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City Of Heavenly Fire (The Mortal Instruments)



Synopsis

Sophie Turner of Game of Thrones and Jason Dohring of Veronica Mars read the long-awaited conclusion to the Mortal Instruments series! Darkness has descended on the Shadowhunter world. Chaos and destruction overwhelm the Nephilim as Clary, Jace, Simon, and their friends band together to fight the greatest evil they have ever faced: Clary's own brother. Sebastian Morgenstern is on the move, systematically turning Shadowhunter against Shadowhunter. Bearing the Infernal Cup, he transforms Shadowhunters into creatures of nightmare, tearing apart families and lovers as the ranks of his Endarkened army swell. Nothing in this world can defeat Sebastian—but if they journey to the realm of demons, they just might have a chance. Lives will be lost, love sacrificed, and the whole world will change. Who will survive the explosive sixth and final installment of the Mortal Instruments series?

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Customer Reviews

Gr 9 Up • In the final installment of the "Mortal Instruments" series, the Shadowhunters face the ultimate threat of annihilation at the hands of Sebastian Morgenstern and his army of Endarkened warriors. Institutes around the world have been attacked, and the remaining Nephilim have been called to Idris for safety and to determine a course of action. When Clary's mother and surrogate father are kidnapped along with two other Downworlder representatives of the Council, Clary, Jace, and their friends travel to the demon realm of Edom to rescue them and face off in a final climactic showdown with Sebastian. Veronica Mars's Jason Dohring and Game of Thrones's

Sophie Turner split the narrative load of this lengthy title. Perspective shifts constantly, and with so many characters and concurrent story lines alternating, the book often drags, despite being action-heavy. Both narrators effectively differentiate between the myriad characters, though Turner's performance is smoother and more engaging. However, listeners may be jarred because of inexplicable inconsistencies in which performer narrates which character's perspective. Regardless, fans of the series will likely be satisfied with the conclusion as well as the clear setup for the next series.

—Amanda Raklovits, Champaign Public Library, IL

Cassandra Clare is the #1 *New York Times* and *USA TODAY* bestselling author of *Lord of Shadows* and *Lady Midnight*, as well as the internationally bestselling *Mortal Instruments* series and *Infernal Devices* trilogy. She is the coauthor of *The Bane Chronicles* with Sarah Rees Brennan and Maureen Johnson and *Tales from the Shadowhunter Academy* with Sarah Rees Brennan, Maureen Johnson, and Robin Wasserman, as well as *The Shadowhunter's Codex*, which she cowrote with her husband, Joshua Lewis. Her books have more than 50 million copies in print worldwide and have been translated into more than thirty-five languages, a feature film, and a TV show, *Shadowhunters*, currently airing on Freeform. Cassandra lives in western Massachusetts. Visit her at CassandraClare.com. Learn more about the world of the *Shadowhunters* at Shadowhunters.com.

Good conclusion to a good series. Unfortunately after 6 books I still don't like the relationship of the two main characters. It just seem so immature and just plain weird. Everybody else's relationship is well written and healthy. I mean what kind of a girl has her first time with the boy of her dream on a demon planet with bodies of dead demons around, seriously. Anyway maybe I would have understood it more if I was a teenager. I definitely enjoyed everyone's relationship and the book, just not the main characters, Jace and Clary. Their so called angelic love is just too creepy for me. When people love like that in real life it does not end well. Fortunately this is fantasy so thank God for that.

I have been looking forward to this book for a very long time now. Everyone knows I am a huge fan of *The Mortal Instruments* series and I was both excited for and dreading the conclusion. I just didn't want it to end, but I also wanted to know all the things. It was so bad, that I started reading, got about halfway through and then decided that I wasn't ready to say goodbye and ignored the book for about a week. I needed to be ready and when I picked it up

again, I was ready. Clary and Jace have come so far from when we first met them in City of Bones. Clary has always been strong and determined, but now she has skills and is a badass fighter too. She has really come into her Shadowhunter abilities. I love that she always does what needs to be done and never backs down. I just think she is a great heroine. Then you have Jace and I adore Jace. He is one of my very first book boyfriends, so he will always have a special place in my heart. Jace is the definition of character growth. I love the Jace we have in this book. He is so strong and tough and is finally beginning to believe in himself. I love him and Clary together and how they are a team. They fight together and with each other. They are this awesome badass dynamic duo that should not be messed with. Other than Jace and Clary though, you have some truly awesome secondary characters. I have to start with Magnus because I simply love him. I always have and I always will. He is fabulous. Then there is Simon who has dug his way into my heart forever with all his nerdy glory. Cannot forget Isabelle because she is incredible and I wish we could be BFFs. And Alec. Alec and I got off to a rocky start, but I have really come to love him. I also love that we got to see a lot more of Jace and Alec's parabati relationship in this book. This book definitely delivered all the feels. I think my heart was in my throat the entire time and I trudged my way along to the conclusion. There was so much going on and so many story lines to be wrapped up. There were moments that absolutely broke my heart and I admit to sobbing at one point. But there were also moments that made me incredibly happy. It was a great balance and this book just made my heart feel like it was about to burst. Speaking of feels. I think the stuff that hit me the most was all of The Infernal Devices references. Every time one of my beloved characters was mentioned I squealed and I'm not even exaggerating. It made me feel a bit guilty, because this isn't their story, but what can I say; Will and Jem and Tessa own me. I loved getting references to them and I will take any extra I can get when it comes to them. I know this review probably doesn't give you much, but I don't want to spoil the story for anyone. I can say I was very very happy with it, with the exception of a thing or two here and there. It's a good conclusion and Cassie closes out the series well. I am also ready for The Dark Artifices now. I have met Emma and I can tell I'm going to like her. I may not have appreciated her when she took me away from my Clary and Jace, but I am ready for her to have her own story. City of Heavenly Fire delivers the conclusion everyone has been waiting for. It is heartbreaking, but happy and the characters are given the story they deserve. A strong conclusion to one of my all-time favorite series.

I'm not sure what I expected from the final book in the Mortal Instruments series.

Well, that's not exactly true. I expected tears. After all, readers were promised that not everyone would survive and Cassandra Clare did hold true to that particular promise. In a nutshell, City of Heavenly Fire was everything I expected and then some. You'll have to forgive me for being vague, but I don't want to leave any spoilers so therefore I can't say a whole lot. There were some jaw dropping moments, some revelations that I expected and some that I didn't. All of that combined had me on the edge of my seat for most of the the 700+ pages. Yes, there were tears, but not when I expected them. Yes, there were sacrifices made, but not from who I expected to make them. The author sucker punched me more than once, but it was totally worth it. I've made no secret of the fact that even though I've enjoyed reading the Mortal Instruments, Cassandra Clare's Infernal Devices is my favorite series. I'm not sure why, but I usually attribute it to the fact that Clockwork Angel was the first book that I read in the combined series. For that reason alone, it should come as no surprise that City of Heavenly Fire doesn't quite compare to the impact that Clockwork Princess had as far as series endings go, but it came close. I think one of the things I liked most about both series is the way they are interwoven. I honestly don't think that you can get the full affect of either series if you don't read them both. The groundwork for the next installment in the Shadow Hunter world was laid in City of Heavenly Fire. The Dark Artifices will continue their story and I'm sure that characters from both the Mortal Instruments and Infernal Devices will be heard from again. Although some may disagree, ss far as this reader is concerned, that is not a bad thing at all.

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