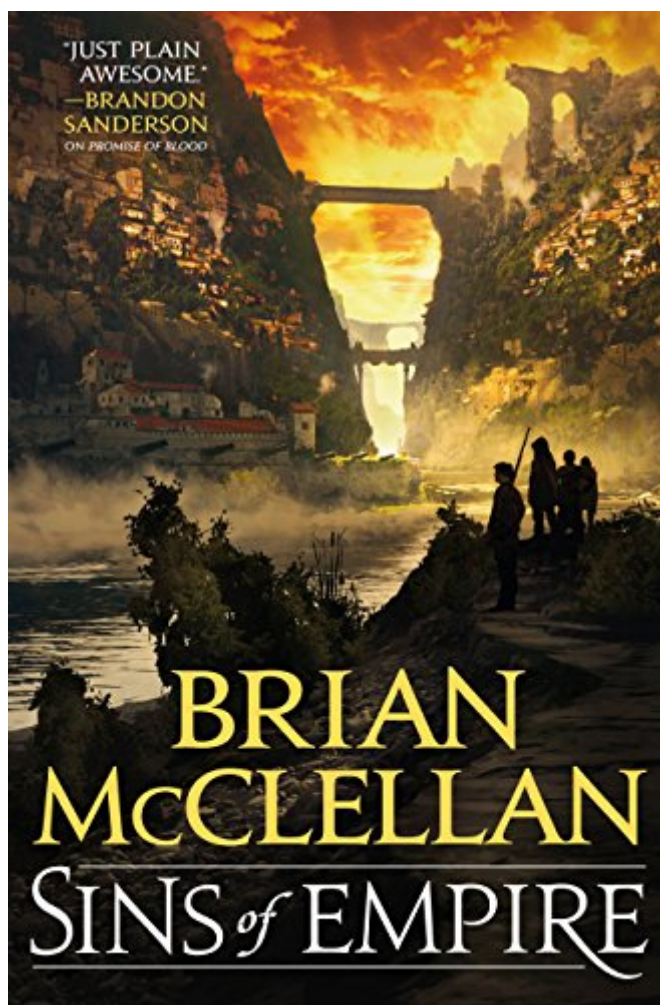


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Synopsis

A new epic fantasy series from highly acclaimed fantasy author, Brian McClellan, set in the same world as The Powder Mage trilogy. A world on the cusp of a new age... The young nation of Fatrasta is a turbulent place -- a frontier destination for criminals, fortune-hunters, brave settlers, and sorcerers seeking relics of the past. Only the iron will of the lady chancellor and her secret police holds the capital city of Landfall together against the unrest of an oppressed population and the machinations of powerful empires. Sedition is a dangerous word... The insurrection that threatens Landfall must be purged with guile and force, a task which falls on the shoulders of a spy named Michel Bravis, convicted war hero Mad Ben Styke, and Lady Vlora Flint, a mercenary general with a past as turbulent as Landfall's present. The past haunts us all... As loyalties are tested, revealed, and destroyed, a grim specter as old as time has been unearthed in this wild land, and the people of Landfall will soon discover that rebellion is the least of their worries. For more from Brian McClellan, check out: The Powder Mage Trilogy, Promise of Blood, The Crimson Campaign, The Autumn Republic

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Customer Reviews

"Just plain good! There's been a void in my life ever since the Powder Mage Trilogy ended and I couldn't wait to get my hands on Sins of Empire, a book I devoured and left me wanting more. In this first book of the Gods of Blood and Powder series, we're reunited with some of the Powder Mage Trilogy cast and we're introduced to a couple new characters such as Michel Bravis and Mad Ben Styke who are lead us through Fatrasta, a turbulent country on the verge of civil war and the threat of an invading army. Unlikely alliances are formed, tested and no one is safe."-Daniel L Welch, Author of The Veronian Archives duology

This first book in a new series featuring some characters, Vlora and Orem being the primaries, from The Powder Mage books is a good start to what promises to be another exciting story, with lots of action and political intrigue and unique magics. I was delighted that Taniel and Ka-poel eventually came into the story. As with most first books in a series, there has to be a set up to the plot and sub plots, an introduction to the characters, and a description and overview of the setting which makes the pacing a bit slow, but all of it was interesting and kept me turning the pages. The ultimate battle and personal confrontations in the end were very exciting and the final scene leaves us with hints of lots more action and intrigue in the next book.

Brian McClellan has improved upon his writing skills. I thought the Powder Mage series was superb! Sins of Empire is even better! New characters are introduced 10 years after Taniel "Two-Shot" and the sorceress Ka-poel are presumed dead. Vlora Flint - a mercenary Powder Mage General, a jailed "Mad Lancer" - Col. Stkye, and Michel Bravis - a Blackhat spy, are the main characters. I was thoroughly engaged from the beginning and had to stop and reread/listen to many sections due to the superb three-dimensional characterizations portrayed. It's a great read! McClellan is now in the same conversation as Brandon Sanderson when discussing the best hard fantasy writers of this era. I hope he continues to provide his fans with superb novels for a long time!

This is one of the best fantasy genre books that I've read in a while. I missed Brian McCellan's Powder Mage world. The plot is part adventure, detective story, spy story, and mystery. The author is able to weave an engrossing plot. When I started the book, I feared that it wouldn't live up to my expectations. I enjoyed the new characters and the old. I would highly recommend this book! I promise that the hours will fly by and leave you wanting more.

Sins of Empire is the continuation of the Powder Mage universe some years after the events of the August Republic. Many of the characters from the prior series show up in several forms, including side characters that have now been thrust into the spotlight as mains. Primarily, Lady Vlora and Olem. Several other beloved characters make appearances, though they should be reserved as surprises. And although the first trilogy has had its conflict resolved, there is plenty to be wrought just an ocean away on the swamp lands of Fatrastra. The associated novellas about Fatrastra aren't necessary, though they may add some insight into several characters and the plot that you'd miss without them. But, again, not needed. You'll love the characters regardless. Brian adds a new cast of well-written characters, all of which engross you into furthering their personal arcs and stories. Be warned that there is only a tepid relation between them all at the start, which becomes fleshed out as the story goes on. It's a story that needs to web itself together. That's not to say it's slow. Only that you'll need the patience to reach the end. It all culminates in an Act 3 crescendo that will leave you begging for the sequel. Overall, fans of Flintlock Fantasy should read this book. Fans of Epic Fantasy should read this book. If you haven't read the original Powder Mage Trilogy yet, you should. Be sure to read his short story novellas, all of which are available on the cheap for the Kindle. It's a unique universe that deserves to be appreciated. Happy reading!

This is CD audio book review. Story was awesome...loved Vlora and Ben story lines. A big surprise I was not expecting in the book as well. Highly recommended! My only complaint was 3 out of the 17 CD's stopped playing after track 3 or 4 including the last so I missed about 10 percent of the book. Never had an issue before and have listened to dozens in my car with no issues. But not going to hit the book on crappy production by the audio book maker. If you liked Powder Mage trilogy you will love this book! Can't wait for book 2

Incredible use of your previous characters in a new story in new lands. Still being able to reference anecdotes from the powder mage saga made it that much more enjoyable (mainly because I loved that series). Seeing Taniel and Ka-poel again was very satisfying along with the introduction of the new main characters. I was hoping Barbador would appear but ... maybe the next books? *crosses fingers* Thank you for another very entertaining book

I am a huge fan of Brian McClellan and the world he has created in these books. I knew going in that I would enjoy this book but I didn't know how much I would enjoy it. The story takes place in the country of Fatrasta, which was mentioned in the previous trilogy and introduces us to some really

interesting new characters and follows along with some from the previous series, Vlora and her mercenary company the riflejacks. There were so many great twists and surprises that I was shocked by each time. I highly recommend this book, and if you haven't checked out his previous powder mage trilogy go read that first, and also all the short stories he has written about the amazing world he has created. I'm already anxious for his next books.

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