already a fan. . . if you haven't yet. . . stop reading this review immediately and head to the nearest local library or make an investment and buy the whole trilogy on . Not everyone likes superhero/antihero books. . . but this isn't just one of those. Brandon's Sanderson's books are about as far from cookie-cutter stories as you can get and "Calamity" really has a little something for everyone. Action, spy skills, drama, romance, and a compelling story-line. This, the final book in the trilogy, brings back all of our favorite characters from the first two books, and introduces a few new ones as well. Although we see some of the comedic humor and banter that we saw in the first two books, the tone is fairly dark as David, Megan, Cody and Abraham work to save a good person from the madness he's experiencing and the atrocities

that he's committing while under the influence of Calamity. I'll freely admit that I am not the best at sleuthing out surprises and twists before they happen, but I honestly was taken for a wild ride as I was caught off guard time and time again by the intricate twists that Brandon Sanderson wove into the story. As you read the final pages I can almost guarantee that you'll get a chill go up your spine, and shed a silent tear as you find both perfect (almost) fulfillment in the ending of a fantastic series and a deep sadness in the realization that something great has finally come to its end. My only real complaint with this book is that there are possibilities and side-stories that are entertained (and I really wanted to see explored) that he never really gets into (I'm not going to tell you where but if you watch for them you will find them). I felt like it was kind of like teasing a baby with a sweet that they can see (and really want) but can't have. However, I would encourage you to not focus on those failings because you'll enjoy the story more if you just let it carry you along. That said, I was still more than satisfied by this ending than with 99% of the other endings that I've read. Liking the ending as much as I did was probably in part due to my personal hopes as to what would happen. I realize that everyone who reads this has slightly different expectations, and has their own hopes and desires. In writing this review I am not guaranteeing/certifying that you will love it, but rather telling you that I did and that I truly think that Brandon Sanderson did a great job of wrapping up a compelling series. I've read a lot of books (1000+) and I can honestly say that there are very few series/books that I would recommend more highly than this one. . . especially after absolutely loving "Calamity" as much as I did. In summary: great book, awesome story, fantastic surprises-- loved it and would highly recommend!

Calamity is the wrap up to the Reckoners Trilogy, and in characteristic style, Sanderson continues to amaze with his rules on magic/powers creating interesting characters and worlds. You are never quite sure how Sanderson is going to end one of his series, and after reading nearly everything else the man has written, there is always a portion of my mind spent watching for the foreshadowing to the big twist that all his fans know to be coming. Oddly, the ending of this one left me fairly disappointed. The buildup was great, the pacing matched all the other books in the series, with periods of studying the Epics, and then moving forward quickly in how they are going to deal with them. The ending seemed rushed in this one more than in any of the other Sanderson books that I have read. Not sure if it was page or word count restrictions, or just the amazing fact that he released two books in 5 weeks from completely different series, but the ending of this one fell kind of flat. For the ending of the series, it almost seemed to be a setup for another book that isn't coming, and left me hoping for a novella or short story to better wrap up the situations

created. I loved seeing how David was handling the responsibilities as leader of the Reckoners, and how they were going to handle battling their former boss and creator of the group. Firefight/Megan and David's relationship continued to grow and was the primary source of levity in the book. The setting in a city of travelling salt provided some interesting backdrops and world building possibilities, but I found it to be just a bit tedious redo of the steel of Newcago in the first book, and the Waterworld in the second one. Overall, the first Sanderson book I would rate 4 out of 5 stars. I would recommend it for anyone that is wrapping up the series, but I don't think that it will be bringing anyone new to the series.

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