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Tales From The Hood

So when the Shadowhunter Academy reopens, Simon throws himself into this new world of demon-hunting, determined to find himself again. His new self. Whomever this new Simon might be.

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But the Academy is a Shadowhunter institution, which means it has some problems. Like the fact that non-Shadowhunter students have to live in the basement. And that differences—like being a former vampire—are greatly looked down upon. At least Simon is trained in weaponry—even if it's only from hours of playing D&D.

Tales From The Darkside

Join Simon on his journey to become a Shadowhunter, and learn about the Academy's illustrious history along the way, through guest lecturers such as Jace Herondale, Tessa Gray, and Magnus Bane. These ten short stories give an epilogue to the Mortal Instruments series and provide glimpses of what's in store in the Dark Artifices.

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The Lost Herondale: 3 stars.

The Whitechapel Fiend: 5 stars.

Nothing but Shadows: 5 stars.

The Evil We Love: 3 stars.

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Bitter of Tongue: 4 stars.

The Fiery Trial: 4 stars.

Born to Endless Night: 5 stars.

Angels Twice Descending: 5 stars.

Tales From The City

I'm so happy I decided to reread these! While I of course loved these novellas the first time around, I felt I was able to connect to them better the second time. When I originally read them, I quickly forgot the individual stories but it feels so good to have the fresh in my mind.

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This anthology follows Simon during his time in the academy that spans two years and I'm assuming catches the reader up to date for Lady Midnight. But we also get to see so many other beloved characters, both from past and present. But most importantly, we get to see Simon be the person who he wants to be, after so much was taken from him in The Mortal Instruments.

Simon is my second favorite Shadowhunter character. He is Jewish, he is nerdy, he is funny, he is a good friend, he is selfless, and he is so very easy to love. And he really has been through so damn much in his

life; none of it he asked for but was just thrust upon him. Him and Izzy are also my favorite ship, even though I think she was a little questionable during some of these stories, too. I feel like a lot of people couldn't empathize with everything that Simon was struggling with, and it just made me sad every single time.

Overall, I had a lot of fun reading this, but again I did think that most of the stories were a little lackluster and left a lot to be desired. Yet, I still had a lot of fun while reading this! But I am going to break down each short story with my thoughts, opinions, and individual star rating!

½ Welcome to Shadowhunter Academy - ~...~...

œHe waved good-bye to all these people he barely knew and somehow loved anyway, and he hoped they could not tell how relieved he was to be going.

Yikes, we aren't off to a good start. Okay, this anthology picks up right after the events of City of Heavenly Fire, but Simon still doesn't remember everything that happened, but he is now enrolled at the New York Institute. We get to meet so many new students, since the Shadowhunter world is in desperate need to replenish their fighters! I already love George. I already hate Jon. I will say that at first, I was so happy with Izzy's declaration of love for Simon, but the more and more I kept thinking about it, I kept realizing that I was showing double standards, because if a dude would have done that to a girl I would have really disliked it. I will say that I always appreciated that Simon is the *nerdy one* and Izzy is the *popular one* and how Cassie Clare really plays that opposite trope up to perfection, but Izzy's speech was a little too much even for me. I want good angst, not forced angst.

½ The Lost Herondale - ~...~...~...

œWe all have our own story of the Dark War. All of us lost something. Some of us lost everything.

We get to see Simon and twenty of his classmates try and kill their first law breaking Downworlder, but it happens to be a vampire that new Simon before his memories were lost. We get to learn a story about Tobias Herondale, the younger brother of Will, and it is heartbreaking. This story really shows how there are always two sides to a story, and in this case three. I love Catarina so very much, and I really enjoyed the message about how you have to be the person you want to be, and to always listen to your heart. Also, Jon is such a little shit. Also, also, I'm not here for the Izzy pity party, especially with everything Simon has had to go through since he got thrust into this world even though he never asked for any of it. Also, also, also there is an uncharted Herondale line? Lord, help us all.

½ The Whitechapel Fiend - ~...~...~...~...

œThe trick to falling is not to fall!

Oh, my word, there was a lot to like about this one! Not only do we get to see Jace training Shadowhunter kids to jump out of trees, we also get to see Tessa, Will, and Jem solving the Jack the Ripper murders in 1888 London! Like, I was for sure not expecting to wake up and read that today! But what a gift!

½ Nothing but Shadows - ~...~...~...~...

“James Herondale was the son of angels and demons,” she said softly. “He was always fated to walk a difficult and painful path, to drink bitter water with sweet, to tread where there were thorns as well as flowers. Nobody could save him from that. People did try.”

My favorite thing about the Shadowhunter world? Seeing all these family trees! Like, it is a little hard to keep straight, especially with the Lightwoods, but it just gives me all the warm and fuzzies. Also, seeing James Herondale and Matthew Fairchild become friends gave me all the feels. Again, if you couldn’t tell by my review of *The Bane Chronicles*! I need *The Last Hours* immediately! But I also love the growing friendship between George and Simon, too! Also, that letter he wrote to Izzy? Ah, my heart!

½ The Evil We Love - ~...~...

“He just knew, on a level beneath reason and memory, that some part of him belonged with Isabelle.”

Easily one of my least favorite short stories set in the Shadowhunter world. Simon and still struggling with his memories, and Izzy is being unnecessarily cruel about it, in my opinion. Then her dad, Robert Lightwood (yuck), and her come to teach the new academy kids an important lesson, while Izzy just goes out of her way to try to lash out and hurt Simon constantly. And Robert gives the kids a flashback to 1984 when Valentine is starting to show his true intentions, but people choose to follow him anyway, for many different reasons. TW for murder, torture, and homophobia.

½ Pale Kings and Princes - ~...~...~...~...~...~...

“This is how a faerie loves: with a gift.”

Easily one of my favorite short stories set in the Shadowhunter world. Summer is over, and Simon is back at the academy for his second year! But Helen Blackthorn and Aline Penhallow mean more to me than 99% of the characters I’ve spent all of 2018 reading about nonstop. But, can we please kill off professor Mayhew already? Like, I’m begging. What an insufferable asshole. But the Institute brings Helen to force her to tell the story of her half fae parentage, while humiliating and belittling her constantly. But she does it so that she can marry the love of her life, who has stuck by her side even when she was exiled to a cold island just because of how she was born. But the reason I loved this story so much was because the true story that even Helen doesn’t know about her mother and Faerie. Like, it was perfect. Everything I’ve ever wanted. Oh, and Simon and Izzy finally make up, but it for sure didn’t mean as much to me, because the last story was so damn painful to read! Like, can Helen and Mark just have their own anthology? Please. I loved this.

½ Bitter of Tongue - ~...~...~...~...~...

“I got distracted making out with a boy, and then locked up by a goblin.”

Is anyone really surprised that I loved the story about a sapphic marriage between a fae girl and an Asian girl? I have loved these two since their introduction and their ceremony was everything! Also, this was so amazing because we got to see more of the fae court! Seriously, all I want is more of Mark and Kieran and the Hunt! Please, Cassie Clare, I’m begging you! I honestly just think the Blackthorns are my favorite family. Plus, seeing Izzy and Mark both try to save Simon in very different ways was pretty perfect. This is also the first story that made me feel like Sizzy was back, and it warmed my heart and made me so excited for the final three stories!

½ The Fiery Trial - ~...~...~...

“True parabatai are linked long before the ceremony takes place.”

This one I feel really on the fence about. Like, drugging people, even with good intentions, isn't cool. Basically, this is the parabatai short story! We get to see Julie and Beatriz decide to become parabatai. We get to see Emma and Julian become parabatai. And then we get to see Simon and Clary discuss if they want to be parabatai. And! I thought I would like it more than I did. First off, Maureen is the character in this entire Shadowhunter universe that makes me the saddest. Then, add in the drugging situation. Lastly, the feeling weirdness because you know that Emma and Julian are obviously going to eventually have a forbidden romance (even though they are only fourteen in this! yikes!) I don't know, I am excited to see Simon and Clary become parabatai, but this story wasn't that great itself.

½ Born to Endless Night - ~...~...~...~...~...

“Obviously you would call them Malec,” said Beatriz. “Are you stupid, Simon?”

Best Shadowhunter story ever! EVER! Seriously, this was probably my favorite thing in all of Shadowhunter history. Besides absolutely loving Magnus with everything that I am, seeing him be able to achieve things he never thought possible, even with his immortal life, is just so damn pure and wonderful. I also really appreciated Catarina and Lily in this story, too. Even though I really am dying to know everything about Tobias Herondale's baby and the past. But yeah, this story was pure joy to read, and really just celebrate the love and honor for family; both blood and found.

½ Angels Twice Descending - ~...~...~...

“That they would drink from the Mortal Cup. That they would, like the first of the warrior race, Jonathan Shadowhunter, sip the blood of an angel. That they would, if they were lucky, be transformed on the spot into real, full-blooded Shadowhunters.”

The character death in this was just so! pointless. It completely ruined the story for me and ruined all the previous happiness that happened on Magnus' couch. This is the final story in the anthology, and it concludes Simon's two-year journey of being in the academy. All the enjoyment that I had from the start of this one just really just fell flat by that ending. And I think it really left the entire collection off on a bad and sour note, if I'm being completely honest. I don't even know how I feel about him honoring the last name. Yikes.

I gave Tales from the Shadowhunter Academy three stars overall, because out of a possible 50 stars (5 stars possible for each of the 10 stories) this collection accumulated 36 stars (72%)!

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And I even loved the new characters we were introduced to just as much! Marisol was easily one of my favorites along with George (which is probably a given with a lot of others.) I loved the humor and the sarcasm and everything about this book and this bindup and these stories. EVERYTHING. ...more

Hey guuuuys! Look, the actual cover is out now!

(I mean I doubt I'll read this bc I'm not a big fan of novellas or bind-ups in general, but y'know, one day.) Since I was bored and detest calculus homework, I decided to put all the covers of the novellas together. So, uh, here:

and because I have no doubt that's tiny as hell: hopefully, this'll be a higher def.

Tales From The Hood 2

I really enjoyed these stories!! I gave all of the stories 3.5 or 4 stars, but overall I would give it a 4 stars! I am so excited to finally get to Lady Midnight next month AHHHHH!

Loved reading this! Wish I read it before Lady Midnight but I still really enjoyed it!

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Need more stories about Clary, Jace, Simon, Izzy and Malec stories! ...more

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If you have not finished all of the novellas and you would like to read my opinion on each novella separately the links are below. Each short summary of my thoughts on the separate novellas are a quick write up I wrote immediately after reading each one. Thus, my thoughts aren't permanent and all over the place. Tales from the Shadowhunter Academy book and review links:

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“Welcome to Shadowhunter Academy,” said Catarina Loss, her voice gentle. If Catarina Loss said this to me I would probably burst into flames right then and there. I have been waiting to read these because I wanted to read *Lady Midnight* immediately after. And boy was that a good choice. After finished all ten of the novellas I was having serious Cassandra Clare withdrawals. All I wanted was more Simon Lewis but I would definitely settle for Emma Carstairs. I absolutely loved all of the novellas, even if some of them had a few bumps in the foundation. “Speaking of people being foxy, do you mean? I’m George Lovelace,” said George. “I say my surname without shame, because I am secure in my masculinity like that.” Our new cast of characters is beautiful. First, we have the mundane George Lovelace who has completely erased the prior Lovelace legacy in my eyes. He has a gorgeous, sculpted by Angel Raziel himself, body and a sexy as hell scottish drawl. In the first novella I thought he was going to be the new Jace but I was dead wrong. George Lovelace is the kind of guy that you would bring home to your parents. They might be apprehensive at first but when he opens their mouth your parents will be putty in his hands. George has the kind of attitude that complements Simon’s perfectly. He is kind, a little geeky now that Simon has gotten into his mind, and basically the sweetest characters you have ever met. The second mundane we meet is Marisol Garza. She is the youngest of the cast since she is only 15 and oh my goodness she is such a spitfire. She keeps up with the best in her class, including the shadowhunters, and follows the say sorry later instead of ask for permission now, way of life.

Now for the shadowhunters by blood. The first student, and my favorite out of the shadowhunters, is Beatriz Mendoza, an amazing girl who doesn’t follow the stream of elitists and makes her own path instead. When Simon Lewis speaks up about showing downworlders and dregs respect she is right there beside him. She does remain friends with her fellow students Jon Cartwright and Julie Beauvale, even though their views are very different compare to those. Julie’s mother had been one of the first to be turned into an Endarkened soldier by Sebastian Morgenstern. This fact has noticeably changed her demeanor. She keeps very close to those that she knows will keep her safe and will keep her on top, such as Jon Cartwright. Jon Cartwright is a boastful and extremely rude person. He makes snide remarks about the mundane students, calling them dregs, and always talks down upon Downworlders, even his own teacher Catarina Loss. There is really nothing good to say about Jon Cartwright, except for the last 3 or so novellas when he is befriended by a very good influence.

The co-writing of these novellas were very interesting. Each writing pair had their own writing style and way of portraying Simon Lewis. First there was Sarah Rees Brennan. I thought the way she described the world and situations from Simon's point of view was a little too stiff and you could definitely tell the difference between Cassandra Clare's portions are hers. Clare would have quick witted or sassy dialogue and descriptions but then there were stiff and very detailed descriptions with words I would never see Simon using. Maureen Johnson's and Robin Wasserman's writing styles on the other hand flowed very nicely with Cassandra Clare's. They truly portrayed the nerdy and loveable character that we know and love, each with their own subtle twist. "You love, and tremble, and burn. Do not let any of them tell you who you are. You are the flame that cannot be put out. You are the star that cannot be lost. You are who you have always been, and that is enough and more than enough. Anyone who looks at you and sees darkness is blind." My favorite parts of each novella were the flashbacks. We were given stories about William Herondale, personally my favorite, Jem Carstairs, Tessa Gray, Robert Lightwood, the Circle, and many others. Each one giving me intense chest pains because of how beautiful they were. If you aren't fully committed to reading a 600+ page collection of novellas about Simon Lewis do it for the flashbacks.

All in all Tales from the Shadowhunter Academy was an amazing collection of novellas. The novellas take place over the span of two years and each one covered a substantial amount of time. None of them felt rushed or spaced out too much. Cassandra Clare, Sarah Rees Brennan, Maureen Johnson, and Robin Wasserman did a great job writing them and I will definitely be reading The Bane Chronicles now that I know I enjoy the short story bind ups. Each novella gave us new details and characters that I hope will be applied to Lady Midnight because that would make the story ten times better. I recommend this bind up for everyone who has finished the Mortal Instruments and the Infernal Devices. The Infernal Devices isn't necessary but it does help with some of the flashbacks. ...more

Tales From The Yawning Portal

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THIS WAS FANTASTIC!!! I LOVED IT SO MUCH!! This is saying a lot because TMI took me over two years to finish. Simon has always been my favorite character and I loved having him as the main focus. I also loved reading about The Last Hour characters and seeing a glimpse of what's to come in The Dark Artifices.

Also, the ending hurt me so much??? Like how could u do that to meeee???