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## **El Alma del Emperador**

Shai, una maga Falsificadora, ha sido condenada a muerte; pero el consejo le ofrece su libertad a cambio de la mayor falsificación que pueda emprenderse: la del alma del emperador, en estado catatónico tras un atentado. Al adivinar las motivaciones de sus captores, Shai deduce que no sobrevivirá ni siquiera si logra cumplir el cometido. Así pues, trama formas de escapar del palacio a la vez que se esfuerza en comprender hasta el límite de lo posible los entresijos de la personalidad del emperador. Aunque asume la necesidad de huir, a Shai le atrae poderosamente la idea de crear la falsificación más extraordinaria del mundo... ¿Es posible crear una copia de un alma tan convincente que supere al original?

## **Legión**

Stephen Leeds tiene una mente tan poderosa que roza lo sobrehumano y le permite repartirse entre una multitud de personalidades, entes imaginarias que solo él ve, que despliegan una diversidad de habilidades especializadas. Cuando contratan sus servicios para recuperar un objeto robado, Leeds se lanza a la búsqueda del inventor, desaparecido en condiciones sospechosas. El artefacto codiciado es una cámara fotográfica capaz de captar imágenes del pasado, cuyas propiedades podrían cambiar nuestra forma de entender la historia de la humanidad. La investigación sumirá a Leeds en un conflicto que lo llevará desde Estados Unidos hasta la antigua ciudad de Jerusalén. Esta intensa aventura detectivesca aborda temas como la naturaleza del tiempo, los usos potenciales de la tecnología y la complicada relación entre la política y la fe.

## **Legión y El alma del emperador Details**

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## From Reader Review Legión y El alma del emperador for online ebook

### Rachel says

Legion- 3 stars

Emperor's Soul- 5 stars

I thought this was a nice bindup of two Sanderson novellas, but they are not related what-so-ever, and they actually aren't even in the same genre. The first story is a contemporary, with a hint of thriller? It's about a schizophrenic who personifies his hallucinations, and solves mysteries with them, so I'm not sure what genre that would fall into. The second is a good old high fantasy, Sanderson's homeground.

**Legion-** I enjoyed this! It was a fun short story, but not anything amazing. As always, Sanderson has great set ups, so the whole idea of this plot was really fascinating. It was really unique, and I was definitely interested-at the beginning. For some reason I just wasn't totally into this story the whole way through, so occasionally I got bored. Also, while the characters were really interesting, and I could tell they were well crafted, they didn't stick with me at all, and I never really felt connected. Overall though, a really fun read, and enjoyable.

**Emperor's Soul-** I gotta say, after the first story, I wasn't expecting anything amazing with the second one. However, I was blown away, this is the best novealla I've ever read. I definitely think Sanderson's strength is fantasy, because this was fantastic. It amazes me how he can create a whole world, and make it feel fleshed out in 100 pages, when other books I've read can't do that in 400+ pages. The world was completely unique, and the magic system was as imaginative as ever. The plot was simple on the surface, but the way the magic system got expanded upon, I would love a full length novel with that as the main magic system. Also, how did he even manage to explain the government of this world, how can he do that in this little amount of pages? The characters were also great, and while I don't even remember the characters in Legion, I loved Shai, and all the other characters had a lot of depth as well.

**Overall-** If you like Sanderson, I think you'll enjoy this. Even though I wasn't overly thrilled with the first story, I still liked it and the second story made up for it.

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### Paz R.M. says

#### 4.5 Stars

Am I being too generous with Sanderson? No, I don't think so, but I do believe I was very lucky to have picked up this book now. It was perfect timing.

**This book contains two novellas.** Legion: 5 Stars and The Emperor's Soul: 4 Stars.

*My name is Stephen Leeds, and I am perfectly sane. My hallucinations, however, are all quite mad.*

**Legion** is a short modern thriller with some sci-fi elements. It is the story of a genius man, burdened by his gift and brilliancy, trying to solve an incredible case. **As a way to cope with the world and himself, he creates or generates hallucinations.** These are different people and personalities inside his head. Every one of them is an expert on an specific field. With their help, Stephen embarks on a mission that could change the world.

This novella is not only original, funny and exciting, but it also raises a few existential questions that I really enjoyed. **It was fast paced, entertaining and simply awesome.**

~~And the fact that I read it while rewatching some of my favorite Sherlock episodes while waiting for the season finale was utterly perfect.~~

The second novella, **The Emperor's Soul**, is a story set in Sel, the fictional world that Sanderson created in **Elantris**. ~~Also, because I finished Elantris only a few days ago, it was perfectly timed.~~

This story follows Shai, a girl who was captured by the Empire while trying to steal the imperial Moon Scepter. As a way to survive, she must make a bargain with the Emperor's closest "*ministers*". There was an attack on the Emperor not long ago. He was deeply affected and some factions now believe him dead. Shai must try to save his life in the only way possible. By **Forging a new soul**.

This novella, although set in Sel, **has little connection to the events of Elantris**. It takes place in another land, maybe in a different time, with another Empire and another magic system. Although it has many similarities to the system from Elantris, it's a bit different. I must say I really enjoyed how Sanderson played with the idea of being able to change history and thus change people or objects.

It took me some chapters to get into the story, mostly because I thought it'd have more resemblance with the novel, but **I ended up loving Shai's journey**.

This book is a great place to start reading Sanderson. It's quick and entertaining and there's some great characters, relationships and intriguing plot.

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## Hasham Rasool says

'Legion' 3.5 stars

'Legion' genres are psychological, sci-fi, crime and mystery rather than fantasy book.

I like 'Legion' somewhat but I didn't like this novella a little bit because it included terrorist ISIS. I really don't like ISIS. This book can influence the reader's mind into a bad way. I hope the second novella of 'Legion' doesn't include those.

My favourite characters are Stephen Leeds and J.C.

I think any author shouldn't write a book that insults the people by their religion, race, culture, background etc.

'The Emperor's Soul' 5 Stars

'The Emperor's Soul' genre was a fantasy book.

Hooray go back to 'Elantris'!

'The Emperor's Soul' is one of 'Elantris' sequel books of 'Elantris' because 'Elantris' and 'The Emperor Soul' take place in the same world but with different characters, different regions, different religion and different magic system.

My favourite character is Shai.

I love this novella Alhamdulillah.

I prefer 'The Emperor's Soul' than 'Legion'.

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### **Ana M. says**

Legión y El alma del emperador, dos historias cortas que se funden en un solo libro. Me han encantado ambas. Legión ha sido increíble. El protagonista me dejó cautivada por su singularidad. Todas sus alucinaciones fueron realmente fascinantes de conocer y la verdad es que me he quedado con ganas de leer algo más extenso. El alma del emperador no se queda atrás. Ambientada en el mundo de Elantris, nos presenta a Shai una falsificadora única y muy talentosa que debe hacer el trabajo de su vida si no quiere acabar muerta. Dos historias cortas muy diferentes entre sí que me han dejado con ganas de más y que he disfrutado muchísimo.

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### **Franco Santos says**

**¿Alguna vez leeré algo que no me guste de Sanderson? Lo dudo mucho.**

Muy buenas historias, las dos con un muy alto nivel de fantasía y originalidad.

El primer cuento —Legión— me atrapó desde su primera página. Es muy corto pero en tan pocas palabras Sanderson me cautivó con su capacidad para innovar el género.

*Me llamo Stephen Leeds, y estoy completamente cuerdo. Mis alucinaciones, sin embargo, están todas bastante locas.*

Con respecto al segundo —El alma del Emperador— el autor me vuelve a sorprender con un tipo de magia inimaginable excepto para él; un sistema complejo que me enamoró. Al igual que el primer trabajo, es muy ameno y no decae nunca.

*Hay... ocasiones en que es preciso aceptar la ayuda de la oscuridad para contener una oscuridad aún mayor.*

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### **Kaitlin says**

This is more of a 4.75\* book and it's a hard one to give either 4 or 5 stars to because there are two different novellas set within it. I always tend to enjoy Sanderson's work and have nearly always rated his worlds and stories and characters as 4\*s or higher and that's why when I ended up giving 'Legion' 4\*s and 'The Emperor's Soul' 5\*s I couldn't go with an even split at 4.5 as the second novella, which I LOVED, was a lot longer than the first, and therefore my rating is staying at 4.75\*s be it awkward or not :P

Now, as I said this contains two novellas both are different, both have a vastly distinct tone, and very different ideas and flavours, but both are distinctly Sanderson's work. The first story is about a young man named Stephen Leeds who, essentially, has a very split personality disorder. He has hallucinations which he sees in his mind. He knows that his hallucinations are not real, knows that people think him mad, but his

hallucinations, whether they are real or not, are pretty flipping awesome!

Each person who he sees has their own specialities and skills and each is like a fraction of his personality which has been divided off. They are all fairly amusing in their own ways, and I loved this story so much because of them more than Stephen himself, whom, a lot of the time, seems only to be an interpreter. There is J.C - the comical and gun-oriented hard-man who is all about destruction, defence and attack. He's the trouble-maker of the lot, the one who tests your patience, but he's also fairly loveable once you get past all that.

Then there's Ivy, a whizz at interrogation and deducing people's intentions and emotions, Tobias who is unreasonably clever, and many more.

Stephen has the ability to call new hallucinations at will for certain purposes and when he becomes mixed up in a top-secret situation which went wrong, he uses the help of his many 'friends' to solve what has happened and work out what to do...

On the whole I loved the characters within this and the idea that it showcased a small glimpse (although not genuine) into the life of a schizophrenic character, whilst also being wonderfully amusing, highly intelligent and a good story all round. I would love to see this made into a mini detective short story series as I feel it certainly has the potential for that, but knowing the number of incredible magical and inventive systems Sanderson crafts for his stories I am sure something new will come along to distract from that! On the whole, 4\*s and a fun, fast read.

The second story, The Emperor's Soul, was the one I LOVED and the reason I loved it so much is that the main character, besides being a rather kick-ass female with intelligence and wittiness, she's also set in a world with an awesome concept and a wonderful backstory to boot.

This is the story of Shai, a forger who has been caught whilst attempting to steal and replace a priceless painting with her forgery. She believes that she's destined for execution and although she's skilled at escape, this time it seems impossible... until, she's given a chance, in return for helping to create the world's biggest forgery and cover up, she will be released and freed.

I loved this story so much because it felt so original, creative and just downright fun. The idea that you can craft an object or soul into something better and the idea that this comes only with much study, hard work and learning I felt was a valuable lesson and a wonderful story. I cannot begin to say all the reasons that I loved it, but just know that this is my favourite short story in a long time, and I would HIGHLY recommend reading it because I didn't guess what was going to happen and I just thoroughly enjoyed the whole time reading it.

A wonderful world, a unique adventure, and a beautifully intelligent leading lady, what more could you want? 5\*s One of the best Sanderson short stories I've ever read too!

If, like me, you haven't bought this collection yet but have been thinking about doing so for a long time, I would 100% say it's SO worth paying for and that there;s no question in my mind that if you like other Sanderson works then you'll love these. I also think they would be excellent starting places with his work if you have yet to read any so by all means please go and buy, then read, these novellas. :) 4.75\*s

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## **Brad says**

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## **Giovanna says**

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- Legion: 4 stars

This one was so...original. It's crazy, I don't even know how Sanderson can come up with these ideas. I think that today he has the most original and unique idea. Yes, maybe you can find authors whose writing style is more elegant, but Sanderson has some of the most incredible and unique ideas you'll ever see.

Legion is a short story whose protagonist, Stephen Leeds has a unique mental condition that allows him to generate a multitude of personae. He knows that they are hallucinations but he talks to them and uses them whenever he needs them.

Legion is a good short story. I would have probably given it even a higher rating if I hadn't read the emperor's soul.

- The emperor's soul: 4.5/5 stars

I re-read it. I loved it even more. The emperor's soul is the best short story I've ever read. A compelling, original story, but also a little masterpiece of this genre. A short story about art and identity.

*"He found himself weeping.*

*Not for the future or for the emperor. These were the tears of a man who saw before himself a masterpiece. True art was more than beauty; it was more than technique. It was not just imitation. It was boldness, it was contrast, it was subtlety."*

*"A person was like a dense forest thicket, overgrown with a twisting mess of vines, weeds, shrubs, saplings, and flowers. No person was one single emotion; no person had only one desire. They had many, and usually those desires conflicted with one another like two rosebushes fighting for the same patch of ground."*

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## Roberta Jayne says

### **Legion: 4 stars**

Seeing as this was such a short novella, this story was incredibly complex and was really well delivered. It was so interesting to see a more contemporary, mystery/thriller story from Sanderson and he handled it perfectly. I don't think there are any limits to what that man can do!

### **The Emperor's Soul: 5 stars**

WOW. ABSOLUTELY WOW. The main character in this story, Shai, was ridiculously well crafted and the details in this novella were exquisite. I'm not going to outline the plot for either of these stories because I found it very refreshing and fascinating to go into reading them without knowing anything.

The (magic?) system of Forgery was fantastic and I adored all of the little things that linked this novella with Sanderson's Elantris. With the exception of The Slow Regard Of Silent Things by Pat Rothfuss, this is the best short story I have ever read. I could cry it was so good.

### **Legion and The Emperor's Soul: 4.5 stars overall**

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## Maxwell says

### **Legion:** 3/5 stars

This one follows Stephen Leeds who has these hallucinations of different people that have varying abilities. He calls them his 'aspects,' and their skills come in handy, helping him solve cases for people. I found this one to be quite silly and fun with great snarky characters. It's only 75 pages long, so it's quite brief, and I would've liked to see how Sanderson could develop this into a full length novel. There were a few problematic elements to the story in regards to how he portrays the Middle East and some religious/political topics. However, as a whole, it was short, sweet, and fun.

### **The Emperor's Soul:** 4/5 stars

This novella was excellent! It's set in the same world as *Elantris*, though has very little in common with it other than some geographical references. It follows Shai, a Forger, who is hired to recreate the soul of the emperor who was recently attacked by assassins and left with brain damage. It all has to be done in private so the country doesn't know their emperor is incapacitated. And Shai has only three months to do the work of a few years. I felt like for Sanderson did an excellent job in approaching philosophical topics such as the soul, beauty and art, and continuity of the individual in a fun, magical way. Wonderful read!

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## Anthems says

Otro ejercicio de ingenio e imaginación magistral por parte de Brandon Sanderson. He leído únicamente "El alma del emperador" que, por otra parte, está compendiada en "Arcanum Ilimitado: la colección del Cosmere" y me ha parecido una historia correcta y de fácil lectura, sin el típico final sandersoniano, esto es, fulgurante y frenético, donde todo adquiere sentido y el autor nos obsequia con alguno de sus consabidos giros inesperados.

Y claro, por ello, no la voy a catalogar al nivel de sus obras maestras; pues sería ridículo equiparar una historia de narrativa breve con las principales y descomunales sagas del de Nebraska. Eso sí, recomendada sin duda y con algún que otro guiño al colosal mundo del Cosmere: en concreto al sistema de Sel.

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## El Cuaderno de Chris says

En este libro se reúnen dos historias cortas, Legión y el alma del emperador. Estas dos historias son brutales y me dan a conocer a un escritor fabuloso, que mejor manera para iniciarse con Sanderson. Después de terminar este libro quería saber más y siento que podría nacer una serie de libros con los protagonistas de ambas historias.

Los dos cuentos me parecen brillantes y me impresionan porque el escritor logra crear historias entretenidas y a la vez ser profundas. No solo era la historia, son los personajes, las situaciones.

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## Sara Price. says

I've not yet read Legion, this rating is only for Emperor's Soul! So I just finished Emperor's Soul and I just

can't form words. I don't think I've ever read a Novella as amazing as this one. So beautiful!! Bsan is just amazing and all I can say about this is that if you have the chance read it!!!

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### **Renee V says**

The sign of a good short story is that you want more, both these stories left me wanting more. As usual Brandon Sanderson has created worlds with unique magic systems (or in one case mental illness), and left you with an enjoyable read.

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### **Mangrii says**

En este volumen Brandon Sanderson nos regala un dos por uno de historias en apenas 250 hojas, ambas de gran calidad; con temáticas, argumentos e historias que son totalmente diferentes entre sí pero que devorarás sin darte cuenta.

La primera de ellas es Legión, en la cual conoceremos a Stephen Leeds, un hombre que vive en una mansión con siete habitaciones, las cuales ocupan sus alucinaciones con las cuales puede interactuar. Como anteriormente era un detective, se dedica a resolver casos de gente que viene a su casa y le resultan interesantes, en este caso, se embarca en la búsqueda de una cámara que saca fotos del pasado. Ambientado en nuestra propia época pero con toques de ciencia ficción, Sanderson nos describe un pequeño episodio en la vida de Stephen, donde los diálogos entre sus alucinaciones y él me resultan la mar de cómicos, dado que aunque él tiene una personalidad bastante plana sus alucinaciones o aspectos tiene una personalidad fuerte y marcada definida sobre todo por sus interesantes habilidades. Lo que más me ha encantado es la forma de interactuar de Stephen con sus alucinaciones, el relato en si se me queda bastante corto y espero futuros relatos (ya que hay Legión 2).

El alma del emperador narra como Shai, una falsificadora de entes o elementos es recluida para realizar una reconstrucción de la mente del emperador, el cual ha sufrido un atentado por una facción rival, a lo largo de 101 días. Ambientado en el mundo pseudomedieval de Sel, mundo perteneciente a la novela Elantris, Sanderson nos narra esta historia de gran calidad que derrocha imaginación y fantasía, con un trasfondo muy rico y un mundo construido en muy poquitas páginas. Lo mejor de la novela es la evolución en la relación entre los dos personajes principales de la novela, Shai la falsificadora y el sirviente del emperador, Gaotona. Obviamente, también es maravilloso el sistema de poderes o habilidades que Sanderson describe en este relato, que según tengo entendido, aparecen en futuras novelas ambientadas en el Cosmere.

Un volumen imperdible para todo aquel que le guste la fantasía. Dos relatos que se pueden leer en un par de tardes, que se devoran solos y que te dejaran la mar de satisfecho.

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