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The Mortal Instruments Movie

In *City of Bones*, fifteen-year-old Clary Fray is introduced to the world of the Shadowhunters, a secret cadre of warriors dedicated to driving demons out of our world. And she's introduced with a vengeance, when Clary's mother disappears and Clary herself is almost killed by a grotesque monster sent by the evil and powerful Shadowhunter, Valentine. How could a mere human survive such an attack.

In the second novel, *City of Ashes*, Clary just wants her life to go back to normal--but that turns out to be impossible. For one thing, her mother is still in the hospital, in a mysterious coma. For another, she and her newfound brother Jace have fallen under a cloud of suspicion now that the Shadowhunter world knows that Valentine is still alive--and that Jace and Clary are his son and daughter. Then Clary's best friend Simon is turned into a vampire and kidnapped by Valentine, who intends to sacrifice him as part of a bloody ritual that will make the Mortal Instruments Valentine's forever.

The Mortal Instruments Books

In book three, *City of Glass*, Clary has to use all her ingenuity and newfound magical skills to get herself to the Glass City in Idris, the secretive Shadowhunters' home country, where she is forbidden to go--for it is only there that she can find the cure to the enchanted sleeping sickness to which her mother has succumbed. When Valentine attacks the city and destroys the demon towers, Clary and her allies are all that stand between him and the total annihilation of all Shadowhunters. Love is a mortal sin and the past tangles inextricably with the present as Clary and Jace face down their father in the final installment of the Mortal Instruments series.

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About the Author

Cassandra Clare made her fiction debut with The Mortal Instruments series, which has been on many bestseller lists.

The Mortal Instruments Memes

I have to say I've heard mixed reviews about this book series, many saying the writing and characters are feeble attempts at creating a good story and whatnot. All I can say is screw those people because I enjoyed this series more than I could ever describe in words. I'd gotten all three books in one swing to the bookstore - which I admit could've been stupid of me if I hadn't liked it, but of course it didn't turn out that way - and even with the second book's summary spoiler I was gaping all day. I have to say I've heard mixed reviews about this book series, many saying the writing and characters are feeble attempts at creating a good story and whatnot. All I can say is screw those people because I enjoyed this series more than I could ever describe in words. I'd gotten all three books in one swing to the bookstore - which I admit could've been stupid of me if I hadn't liked it, but of course it didn't turn out that way - and even with the second book's summary spoiler I was gaping all during the City of Bones. It's seriously written in such a way that even if you're told about every event and spoiler throughout any of the books, you will still be amazed at how those happenings come about. Cassandra Clare places twists into the story that you wouldn't have ever thought of no matter how much you ponder, and I very much enjoyed the sarcasm and humour throughout all the books. All the major events are well woven together in a way where you really don't know what will happen and Cassandra Clare is very creative with her ideas of the several different supernatural races in the story as well as her own principles of Shadowhunters and their world. The characters are interesting and definitely not boring, they're thoughts and actions frustrated me sometimes, but it makes it all the better and more suspenseful to read. The descriptions gave me a clear image in my mind of what was happening, and I often found myself pulled into the world and politics of the Shadowhunters. Quite plainly? I love it. The building feelings and love between the main characters, Clary and Jace, along with the action and adventure are thrilling and enticing. I personally can't get enough of this series! ...more

where to begin with this book?

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but there is never an instance when Jace is more than just a whiny little bitch.

he has the air of someone who wears Ed Hardy tee-shirts and purposely messes up their hair and has strategically untied shoelaces, and talks about how hard it is living on the streets when they live in their parents Beverly Hills mansion. you know the type. they talk about how much they hate mainstream music and sellouts and say they shop at thrift stores. they make jokes about women getting in the kitchen and making them sandwiches and say "cool story bro."

Jace does none of these things, except the last one - there's an actual joke about that in City of Ashes - but he has the air of someone who does. he's that guy. he's that douchebag playing music loudly on his cell phone even though he has headphones in his bag. ...more

The Mortal Instruments Tv Show

This has got to be one of the most overrated series of all time.

I have individual reviews somewhere but safe to say that overall I was pretty underwhelmed.

It was all a bit ridiculous and angsty and I just am not a huge fan of supernatural monsters being turned into heart throbs.

This is a book series I would love to live in! If you are looking to take a vacation and get away from your life for a while, I would most definitely recommend you take a trip through The Mortal Instruments. The world that Cassandra Clare has created is one where the reader will find themselves immersed in fantasy and adventure. Just when you think you've found that perfect spot to stop and come back to reality from, you will get swept up back into the Shadowhunter's world of triumph and chaos. This is a book series I would love to live in! If you are looking to take a vacation and get away from your life for a while, I would most definitely recommend you take a trip through The Mortal Instruments. The world that Cassandra Clare has created is one where the reader will find themselves immersed in fantasy and adventure. Just when you think you've found that perfect spot to stop and come back to reality from, you will get swept up back into the Shadowhunter's world of triumph and chaos. Clary, Jace, Isabelle, Alec, Simon, and all the other characters within the series will keep you mesmerized and intrigued. When you finish, they feel as though they are a part of you. You will laugh, cry, cheer, struggle and ache for them page after page. Each book builds upon the prior one, and leaves you wanting for more. I know that all series must come to an end eventually, but until then I am anxiously awaiting each page of the books to come. Cassandra Clare is an amazingly talented author, and I know when I see her name on a book that I am going to fall in love with it. ...more

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The Mortal Instruments City Of Bones Full Movie

Oh, how I love love love this trilogy, let me count the ways! (I enjoy books 4-5 in the series as well, but not as much as I do these ones). I'd say it was my ultimate guilty pleasure except I refuse to feel guilty.

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But I am in it for Jace and Clary, arguably the most deliciously tortured and passionate and dysfunctional soulmatey-soulmate OTP that I have come across in the entirety of YA. Clary is a fun heroine - tough and resilient, and Jace is the combo of snarky gorgeousness, edgy vulnerability, and more bad luck than a houseful of black cats, but it's together that they get to me. They turn me from a reasonable adult to a squealing 15 year old (if I were 15 this would be my favorite set of books and I'd want to be Clary so badly. As it is, I couldn't resist them anyway).

These books gave me that delightful feeling that I haven't felt in a really long time - that impatience to turn the next page, the need to know what next, and above all that delicious fact in the back of your mind at all time - the knowledge the book is in your bag and you will soon get to read more - that anticipation is almost sweeter than the act of reading itself.

Too many favorite things...

(view spoiler)[I mean, this series has angsty messed-up unworthiness-feeling guys (He totally always blames himself for everything because he believes he destroys those he loves, everything is his fault, etc etc - clearly being brought up by Evil Overlord is bad for you) with deadly combat skills willing to do anything to protect their smart, magically gifted younger sisters who they are madly and mutually in forbidden love with. Even Evil Overlord fathers aside, the angst Jace and Clary have because they believe they are siblings is like a really really yummy TIRAMISU. *sluuuuuurp*

Also, the hurt/comfort is insane and so good. CC clearly believes that a day spent by Jace without being horribly mistreated is a wasted day. A-MEN.

Some of my favorite scenes include Jace smashing up his window so his hands will get cut. As a sort of

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self-devised punishment for hurting Clary out of necessity and accidentally getting Simon trapped or the OTP almost having sex in the ruins of his house and they only stop because Clary has common sense and insists they do not proceed until he is clear that this isn't part of Jace's self-loathing party. (hide spoiler)] ...more

Hmmm. Where to start with these books. These are kind of a mix between Twilight and Harry Potter, though I didn't think they were as good as either. Now that I've finished all of them, I like them a lot more in retrospect than I did while reading them. The plot is compelling and interesting, but I really hated most of the characters for the first part of the trilogy. I also don't think these are appropriate for young teens since there are some references to sex, pornography, homosexuality, and s Hmmm. Where to start with these books. These are kind of a mix between Twilight and Harry Potter, though I didn't think they were as good as either. Now that I've finished all of them, I like them a lot more in retrospect than I did while reading them. The plot is compelling and interesting, but I really hated most of the characters for the first part of the trilogy. I also don't think these are appropriate for young teens since there are some references to sex, pornography, homosexuality, and some very graphic violence. It's surprising to me how prevalent this stuff is in YA literature.

I think what really kept me from truly enjoying these books was the writing style. The author had some great ideas, if not completely original, but the first half of all three books dragged. The author is too descriptive in areas that do not warrant it, and the prose is very "purple". I found myself just skimming a lot of the descriptive stuff. Also, some things are just completely overdone. I got tired of reading descriptions of Jace's golden eyes and angel face. Also, how many times do we have to read about people tasting blood for various reasons??

SPOILER

I also had a hard time with the romance. There was decent tension between Clary and Jace, but after the first book, you feel torn between wanting them together and being completely disgusted by the whole incest angle. Even though I knew they would somehow work it out for them to not be siblings, it was disturbing to watch them want each other when THEY didn't know they were going to end up not being siblings. It made me think about what it would be like to have feelings like that for my brother, and, well, UUGGHH! ...more

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The Mortal Instruments City Of Ashes

Well, where to begin? These books are absolutely amazing! I love the way Cassandra Clare writes about her characters. She gives them a soul. I feel like I've known them forever. I was captivated and addicted by the time I read the first chapter. I love the passion and fire Clare writes with. She is an intelligent woman and writer. I just can't get enough. I've never been so impressed with a series in my life and believe me I have read MANY. I love how she brings the Fey, the vamps, the weres, the Well, where to begin? These books are absolutely amazing! I love the way Cassandra Clare writes about her characters. She gives them a soul. I feel like I've known them forever. I was captivated and addicted by the time I read the first chapter. I love the passion and fire Clare writes with. She is an intelligent woman and writer. I just can't get enough. I've never been so impressed with a series in my life and believe me I have read MANY. I love how she brings the Fey, the vamps, the weres, the demons, the wizards, and the mundanes all together in a series that has blown my mind. I am so disappointed about the casting of this movie "The City Of Bones", Lily Collins for Clary I can get that. Jonathan Rhys-Myers for Valentine was an awesome choice. The character that plays Magnus Bane fits really well as does Luke and Jocelyn but OMG WTF was the casting people thinking when they casted Jace Herondale???? Jamie Campbell-Bower for Jace, it brings the Jace Herondale of The Mortal Instruments to shame!!! Jace is supposed to be the most beautiful Nephilim ever created. Anyway, I could go on and on about how wonderful this series is. I have read a lot of other series since and none compare, not even a little. If you have never read this series you are truly missing out. ...more

This review has been hidden because it contains spoilers. To view it, [click here](#).

Just to be clear I had fun reading these books. To me these books are the literary equivalent to pop music or the mindless summer romantic comedy. It is easy to turn your brain off and just enjoy them for what they are. Much like the aforementioned forms of media the Mortal Instruments trilogy is highly predictable, there are no twists that you won't see coming chapters even books in advance. At its core the Mortal Instruments trilogy is a love story. Forbidden love created by the questionable literary device of incest is at the forefront of the love story. That is not to say that the books don't make an attempt at more heady topics i.e., racism, imperialism, to name just a couple. The weight given to these topics is barely felt which in turn makes the reader feeling somewhat empty at the end when all conflicts are wrapped up neatly. There are many other complaints I had with this series, but in the end I enjoyed the opportunity to turn off my brain and just read the books and enjoy them for what they were. ...more

The Mortal Instruments City Of Bones Simon

And now? What am I supposed to do with my life?

Are you looking for adventure, romance, fantasy, and some kick butt action scenes? Well, The Mortal Instruments series by Cassandra Clare has it all. The plot will keep you on your toes, and unable to put the book down. It personally took me a little under three days to finish all currently published books. They aren't that quick a read, having a few hundred pages each, which most leisurely readers find pleasant.

The Mortal Instruments currently has three books in circulation, the fourth of which is coming out April 5th of this year. Clare's books have made their way into many a best seller list, as well as home. Published in at least six languages and twenty-six countries this series is widely popular and mainstream. As a personal rule I do not read mainstream books because the hype about them is ridiculous, I didn't read Meyer's Twilight until about three years after publication nor did I finish the last book due to the mainstream effect. Cassandra is one of the few authors I have cast my rule away for, having started to read her work a short while after City of Ashes, the second of her series was published.

This isn't your mom's fantasy, though you should have her read it, she might like it too. Set in the heart of New York we see the urban fantasy that has taken a big step onto shelves everywhere. Clary is our heroine, and with best friend Simon in tow; she sees the world for what it really is. Clary's life takes turn after turn after that fateful she encounters Jace and the other Shadowhunters. With adventure full of vampires, demons, magic, and other various "Downworlders" Clary's life is turned upside down, flipped on its side, then turned again.

Clary is fifteen and living in Brooklyn with her mother Jocelyn. She's grown up without a father, but has family friend Luke to fall back on when the father shoes must be filled. One night Clary and Simon check out Pandemonium, a popular club where their lives change forever. Clary sees something she shouldn't have, or should I say people? Standing in an off limits zone Clary stares at Jace Wayland, along with his fellow Shadowhunters Alec and Isabella Lightwood. The weird thing; Simon couldn't see them. Thanks to this one in a million chance Clary's world unravels, her mom is missing, and Clary is given a crash course about the world she lives in; which leads her to question her very identity along with a relationship with the snaky blonde heartthrob Jace. That's just the first book, looks like you've got an adventure on your hands!

What's this? There's a baddy? That's right ladies and gentlemen, there's a bad guy in the form Valentine, resident nut job. A very Hitler Esq. nut job in my personal opinion, but that's the way the cookie crumbles for this obscenely smart, insane character. Valentine ran a secret group of Shadowhunters who lived to rid the world of Downworlders, talk about teenage rebellion, but that's

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in the past, right?

□ The third book, City of Glass is seriously action packed, with a big battle, character development, some rather large twists that will make you say "wait, what?" and some witty sarcasm that will make you giggle. Cassie's particular brand of humor will make readers giggle through out the whole series, but anyone who's really read and analyzed The Mortal Instruments will say it's a defense mechanism.

□ The Mortal Instruments really has a lot of the characteristics I look for in the YA (Young Adult) books I read. Romance, action, length, some fun humor, and makes you think. Cassandra also put a lot of effort into linking the legends in her books to actual world legends and myth, talk about dedication. That's something I really like in an author, when you find something interesting; they make it possible to find out more. Give Cassie's work a shot, you might like it; I know I did!

□ I don't know about you, but I always like to read the book before the movie, and while doing a little bit of refresher stuff on the official website I found that a movie is in the works. The film rights to Cassie Clare's best selling series were optioned by Unique Features. The director will be Scott Charles Stewart, and the ever talented Jessica Postigo as screenwriter. Fans of The Blind Side (11/20/09) will be happy to know that the lovely Lily Collins has already been cast as our heroine. According to Collins' IMDb the movie, which is currently in pre-production should be coming out in 2012. Cassie Clare's official fan site, Mundie Source shed a bit more light on the subject. Filming, says Collins, is to begin in April. This piece of information can be found next to Alex Pettyfer's face in the January 2011 archive. To find out more about Mundie Source check out - <http://mundiesource.net/wpd/>

For The Mortal Instruments website for facts, Cassie's blog and more - <http://www.mortalinstruments.com/inde...>

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