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## Brandon Sanderson

Brandon Sanderson was born in December 1975 in Lincoln, Nebraska. By junior high he never cracked a book if he could help it. In 1994 Brandon enrolled at Brigham Young University as a biochemistry major. Brandon began writing in earnest, taking a job as the night desk clerk at a hotel because they allowed him to write while at work. Brandon learned much about the business side of being a writer by taking a class from David Farland, author of the popular *Runelords* series. In July 2006 Brandon married Emily Bushman. The only author to make the short list for the David Gemmell Legend Award six times in four years, Brandon won that award in 2011 for *The Way of Kings* and is on the short list again in 2012 for *The Alloy of Law*. He has also won the *Romantic Times* Reviewers' Choice award for Best Epic Fantasy twice and has been nominated three other years. He was twice nominated for the John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer. He has hit the *New York Times* Hardcover Fiction Best-Seller List six times, with his first *Wheel of Time* book knocking Dan Brown out of the #1 spot and his second dethroning John Grisham. *Alcatraz Versus the Evil Librarians* was optioned for film by DreamWorks Animation, *Mistborn* was optioned by Paloppa Pictures, and a *Mistborn* video game will be released by Little Orbit in 2013 for all platforms.