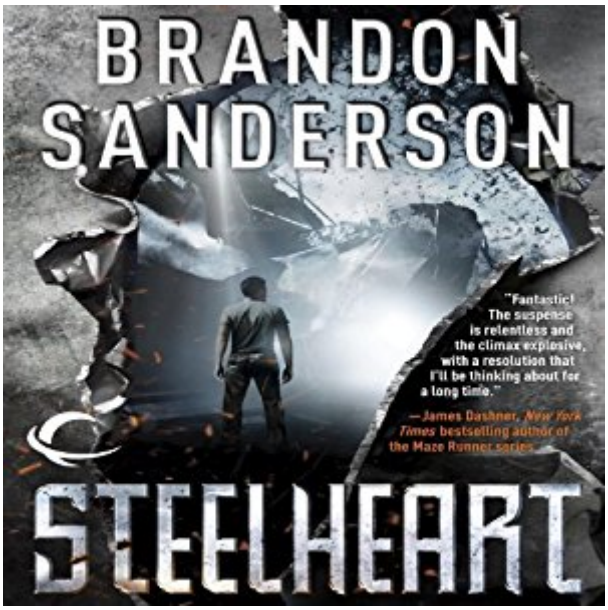
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Synopsis

From the number-one New York Times best-selling author of the Mistborn Trilogy, Brandon Sanderson, comes the first book in a new, action-packed thrill ride of a series - Steelheart. Ten years ago, Calamity came. It was a burst in the sky that gave ordinary men and women extraordinary powers. The awed public started calling them Epics. But Epics are no friend of man. With incredible gifts came the desire to rule. And to rule man you must crush his wills. Nobody fights the Epics...nobody but the Reckoners. A shadowy group of ordinary humans, they spend their lives studying Epics, finding their weaknesses, and then assassinating them. And David wants in. He wants Steelheart - the Epic who is said to be invincible. The Epic who killed David’s father. For years, like the Reckoners, David’s been studying, and planning - and he has something they need. Not an object, but an experience. He’s seen Steelheart bleed. And he wants revenge.

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Customer Reviews

Brandon Sanderson takes the superhero genre and turns it on its head in this YA series. Thanks to an unknown cosmic event referred to as just "Calamity" super powered individuals know rule the earth. And they’re all villains.David was a young boy when his father was killed by Steelheart, one of the strongest Epics that world has ever seen. Ten years later and David teams up with the Reckoners, who specialize in one thing: killing Epics.It’s a fast paced story with plenty of twists and turns to keep your attention focused and your imagination guessing.

This book was AWESOME!!! But nothing less than what I’d expect from Brandon Sanderson. Just,

he is amazing at genres other than epic fantasy. In fact, I think writing action is one of his strengths.OK, so yes this book is heavy on action, but not in an annoying or overwhelming way. It's intense, but not too intense. It's actually a really fun read. I had a hard time putting it down. And it has some great language.So great characters, good worldbuilding. The world could have been a bit more explained, but at the same time, the main character didn't know why it was like that, just that it was, so it lends credibility for the reader to not know either.I really love how this book takes all superhero tropes and COMPLETELY turns them UPSIDE DOWN. You go in expecting one thing and it's something completely different.One thing I really loved about David the main character was his competence. He is just a perfectly ordinary guy, but he has devoted his life to studying epics and so he knows things. He is not the typical Oh Woe Is Me, how'd I get caught up in this mess character. He put himself in this mess and he GETS THINGS DONE! He's great and I didn't realize incompetence in a main character annoyed me, until I read this book and saw how great it was to have such a good at his job main character.Anyway, the plot was also great. Everything about this book was great. I loved how all the unnecessary parts were cut. This book was just so tight. Like the editing and construction of this book were perfect.And the ending was AH-MAZ-ING. I loved the ending. All the little questions were answered/explained.In short, read this book. It's awesome. I'm so glad my mediocre book streak was broken. This book is great. I can't wait for the sequel. Brandon Sanderson, you are my hero, lol.

Another great take on the fantasy genre, Brandon Sanderson once again subverts our expectations.A mysterious comet lights up the sky, and one year later people all over the world gain strange new powers. Sounds like a cliched superhero book, right? How about the fact that there are no superheroes?What makes this book so original is that nobody who gains powers becomes a superhero. There are only supervillains, and they very quickly take over the world and rule their fiefdoms with iron fists.Enter the Reckoners, a group of humans fighting back against their god-like overlords, hunting them down and assassinating them one by one.Enter David, a young man with a dubious grasp of the metaphor, who just so happens to be the one person who has seen Steelheart, the mightiest of the Epics, bleed.As usual, Sanderson does not go with the boring route of having the hero just be super special or a prodigy, or anything like that. He's just an ordinary man fighting extraordinary and sometimes invincible beings. What makes the book so good is that the Reckoners never kill the Epics by being stronger than them, but by identifying a small weakness and ruthlessly exploiting it.The character development is well crafted and each member of the Reckoners is believable as a person, with their own quirks and views on life, and even those who question the

justification of assassinating one of the few epics who runs a stable, secure city. There were a few twists in this book, and while one of them I could see coming from a fair distance, there were others that came as a complete surprise, although looking back at it Sanderson did do an excellent job foreshadowing it.Unlike his other books, this is marketed towards young adults, and it is not part of the Cosmere, but the quality of writing remains consistently high, and it is certainly worth reading (and re-reading).

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