



# Book Reviews

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**As to why,**

Unfortunately for myself, I never read much as a child. I found myself spending all my time with video games and television, as kids normally do nowadays, not caring for the story in the pages. This is not me saying I am done with that life, that would mean no longer being myself. However, I hope this article serves as a motivator and constant reminder to read and explore, feel what's in the pages, and digest thoroughly your thoughts on other peoples thoughts. You will notice I clearly have a favourite, but please don't take that to mean I am biased. I hope my reviews are as enjoyable as the books themselves.

- Perry Santry

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## ***The Dark Tower IV: The Wizard and Glass; 10/10***

*The book starts off with the thrilling encounter between our ka-tet and Blaine the Mono. As usual, King does an incredible job at bringing your mind to a very chaotic place as we think this could be the end of Roland, Eddie, Susannah, Jake, and even Oy, death by suicidal train. Eddie Dean saves the day with a witty (practically impossible) riddle, that even Blaine the Mono couldn't solve. Thus, the ka-tet lived to see another Kansas, one that had been plagued with a very deadly disease. Here is where they find the thinny, here is where they learn the tale of Roland's first quest, here is where they hear the story of the Wizard's Glass. Roland decides that before they proceed on with their destiny of the Dark Tower, they must hear the story of what brought Roland here in the first place.*

This is why **The Dark Tower IV** is so incredible. The story of Roland becoming a Gunslinger is such an important part of the series as a whole, and finally getting this part of Roland's character feels like a vast emptiness has been filled. In the afterword, King tells of how difficult this story was to write, He had to make sure everything was perfect; the emotions a mature 14 year old boy would feel after leaving home for the first time with his two best friends on a quest that could cause or prevent the fall of Gilead. What King accomplishes within these 800 pages or so (depending on your version) is exactly that, *perfection*. The story within a story is full of overwhelming suspense and thrill as we watch the leaders of two ka-tets play a 3 month game of castles.