Book one was a difficult read, book two was easier, and book 3 onwards I couldn't put it down. Book of Malazan will now go on my list as one of the best and most epic fantasy series of all time. Read more. 30 people found this helpful. So if you're reading this "book"—which in reality is books 1-10 in a series—you've probably read some form of the Malazan books before. If you're coming from an Esslemont book, which are great and I'd recommend highly to anyone, be prepared for a different style. House of Chains. Malazan Book of the Fallen, Book 4. By: Steven Erikson. Narrated by: Michael Page. Midnight Tides. Malazan Book of the Fallen Series, Book 5. By: Steven Erikson. Narrated by: Michael Page. "Now these ashes have grown cold, we open the old book. These oil-stained pages recount the tales of the Fallen, a frayed empire, words without warmth. The hearth has ebbed, its gleam and life's sparks are but memories against dimming eyes—what cast my mind, what hue my thoughts as I open the Book of the Fallen and breathe deep the scent of history? Listen, then, to these words carried on that breath. These tales are the tales of us all, again yet again. We are history relived and that is all, without end that is all."