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## Lord Of Shadows Summary

Would you trade your soul mate for your soul?

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A Shadowhunter's life is bound by duty. Constrained by honor. The word of a Shadowhunter is a solemn pledge, and no vow is more sacred than the vow that binds parabatai, warrior partners—sworn to fight together, die together, but never to fall in love.

## Lord Of Shadows Castlevania

Emma Carstairs has learned that the love she shares with her parabatai, Julian Blackthorn, isn't just forbidden—it could destroy them both. She knows she should run from Julian. But how can she when the Blackthorns are threatened by enemies on all sides?

## Lord Of Shadows Dq11

Their only hope is the Black Volume of the Dead, a spell book of terrible power. Everyone wants it. Only the Blackthorns can find it. Spurred on by a dark bargain with the Seelie Queen, Emma; her best friend, Cristina; and Mark and Julian Blackthorn journey into the Courts of Faerie, where glittering revels hide bloody danger and no promise can be trusted. Meanwhile, rising tension between Shadowhunters and Downworlders has produced the Cohort, an extremist group of Shadowhunters dedicated to registering Downworlders and "unsuitable" Nephilim. They'll do anything in their power to expose Julian's secrets and take the Los Angeles Institute for their own.

## Lord Of Shadows Quotes

When Downworlders turn against the Clave, a new threat rises in the form of the Lord of Shadows—the Unseelie King, who sends his greatest warriors to slaughter those with Blackthorn blood and seize the Black Volume. As dangers close in, Julian devises a risky scheme that depends on the cooperation of an unpredictable enemy. But success may come with a price he and Emma cannot even imagine, one that will bring with it a reckoning of blood that could have repercussions for everyone and everything they hold dear.

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I loved that we were able to get more perspective from a variety of other characters (Kit, Ty, Livvy, Dru, & Diana). While I feel every character in this series has grown from book one to two, it really was a pleasure to learn more about this specific set of characters and get to know them better. We do also get four cameos from TMI characters which I was TOTALLY satisfied with and happy to see. But I do specifically feel that Emma, Julian, Mark, and Cristina have done more maturing than most. I just feel that with all the burdens each of them carry, they begin to face them head-on, which made me very

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proud. I think any reader who loves the TDA characters will be impressed with the character development in the sequel!

As per usual, the plot of the next installment of *The Shadowhunter Chronicles* is insane. I love how effortlessly the stories of TMI, TID, even a bit of TLH, and somethings I can allude to for TWP are implemented into the present series. I loved all of the different journeys our protagonists went on; From London, to Cornwall, to Faerieland, to Idris, there's so much adventure and excitement to love. Of course, within that comes all of the devastation which no one is prepared for, but still flawlessly written, nonetheless.

As always, I have to applaud Cassie for continuing to grow and improve her craft. I truly believe every single book in *The Shadowhunter Chronicles* gets better and better as the story deepens. I'm particularly impressed because I saw risks with *Lord of Shadows* that weren't always taken in past books and I stand by all decisions made (yes, even each of the deaths!) I'm satisfied, elated, heart-broken, and blown away all in one.

Of course, I'd highly recommend reading *Lord of Shadows*. I cannot wait for you all to experience this story!

I received a copy of this book from the Simon & Schuster in exchange for an honest review. All opinions are my own. ...more

## Lord Of Shadows Book

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In other news, I broke my promise again of not reading the book the day it comes out and in one sitting.

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Unfortunately, this wasn't as good as the first time I read it - probably because I already knew the ending. It was still an enjoyable read overall, but I was bored at times.

Original 5-Star Review

Excuse me, but WHAT JUST HAPPENED?

## Lord Of Shadows Characters

WHAT THE HELL. MY HEART. WHY CASSIE WHY.

REREAD QUICK NOTES

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âž™ JEM AND TESSA NEED TO COME BACK

original review

yes, five months later my official review is here. I've finished screaming. I'm ready to talk

Continue on for 25% memes, 50% why I love this book, 25% more screaming

(there may be mild spoilers untagged like new character names but everything major will be tagged)

â€œEveryone is afraid of something. We fear things because we value them. We fear losing people because we love them. We fear dying because we value being alive. Don't wish you didn't fear anything. All that would mean is that you didn't feel anything.â€•

by Oblivion's Dream on tumblr I ADORE this Emma art!

I ..... I am shocked to be saying this but, THIS is my favourite Cassandra Clare series. I'm sorry Infernal Devices, IM SORRY. (but also not really this series is so good) Like, if you tear out the final pages of this book it's nearly perfect and Lady Midnight IS perfect.

#### LORD OF SHADOWS IN GENERAL

I don't think I loved lord of shadows as much as I loved Lady Midnight but I still really really enjoyed it. I absolutely adore the characters in this series, especially Emma, Julian, Cristina, Livvy, Kit and Ty so having them all back in Lord of Shadows was of course a highlight.

I just love how COMPLEX these characters are. Every single one has so many dichotomies and intricacies that make them fascinating. I think in Julian, especially, that is showcased, but also in Mark, Cristina and Emma too.

The way the plot moved from location to location, featuring the Faerie Realms, London, Alicante and LA was fun for me, I liked how the story moved around more then it did in Lady Midnight.

There was also so many moments that left me genuinely shocked and I read this entire book at maximum speed because so much of it left me having to know what happens IMMEDIATELY. I know heaps of people find Cassandra Clare boring, but I personally find her books really addictive, and I want to know what happens straight away. You know the old 'take a peek at the end of the chapter because what the fuck is happening' trick? me in every chapter of her books.

• Kit thought about Emma with her sword, Emma saving his life, Emma hugging Cristina and looking at Julian like he hung the moon •

Lord of Shadows feels much more mature then Lady Midnight and I think that is a real strength of this book. Lord of Shadows definitely critically examined the world we live in today through the lens of the shadow world, and much of the discussion and plot point was very on-point for current events. That did show a maturity in Cassandra Clare's writing, and I do definitely think this is her most political and developed book (and series).

Representation was also fairly good for a Cassandra Clare book. Mark and Kieran are bisexual, Diana is a black transwoman, Cristina, Jaimie and Diego are all Mexican. Ty is autistic and heavily implied to be gay, and Kit is heavily implied to be bisexual. Dru is fat.

Aline (gay, chinese), Helen (bisexual) and Jem (chinese), Alec (gay) and Magnus (biracial and bisexual) also appear but are only in it for a very short time.

I DID HAVE SOME ISSUES WITH BISEXUAL REPRESENTATION WHICH YOU CAN READ ON MY TWITTER THREAD

I didn't like Lord of Shadows as much as Lady Midnight because of some of the characters and the plot points and I'll get into that below. But it's still such a fucking solid book I really loved reading it.

## CHARACTERS

EMMA: Honestly, y'all who hate Emma can get off my fucking lawn I love her SO MUCH. She's brave, smart, loyal, loving, protective, caring. She cares so much about the Blackthorns and her parents and she wants to be loved back so much in return, and I just really need her to be happy and okay. I love her strength and resilience so much. She's definitely my favourite character I love her. (view spoiler)[ALSO SHE DESTROYED THE MORTAL SWORD !?!? SHE KILLED A FAERIE RIDER !! DOES SHE GIVE 1 MOTHER FUCK ??? SHE DOES NOT !!!!! WE LOVE A LEGEND !!! (hide spoiler)]

JULIAN: HE SCARES ME BUT I LOVE HIM. He's so soft with the kids even though he's NOT SOFT IN GENERAL and his character is really interesting because there is this dichotomy between the soft, loving parent he is for the kids, and then the hard, callous shadowhunter he has the potential to be and often exhibits. I'm really, really excited to see where his character arc is taken in Queen of Air and Darkness because the ending of LOS has left him in a position to swing in an extreme direction. JULIAN JUST LOVES THOSE KIDS SO MUCH AND HAS DONE SO MUCH FOR THEM AND LOVES THEM SO MUCH AND IT MAKES ME EMO. !!!!!

MARK: I have to admit... I don't love Mark as much as everyone else but he's okay. I was really wanting to see some good character growth from him but ... I'm a little iffy on him. This I'm gonna get into.

CRISTINA: Cristina is such a GREAT CHARACTER. I love her relationship with Emma and her growth as a character and how she's become part of the family. I liked the exploration of her past with Jaimie and Diego. BUT, I found her plotline with Mark/Kieran really annoying.

KIT, TY AND LIVVY: I absolutely loved this trio. They definitely added a new dynamic that wasn't there in Lady Midnight. Each is such a fun character, though Kit was my favourite because I loved his humour, and how his mundane culture clashed with the shadowhunter culture in both positive and negative ways. (view spoiler)[The scene with Kit talking about autism with Julian re: Ty was one of my favourite scenes. I DON'T WANNA TALK ABOUT LIVVY BECAUSE IM UPSET AND NOT OKAY WITH IT (hide spoiler)]

DRU: Dru is a character I really want to like, and can really see myself liking in the future, but I found her arc a little awkward and boring. I did like her arc concerning her self-image and her role amongst the blackthorns, and I'm excited to see more from her in The Wicked Powers

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ZARA DEARBOTH: god .... (view spoiler)[ I HATE HER SOOO MUCH. HERE IS A SUMMARY OF ME EVERYTIME SHE SPOKE

WHEN SHE CALLED EMMA A SLUT

EVERYTIME SHE SAID SOMETHING RACIST

(hide spoiler)]

## ROMANCE

Right, the main issue I had with Lord of Shadows was the oversaturation of romance and make out scenes. WE GET IT, EVERYONE IS SUPER HOT.

Lets start with Kieran .....

His relationship with Mark is Unhealthy And Needs To Be Discontinued Immediately

- forgetting what you did doesn't excuse what you did
- sending ..... someone ..... dreams ..... it wasn't .... cute
- remember when he manipulated Mark many many times
- like not... spill the tea. but.... people need to stop shipping them just because they're two hot guys because Kierat really isn't a NICE GUY
- im salty

The drama with Kieran/Mark/Cristina was ANNOYING, it was annoying. And literally all the "I looked at him and immediately had to make out with him" IM EXHAUSTED. No one has this much sexual chemistry and tension in real life nO ONE

Emma and Jules are NOT free of this because they were also bad, though I don't think they are AS BAD but fgfj still STOP KISSING AND START SOLVING YOUR MANY ABUNDANT ISSUES.

There was so many make out steamy scenes I actually got bored of steamy make out scenes.

Kitty and Kitliv is excused from this mess they are all Pure.

by Oblivion's Dream on tumblr

## PLOT

I found the first 100 pages kind of underwhelming not gonna lie. But after that it got way way better. Enjoyed the Mark/Emma dynamic, and their genuine friendship that came from it. Really liked the trip into Faerie, and what we saw from Julian and Emma there.

LOVED the scenes in London, and all the references to the TID characters, as well as the appearance of tmi/tid characters. Was super cool to see Magnus and Alec as dads.

## MY TOP 5 SCENES

(view spoiler)[

- 1: The fight scene with the Faeries outside the London institute and then at the cabin. The action sequence was amazing and there was so much genuine tension I really thought everyone was gonna die
- 2: The entire fight scene at the Unseelie court. Loved the vulnerable side of Emma we saw unmasking her "dad" and also the vicious side we saw from Julian.
- 3: Jules and Emma's talk after the fight. I thought it was a scene of such good character development and really needed. Their relationship is great I really love it and I think they're good together.
- 4: Kit in general. Loved him talking to Ty, especially when they talked about Livvy. Loved his discussion with Jules about Ty, and also loved his list of shadowhunter problems jgfhjf
- 5: Ty's letter to Annabel was amazing, and not just the letter itself but how much it meant to Julian to read that and know how much those kids fucking love him.

(hide spoiler)]

â€œSometimes the most ruthless heart speaks the most truthâ€•

Lord of Shadows is an absolute monster of a book, and there is so much to talk about. This small review barely even covers the surface of my feelings about this book. I truly adore all the characters so much, I have so much genuine concern over their happiness.

The plot really picked up and I am DYING for Queen of Air and Darkness. I can't believe we have to wait until 2019. (view spoiler)[I AM READY FOR ANTI-HERO JULIAN TO RISE (hide spoiler)]

There is so much going on in these books, and so many little arcs that accompany the larger one, but the books are so fun and definitely Cassandra's strongest works character, plot and writing wise. I have always been willing to criticise her work, but I do think she worked on some of those criticisms in this

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series. Its much, much stronger than tmi AND tid in my opinion.

I AM NOT OKAY WITH THE ENDING. I don't think it's possible to be okay with that ending.

(view spoiler)[ LIVGGBHD LIVVY GOT TO GO TO HEAVEN GTGEHT TTHE CLOCK CHIMIMED IT CHIMED  
gfjkh JULIAN CRYING OVER HER DEAD BODY I WASN'T OKAY I WASN'T READY I CAN'T BREATHE JUST  
THINKING ABOUT IT HE LOVED HER SO MUCH LET HER BE GHDJH (hide spoiler)]

"Julian! Julian! Carry me .... "

by Oblivion's Dream on tumblr

SOME MEMES TO LIGHTEN THE FUCKING MOOD

(view spoiler)[

me walking into the bookstore to buy this book the literal second the shop opened

When they mentioned Will Herondale and Will/Jem as kids and Lucie and James and basically anything to do with tid

me finishing it and having to watch livvy die  
[image error]

me everytime kieran whined

me when emma killed a rider then proceeded to burn down a stone church

WHEN EMMA DESTROYED THE MORTAL SWORD, AN INSTRUMENT GIVEN TO JONATHAN  
SHADOWHUNTER BY THE ANGEL RAZIEL

When Zara got roasted in front of the entire clan

Ty when someone asks him to chill about Kit. Also Emma convincing Robert to let her go to Mexico



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Kieran/Mark/Christina/Diego - this triangle was the weirdest of them all cause I had a feeling like they wouldn't mind a 3way (minus Diego who's cancelled)

Livvy/Kit/Ty - erm... Is Cassie setting up Kit and Ty for a parabatai bond? Or are they going to date? I'm still not sure. I'm very much looking forward to witnessing the parabatai ceremony since I have no idea how that actually happens. Note: I've only read the first 4 TMI books, not the full series. I actually found

out in LoS Clary and Simon are parabatai. Now I'm like 0\_o

TID&gt;TMI

Triangle drama overshadowed everything else and I ended up disappointed cause Clare went for cheap tricks and chaos. Tsk, tsk! And to think this book is over 700 pages long. ...more

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First of all I have to say that I love the world Cassandra Clare has built and even though it sometimes seems to be more than just cruel (â€œSed lex dura lexâ€•) it never fails to captivate me. Well, truth be told most of the time it's even this kind of harshness that makes it so interesting, the obstacles and problems every single one of the Blackthorns has to overcome making the entire story line even more intoxicating and exciting. Thinking about it in retrospective the plot isn't even that amazing and if I had to pinpoint why I still loved every line of the book, I would say that it's the details and the love I found in every single word.

If you don't like spoilers you should stop to read now, if you're a sucker for spoilers: please feel free to continue! ;-P

Love, I think that's actually the word that sums it up. There is love everywhere and all of the characters have plenty of it to give. There are Julian and Emma who try to fight their feelings, there are Ty and Kit who slowly but steadily seem to fall in love and there is the love triangle between Mark, Kieran and Cristina that left me almost breathless and broken. God I can't even say how much I loved all of those relationships! I had to laugh, I had to cry, I wanted to tear the book apart and throw it against a wall. The ending literally killed me and even though I finished the book about a month ago I'm still far from being over it. Cassie how dare you to make such an ending!?!? I can't wait to

read the next book and the mere thought to wait two years is already enough to leave me in anguish! How could you do this to your follow readers?!?!?!?

Well, enough of the ranting and back to the good stuff! Relationships are definitely something Cassandra Clare truly excels at and the more I read from her, the better her books seem to become. It's obvious that she put a lot of effort into her characters and their world and the little hints at some of the other books never cease to amuse me.

• There were valuable first editions of books in the enormous library, most of them had been scribbled in by some idiot named Will H. •

Just to mention one of them. ;-P

So yes, since I liked the love relationships the most I'm going to get into detail now:

Emma & Julian:

I adore Julian, I really do! He has the soul of an artist and he's so complex that I can't help but have to love him for it. I never met another character that was so driven by his love for his family, the fact he would do everything in order to protect his loved ones something that sometimes even gave me the chills. He is neither black nor white and his love for Emma only seems to emphasise his inner conflict. The tension between those two is almost tangible in the air and whenever I read about them I was reduced to a squealing fan girl. I really hope that they manage to find a way to break their parabatai bond and I don't even want think about what will happen now that Livvy died!

• Why all these paintings of you? Because I'm an artist, Emma. These pictures are my heart. And if my heart was a canvas, every square inch of it would be painted over with you. • " Julian Blackthorn

Ty and Kit:

I love, love, love and love those two!! Every time they interacted I had a smile on my face and felt oddly peaceful. Ty is such a gentle boy and Kit understands him so well. It's so obvious that the two of them care about each other deeply and even though Cassie is careful never to give us a palpable proof of their love, I was still able to read it in every single line. I liked all the parts that were from Kit's POV and since he's a Herondale I automatically loved him! \*lol\* I really hope there is going to be more of those two in the next book and I can't even say how much I ship them! =)

• He let the shirt fall and grabbed a Tupperware container of cookies out of the fridge. Maybe he could frustrate the Shadowhunters by refusing to work out and sitting around eating carbs. I defy you, Shadowhunters, he thought, thumbing the top off the container and popping a cookie in his mouth. I mock you with my sugar cravings. • " Kit Herondale

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“He grinned, and the grin changed his face completely. Ty when he was still and expressionless had an intensity that fascinated Kit; when he was smiling, he was extraordinary.” Kit about Ty

Mark/Cristina and Kieran:

Oh my god! I don't even know how I should put their love triangle into words! I guess first of all I have to say that I'm usually no fan of love triangles and don't like them because they always seem to be so cheesy and tedious. This time however I wanted them to be together so badly that it almost hurt! XD I can understand why Christina is kind of falling for both of them and even though I initially shipped Mark and Kieran in LM I have to admit that I'm all on the new ship right now! Of all the three of them I somehow loved Kieran the most and therefore truly hope that Mark will be able to forgive him for what he's done. Since Kieran was taken to the Scholomance at the end of the book I don't know how their love triangle is going to work out, I certainly hope that I will read a lot of them in the next book though!!! XD

“I do not love you as I love Cristina. I love you as I love you,” said Mark. He bent his head. “I wish that you could see my heart. Then you would understand.”

I probably could go on and on about all the other awesome couples and their relationships! Dru's friendship with Jaime, Diana and Gwyn (I loved how Gwyn reacted to her outing!!!), Jace and Clary, Alec and Magnus, they all were so awesome! For the sake of the poor person that actually decided to read through this review I'm going to end it now though! ;-P

All told I relished and loved every single moment of this book and I really, really, really would appreciate it if Cassandra Clare would write just a little bit faster! \*LOL\* ...more

## Lord Of Shadows Audiobook

“Break my heart. Break it in pieces. I give you permission.”

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Blood, ashes and despair. That's the perfect way to describe Lord of Shadows, with its somber ambience and the unease that keeps creeping up from the pages and sinking into your pores. A war is coming. A war more devastating than ever, since the numbers of the Shadowhunters are alarmingly low and they're torn by inner disputes. There is a rising faction that wishes to strip Downworlders of their rights. To treat them like animals. There is a dangerous book of dark, unholy magic that can unravel the world of the Angel's descendants. There is the Unseelie King who wishes to unite the fairie and destroy everything that stands in his way. A girl raised from the dead, with betrayal in her heart and huge distrust towards the people she can call family. The Blackthorns. It all leads back to them and their allies. Relationships are tested. Unlikely friendships blossom. And two parabatai who love each other more than they should, with a love that threatens to tear their family apart. Can some sacred bonds be broken?

“There is truth in stories,” said Arthur. “There is truth in one of your paintings, boy or in a sunset or a couplet from Homer. Fiction is truth, even if it is not a fact. If you believe only in facts and forget stories, your brain will live, but your heart will die.”

There is always something mystical in the way Cassandra Clare writes. While her writing skills keep improving, the essence of her novels remains the same. In Lord of Shadows, she weaves a story of yearning, passion, bitterness, anger and desire. Desire painted with fevered touches and swollen lips and cheekbones illuminated by moonlight and hearts clenching with unspoken feelings. Her descriptions are lavish, her battle scenes intense, and her characters gloriously flawed. From the land of Fairie and unhallowed churches to Idris and the London Institute that sparked a strong pang of nostalgia she whispered stories of cursed love, of injustice and bloodshed and fanaticism. And she triumphantly proved that Arthur Blackthorn could not be wiser: despite the pain and the hopelessness, without fiction our hearts would be dead.

“Those who cannot love do not understand it.”

When it comes to Emma Carstairs, Lord of Shadows could easily be renamed into Lady of Bad Decisions. Yes I do admire her fierceness and her strong spirit, her compassion and her sassiness, but by the Angel I lost count of the times she hurt Julian "for his own good", when she thought she was self-sacrificing and noble but then mourned her relationship with him when she was the one who broke it. Who broke him. And don't get me started on all those moments when she acted before thinking and ended up endangering everyone close to her. And Julian, well, he also troubled me, especially because he scared me. He was ruthless and cunning for the sake of his family, I can't blame him for that (in fact I love him for that) but if he proceeds with his plan to do you-know-what, I will never forgive him. All this scheming ended up bringing sorrow and huge, fat tears that have not dried yet.

“There were valuable first editions of books in the enormous library, most of them had been scribbled in by some idiot named Will H.”

All those references to Will and the Infernal Devices (scones! Jessamine! the Lightwood mansion - I was almost certain the Demon Pox song would make an appearance) were a sweet torture, tiny daggers piercing my heart but also mending it because I somehow felt closer to Will, my favorite character of the Shadowhunters universe. Kit, Livvy, Ty, I loved their scenes and crime-solving attempts, they were such an endearing and bizarre threesome! And speaking of bizarre threesomes, I don't know what to make of the Mark/Cristina/Kieran situation. So many tangled emotions that felt right, despite their oddity, I'm still not certain what I want for them, only more scenes, with unexpected tenderness and craving.

“The wound is the place where the Light enters you.”

The wound the ending inflicted though will not be easy to heal, nor does it feel like a source of light. More likely a source of infinite pain. It was cruel, unfair, and absolutely devastating. No dates slaying frost giants, not even Raziel himself dancing salsa will be able to make amends, my dear Cassandra. I'm off to deal with everything the only way I know.

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anyway.

I must go now and nOT BREATHE until I finish qoaad.

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ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT LORD OF SHADOWS IS SO GOOD. I thought I'd start off the review with like a really emotionally charged sentence of passionate and triumph but ya know what? I CNA'T WRITE THIS REVIEW. I CAN'T. I AM A BROKEN PIECE OF RUIN.

Lady Midnight

IT WAS SO SO SO GOOD.

\*wild sobbing\*

NOTE: There will be no spoilers for LoS in this review! Or they'll be tagged! Do not fret! However there will be mild spoilers for Lady Midnight, so loook away now. Ye have been warned.

+ I AM ABSOLUTELY DYING. IT WAS JUST THAT GOOD.

I'm absolute Shadowhunter trash, fyi, in case it was hard to tell. So every book is basically perfection, but I think the Lady Midnight series has just taken it up a notch. I can't eeeeeven with how beautiful and diverse and thoughtful and poignant it all is. The humour is A+ and I snort laugh so hard my dog gets offended and leaves the room. And some of the lines just make my heart melt with how perfect they are. It's like the Shadowhunter world understands so so much??? Like what it is to be different. Or struggling. Or lost someone. Or confused. Or filled with so much love it hurts. I JUST. CAN'T. EVEN. IT'S JSUT THAT GOOD.

+ As far as sequels goes? This was immense perfection.

No second book blues here!! I mean, actually yes. But the only thing that is blue is ME. In the FACE. From SCREAMING.

I do think it had a bit of a slow lagging bit around 70% but when the characters are people I 10000% adore, I didn't even mind?!?!?! Give me all the lowkey scenes as well as the action ones.

+ Plot? DUH YOU KNOW I LOVE IT.

I can't even with how many subplots that fit in allllll together. Like how on EARTH Are there so many Shadowhunter books but everything fits and works and foreshadows (HAR HAR I'M PUNNY) so

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beautifully and tightly?!?

My favourite plot aspect was soooo totally the Faeries. I LOVE THE FREAKING FAERIES. They're deliciously evil and terrifying and basically my favourite versions of faeries I've read. Also the description for their culture and looks and everything is amazing. A sky full of jewels? Like sure, just let my heart gallop out of my chest for appreciation for the description.

+ And I will NEVER stop cheering with appreciation for the Autism rep!!

Peoples, it is not only thoughtful and complex, it is so so accurate. SO SO ACCURATE. Ty is so precious and I just love how carefully Cassandra Clare weaves in how different his brain is wired and his habits and tics. It's perfect.

Also when Kit appears and is like "Oh Ty's Autistic" and Julian is like "say what" is so precious. &#3 It just is the BEST how Julian will do anything for Ty and will help him any way he needs and will not hesitate to get more information, even if it's "Mundane" information and he's technically not supposed to have it. AFJDKSAFLDFJK.

Also Ty's interest in Sherlock is the best.

+ Okay so let's talk about the characters?!? WHAT WE'VE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR.

I'm just gonna flail. For 900000 years. Let's be real here:

â€ Julian: is so so Slytherin in this book it's kind of scary and I love it.

â€ Emma: I think she has some secret badass magic powers that no one knows about yet?!? I suspect. And I actually appreciated how the book wasn't JUST focused on them so much this time too. And Emma's sass and sarcasm levels GIVE ME LIFE.

â€ Mark: MARK IS MY PRECIOUS CHILD AND MY FAVOURITE AND MARK MARK MARK HE IS THE REASON I LOVE THIS SERIES SO MUCH MY ULTIMATE FAVOURITE CHARACTER NO I WILL NOT USE PUNCTUATION I WILL JUST SHOUT HOW MUCH I LOVE MARK. Although I aggressively ship him na Kieran. Just saying.

â€ Kieran: Who is a Slytherin also and I love him and I know he's messed up and viciously faerie and all that but HE'S PRECIOUS AND I LOVE HIS HAIR.

â€ Cristina: I like her! She's sweet and kind ... but she's really really perfectly sweet and kind. So kinda boring.

â€ Ty: I mean OBVIOUSLY you know I love Ty and his ASD rep is spot on. I also love how he and Livvy got to have more action scenes. Because remember how Clary and Jace were ONLY 15 TOO when they destroyed the world?! Let the babies out!!

â€ Livvy: I do wish she had more time on the page doing stuff. She's so sweet and protective of Ty but I don't erally know her personality?

â€ Dru: same with Dru. IDK.

â€ Kit: OKAY MR. CHRISTOPHER HERONDALE IS MY FAVOURITE. He is soooo a mini-Jace! He's also a huge thief, adorable, hugely sarcastic, loves to get into a fight if needed, and super sweetly lovely to Ty. And just the fact that he does his best to cater to Ty's needs and be there for him is just afkdlsafdjkl.

#ship

â€ Magnus: is here in a burst of glitter and narcissism and I love him. Also love how Alec and the kids are in here! Also love that one of his baby's is blue and therefore probably also the child of Lazlo

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Strange. Excuse me.

â€ƒ Zara: I wish to would fall off a cliff.

â€ƒ Perfect Diego: he can join Zara on the cliff.

â€ƒ Annabel: Is terrifying, dead, and excellent. &lt;3 She has such severe PTSD and I kind of hate her but also think she needs to be protected.

â€ƒ Arthur: Why (view spoiler)[killing him off was like not even interesting...it was like "oh well". (hide spoiler)]

â€ƒ Diana: I LOVED finding out Diana's backstory! Although lowkey think her romance with Gwyn was kind of boring/distracting from MY PRECIOUS BLACKTHORN BOYS.

...yeah, um, okay I'll stop gushing over characters. If you insist.

+ ROMANCE.

Okay so obviously Julian x Emma are an AMAZING ship of angst. And I appreciate that their level of angst didn't swallow the book. I hate hate hate the love triangle with Mark x Kieran x Cristina. Mostly because i FREAKING LOVE MARK X KIEREN and Cristina is boring. I also think Cristina only likes Mark because he's a fearie and she's obsessed with faeries?!? So that's not fair?!? I'm soooo glad Kieran features more in this one.

+ Cliffhanger?? Haha...you didn't want...to be calm...ever again...did you.

JFAKDLFAJDSKLJ AKLFSJDAKL JFKDASL THE CLIFFHANGER AJDKFLASDJFAKLDJ.

WHY ARE WE NOT GETTING THE 3RD BOOK FOR 2 YEARS WHAT IS THIS MADNESS. WHATEVER DID WE DO TO DESERVE THIS.

+ SPOILERS ABOUT THE ENDING:

(view spoiler)[Omgggggg. Okay so I was spoiled and heard there was a "big death". I hoped it was going to be Emma. HA. I'm sorry! I just think that would've made book 3 super interesting. However, it was Livvy and like I'm really sad about it, but she did feel like a dispensable character. (Sorry. #heartless #vulcan #here) I'm reaaally scared this is going to destroy Ty in the next book. 0\_0 OKAY I KNOW IT WILL.

Also I 100% predict that Julian is going to use the Book of the Dead to raise her!! AND HE'LL DESTROY THE WORLD FOR IT. AFJDKSLAFD JULIAN NO. But he is such a Slytherin and will literally drug his uncle, outwit the clave, and do anything for his siblings. Would he kill for them? Ya. I PREDICT.

Also freaking out with worry over Magnus?!? WHY IS HE SICK.

I'm so so so destroyed over that ending though ghahghhghghgh. It was such a cliffhanger. I hope Perfect Diego hasn't kidnapped Kieran to kill him. I hope hope hope Mark is ok. I hope hope hope hope THIS SERIES ENDS RIGHT. YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE HOW DISTRAUGHT I AM. I LITERALLY DID NOT SLEEP ALL NIGHT BECAUSE I WAS OBSESSING OVER IT. (hide spoiler)]

+ Perfect book is perfect.

There is no other word for it.

Help.

I am so wildly in love with this series.

\*\*\*\*\* QUOTES \*\*\*\*\*

Mark had a smile that could break your heart. It seemed to take up his whole face and brighten his eyes, firing the blue and gold from inside.

"A strange evening, forsooth," he said.

"Don't you forsooth me."

"You really think that's such a good idea?" Kit said. "I mean, your house is pretty screwed up, what with your agoraphobic uncle and your weird brother."

Julian's hands tightened on the wheel, but the only thing he said was, "Ty isn't weird."

"I meant Mark," said Kit. There was an odd pause. "Ty isn't weird," Kit added. "He's just autistic." (pg. 63)

"Did you find something?"

"Have you ever wanted a really close-up look at a gross tentacle?" Emma asked.

"No," said Cristina.

"No one ever seems to say yes to that question."

Maybe he could frustrate the Shadowhunters by refusing to work out and sitting around eating carbs. I defy you, Shadowhunters, he thought, thumbing the top off the container and popping a cookie in his mouth. I mock you with my sugar cravings.

"Morning is probably in just a few hours. And if we don't have Energy runes, we'll have to get our energy the old-fashioned way."

Mark looked puzzled. "Drugs?"

"Chocolate," Emma said. "I brought chocolate. Mark, where do you even come up with these things."

"Who would ever want movies or TV when there are books?" said Ty with disdain.

#preach

"Magnus Bane," said Barnabas, with clear loathing. "The Ultimate Traitor."

"Not my favourite nickname," Magnus said, gently wriggling his fingers in Barnabas's direction. "I prefer 'Our Lord and Master' or maybe 'Unambiguously the Hottest'."

Kit didn't say anything -- he rarely complained. Mark suspected he was silently plotting to get even instead, possibly with everyone he'd ever met.

"I am so ready to hunt down those tiny adorable creatures and give them what for," said Emma. "SO READY."

"Emma..."

"I may even tie bows on their heads."

"WE have to interrogate them."

"Can I get a selfie with one of them first?"

"Eat your toast, Emma."

"Lex malla, lex nulla," said Julian with a regretful wave of his hand. It was the Blackthorn family motto: A bad law is no law.

"I wonder what other family mottoes there are," Emma mused. "Do you know any?"

"The Lightwood family motto is 'We mean well'."

"Very funny."

Julian looked over at her. "No, really, it actually is."

"Seriously? So what's the Herondale family motto? 'Chiseled but angsty'?"

HE shrugged. "'If you don't know what your last name is, it's probably Herondale'?"

Emma burst out laughing. "What about Carstairs?" she asked, tapping Cortana. "'We have a sword? 'Blunt instruments are for losers'?"

"Morgernstern," offered Julian. "'When in doubt, start a war'?"

"How about 'Has even one of us ever been good, like ever, seriously'?"

"Why don't you just throw the sandwich?"

She looked horrified. "And give up the tasty cheese? I would never, ever give up the tasty cheese."

"I had never realised before how much you can take from someone by not allowing them the words they need to describe themselves. How can you know there are other people like you, when you've never had a name to call yourself?"

Emma set down her fork with a clang. "Pretentious hair prince is right."

Kieran blinked. "What did you call me?"

"I'm trying it out," Emma said, with a wave. "And I said you were right. Enjoy it, because I doubt I'll say it again." ...more