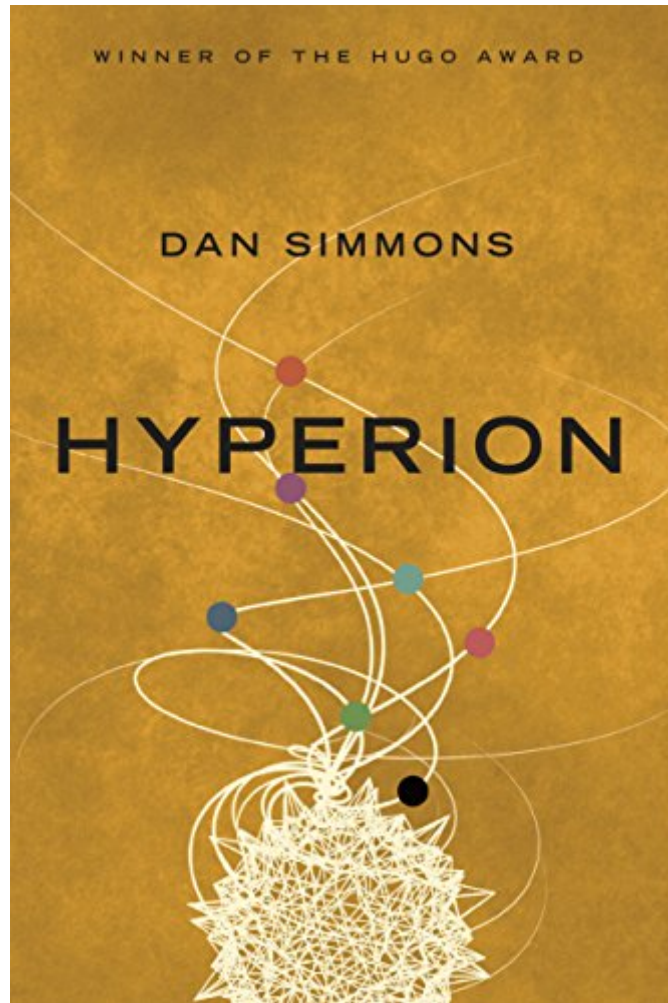


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# Hyperion (Hyperion Cantos, Book 1)



## Synopsis

A stunning tour de force filled with transcendent awe and wonder, *Hyperion* is a masterwork of science fiction that resonates with excitement and invention, the first volume in a remarkable epic by the multiple-award-winning author of *The Hollow Man*. On the world called Hyperion, beyond the reach of galactic law, waits a creature called the Shrike. There are those who worship it. There are those who fear it. And there are those who have vowed to destroy it. In the Valley of the Time Tombs, where huge, brooding structures move backward through time, the Shrike waits for them all. On the eve of Armageddon, with the entire galaxy at war, seven pilgrims set forth on a final voyage to Hyperion seeking the answers to the unsolved riddles of their lives. Each carries a desperate hope and a terrible secret. And one may hold the fate of humanity in his hands. Praise for *Dan Simmons and Hyperion*

• Dan Simmons has brilliantly conceptualized a future 700 years distant. In sheer scope and complexity it matches, and perhaps even surpasses, those of Isaac Asimov and James Blish.

• "The Washington Post Book World" • An unfailingly inventive narrative . . . generously conceived and stylistically sure-handed.

• "The New York Times Book Review" • Simmons's own genius transforms space opera into a new kind of poetry.

• "The Denver Post" • An essential part of any science fiction collection.

• "Booklist"

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Love Dan Simmons work. This is my second reading of the Hyperion Cantos. Loved it when it was first published and enjoying it more now.

Hyperion is one of the best books I have ever read. It has all the complexity you would expect from high concept scifi, while still being an entertaining read. Simmons somehow manages to successfully combine the works of Keats and Chaucer with material I usually find in the 50 cent section of library book sales. He elevates his pulpy subject matter, while making the philosophical and literary elements of his work accessible to most readers. A masterpiece that fully deserves its many accolades, Hyperion changed, if only a little bit, the way I experience the world. 5 stars

I thoroughly enjoy the style in which the story is delivered. Each tale answers some questions while presenting the reader with others. I look forward to diving into book two to find out what happens. I am surprised at the lack of any real resolution in this book; perhaps it would have been too long for one book.

This was very different than Hyperion but also easier to read. It was written in a more straightforward way (which was kind of underwhelming after Hyperion's complex awesomeness but I got used to it) and widened the mysteries shrouding Hyperion, the Techno-Core, and the entire Hegemony of Man. It brought more of Simmons philosophizing into play (and even if Simmons

wasn't an astonishingly GOOD writer, which he is, I would have read the books just for his philosophy) and his science- which, of course I couldn't make heads or tails of. I wrote a review of the whole Hyperion series on "The Rise of Endymion," for anyone interested; but for anyone just researching "The Fall of Hyperion," here's my unprofessional take on it: It doesn't have the same cold shock I got from Hyperion (like whoa I have a new idol and his name is Dan Simmons) but here Simmons is not only throwing mysteries at us but taking the first slow steps to solving them. Excellent excellent book!

This book was good, but not as good as I expected it to be, based off of the glowing reviews. HYPERION is told through several stories - varying from very good, to average, with none of them being great - and a wrap around story loosely connecting all of them. Some of the technology used in the book can tend to get confusing because a lot of times there isn't any real explanation as to what it is, you have to slowly figure it out through the stories told, or just make assumptions based off of what is written. I will continue on with the second book, especially since you basically have to, to get the full story since this book literally ends at what would be the halfway point of most other books. With that said, I thought I would be anxious to go right into the next book, but I think I'm going to read something else first. So in closing, this is a good book, no doubt, with big ideas, fascinating concepts and engaging characters, but overall I think it's a little over rated.

Simply fantastic, each tale is better and more enthralling than the last. Simmons weaves an intricate universe and society that we glimpse and interpret through the eyes of each pilgrim's story. Somehow Simmons takes advantage of the different characters to switch writing styles between such extremes as a documentary, film noire, and classic tragedy and romance, all while simultaneously exploring this wondrous galaxy he has created. Some of the setting can seem overwhelming, especially in the prologue as major ideas are pushed upon the reader. It almost assumes that you know the setting and technological level of humanity, but don't let this deter you. You will quickly grasp what tech is what, and (more importantly) how society works with the tech. The way that the book handles technology coupled with a decent allowance of relativistic laws influences each story in its own way. Indeed, this book is all about the passage of time\* in ways only science fiction can imagine. I cannot recommend this book enough. It's so good that I'm afraid to read the sequels in fear that they do not live up to this one's utter majesty. I only wish the cover-art wasn't so god-awful and embarrassing :( . The perspective on the Shrike is off, and the field sailboat is not an accurate representation of the science fiction setting at all. If I were to judge this book by

it's cover, I'd think this was about pointy knights in a steam-punk fantasy. The cover is just ... terribad! I actually wanted to buy a physical version, but cannot stand the cover.\*(backward, forward, and everything in between!)

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