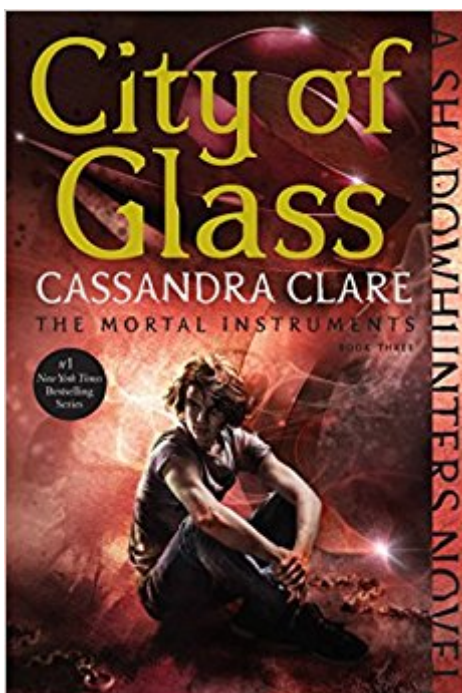


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City Of Glass (The Mortal Instruments)



Synopsis

Love is a mortal sin, and the secrets of the past are deadly. Plunge into the third installment novel in the internationally bestselling *Mortal Instruments* series and “prepare to be hooked” (Entertainment Weekly) — now with a gorgeous new cover, a map, a new foreword, and exclusive bonus content! *City of Glass* is a *Shadowhunters* novel. To save her mother’s life, Clary must travel to the City of Glass, the ancestral home of the Shadowhunters — never mind that entering the city without permission is against the Law, and breaking the Law could mean death. To make things worse, she learns that Jace does not want her there, and Simon has been thrown in prison by the Shadowhunters, who are deeply suspicious of a vampire who can withstand sunlight. As Clary uncovers more about her family’s past, she finds an ally in mysterious Shadowhunter Sebastian. With Valentine mustering the full force of his power to destroy all Shadowhunters forever, their only chance to defeat him is to fight alongside their eternal enemies. But can Downworlders and Shadowhunters put aside their hatred to work together? While Jace realizes exactly how much he’s willing to risk for Clary, can she harness her newfound powers to help save the Glass City — whatever the cost?

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Customer Reviews

Grade 8 Up — In the two previous books, Clary learns that she is a member of a race of demon-hunters and that she has the special ability to create new versions of the runes that give

these Shadowhunters their power. Her mother has been hiding the truth from her for years to protect her from her father, Valentine, a cult-leader-turned-villain who is seeking to gain control over the Shadowhunters by obtaining the three Mortal Instruments. Now, Valentine has only one Mortal Instrument left to find, and the Shadowhunters must ally with the despised Downworlders, including vampires, werewolves, and fairies, to prepare their final defense. The question of whether Clary will be able to harness her unique abilities in time to help—and whether they will let her—is sidelined by the question of whether her love interest, Jace, is really her brother. Though the story is hampered by predictability and overblown writing, Clare continues her talent for mixing hip, modern humor with traditional fantasy, and fans eagerly awaiting the series conclusion should come away more than satisfied.

Eliza Langhans, Hatfield Public Library, MA
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In search of a potion for her dying mother, Clary sneaks into the City of Glass and is immediately caught up in a life-and-death battle. As the children of the Moon (werewolves), Night (vampires), and Faerie gather for a war that will rend the heavens, Clary calls upon her untrained powers to control an angel who will save or destroy them all. Readers should be familiar with the first two installments in the Mortal Instruments series, but there is nevertheless plenty of romance, loss, honor, and betrayal to make the journey worthwhile. An experienced storyteller, Clare moves the plot quickly to a satisfying end. Grades 8-11. --Cindy Welch --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

This was the best book in the series so far as it answered a lot of my questions and a few secrets were revealed that explained the characters better. Clary, Simon and Jace got the validation they needed and the story did not focus on just Jace and Clary and their tormented relationship. I wish someone would start training Clary so she could be a real shadow hunter and not just have to rely on her powers which are intermittent at best. Jace seemed the typical broody "woe is me" boyfriend and I much prefer him in the first book as he was more decisive and less moody than in this one. I do agree with another review that the plot line where they were thought to be brother and sister was unnecessary and only tainted the characters relationship going forward and it does play in the back of your mind sometimes. We were introduced to new characters and I really liked the Queen of the Fairies. She hinted at other secrets that Valentine neglected to mention. Cold and Calculating she did lack empathy yet once her condition was met, Clary was released and the love triangle was no

more. Some plot lines were predictable and I would have liked a better fight scene for the evil Valentine and Sebastian but that is just my opinion. Simon has really come into his own and for a minor character he is quite interesting as there is a lot going on with him and I am curious to find out where he goes from here and who will he end up with. Overall it was a better book and although this was a trilogy in the beginning I am going to see where the characters go from here.

It goes without saying that I am a lover of books. Stories, characters, and delicious prose...well...these are things that I throw myself into. My shelves are filled with countless books that I have read and loved, stories that I have enjoyed reading. I have never enjoyed reading a book as much as I enjoyed this one. Never. It's a scary thing when you get to the final book in a series or trilogy that you particularly care about. There's a certain amount of apprehension involved, correlating directly to your emotional involvement to the story and characters. It's tricky for the author to wrap things up in a way that is true to the characters, consistent with the themes of the previous books, ties up the major and minor story arcs, and is still enjoyable to read. I've never read the final book in any series that managed to seamlessly do all of those things. City of Glass did. The characters in a story like this should be expected to change, to be affected by the events around them, and to react to them in some way. This was handled fantastically. Well done Cassandra Clare.

This was definitely my favorite book so far in the series. This one started off with action and never slowed down. It was the most exciting. I liked learning more about Luke and meeting his sister. I know there was not much to it, but I still enjoy learning more about all of the characters in general. The brother and sister love was over the top! I know the relationship building between Jace and Clary was important, but I wish they would have known they were not related instead of playing more into the incest issues. I am liking the Simon and Elizabeth romance. I want to see Simon end up with someone. Sebastian! I know so many people loved him, and I do love what he brings to the story. But, man! I hated Sebastian. Overall, I am happy I have continued the series, and I am ready for the next one!

In an effort to save her mother, Clary journeys to the City of Glass to find a potion which will wake her up. The Clave has also called the Lightwoods and Jace to the city to testify regarding the events that occurred on Valentine's ship. Jace is concerned that if the Clave knows what Clary is capable of, they will exploit her. He tricks her into staying home, but of course, she follows

anyway and gets herself into trouble. Jace tries to be mean to her in order to force her away before the Clave finds out she is in the city. Hurt by his rejection, Clary accepts assistance from Sebastian, a handsome, let slightly creepy guy whose motives are questionable. The Clave is also interested in how Simon, a vampire, is now able to go out in the sunlight. They throw him in a dungeon-like jail where he makes friends with a strange prisoner held in the next cell. Now that Valentine has both the Mortal Cup and the Mortal Sword, everyone is anticipating him coming to Idris to capture the Mortal Mirror. It is known to be in Idris, but unfortunately, no one knows where it is. When Valentine threatens to attack the city, the Clave must decide whether to accept the help of the Downworlders against him. I loved this book! I loved the danger and intrigue and romance. The only thing that was a bit irritating is that I figured out the ending way early and then had to watch the characters slog along until they figured it out. Even so, I still think this might be my favorite book in the series so far. One of the characters gets killed in the book, and it is heartbreaking. Several plot lines ended, giving me satisfaction, but I can see a few plotlines which will need to be resolved in the next book. Overall, I give City of Glass a 4.5 star rating. Plot: 4.5 stars, Character Development: 4.5 stars, World Building: 4.5 stars, Love Story: 4.5 stars, Dream Cast (otherwise known as who I pictured while reading) - Rachel Hurst-Wood (Clary), Alex Pettyfer (Jace), Luke Pasqualino (Simon), Zac Efron (Alec), Christopher Backus (Magnus Bane), Christian Serratos (Isabelle)

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