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# **From Reader Review City of Bones / City of Ashes / City of Glass / City of Fallen Angels / City of Lost Souls for online ebook**

**Shayna Varadeaux says**

\*\*\*City of Bones

Oh my! This book is not a dull moment sort of book. I have to remind myself how old they are. And holy moly!

\*\*\*\*\*SPOILER ALERT!!!\*\*\*\*\*

So by chapter 22 I was talking to myself with an audible OH My GAWD! I am not happy that Clary is unlucky in love! But it will turn out fine I'm sure I am excited to read the next book!

\*\*\*City of Ashes

So much happens in this book I was staggeringly stunned more than once! It was indeed a good read! Nail biting and polish chipping occurred! Now onto City of Glass! So glad I got the five first books at once!

\*\*\*\*\*SPOILER ALERT!\*\*\*\*\*

I don't know what to think about Clary and Jace. The inquisitor died before telling Jace a very crucial piece of info! I could go on and on but I won't! LOVE THIS SERIES!

\*\*City of Glass

Man oh man! I knew this one was gonna be a whopper! I absolutely love Cassandra Clare! GOODREAD!

\*\*\*\*\*SPOILER ALERT \*\*\*\*\*

I'm ecstatic that we didn't have to wait any longer for the truths to be revealed. Took a trip through grief and sorrow. Annoyance at the close minded and bitter sweet VICTORY!!! I'm so ready for the next book!

\*\*\* City of Fallen Angels

OH MY GAWD!!!

I AM SO SHOCKED RIGHT NOW! This book was great and Cassandra Clare is awesome! And then I get to the last few pages and I'm like "NOOOO!"

Man oh man I am so glad I got 5 books at one time! But after City of Lost Souls I am gonna be waiting for more!!! Waaaaa!!!!!!!

\*\*\*City of Lost Souls

This book was agonizing knowing something was really wrong with Jace . But by the end of this book I was calmer than the others! I would recommend these books a thousand times over! Definitely a GOODREAD!!!!!!

I cannot wait to start the prequel Infernal Devices series! I am now truly looking forward to the movie in August!

Eagerly awaiting book 6!

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### **Jess says**

I will never forget these books. Loved every word. Every book was great, but I loved the first most of all. Romance, paranormal beings, mystery, heart ache, courage and love. Everything all in one! If you haven't read them.. What are you still doing reading this review?

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### **Katy Davies says**

There are NO MAJOR spoilers in this review.

I'm back again, it seems! And with good purpose- I found the series written by Cassandra Clare from where I usually find things- The Internet- Tumblr to be precise. I find that a lot of people on Tumblr have good taste, but perhaps that's being a bit open-minded.

None the less, The Mortal Instruments leads a thrilling story-line which follows a young red-head called Clarissa "Clary" Fray on her journey to discover her past and her heritage- with a bit- well, more than a bit- of a love interest which comes in the form of Jace Lightwood, a dark stranger who's family is also 'a bit' of a mystery. We follow both of their journeys, which are never easy, and normally full of obstacles for their relationship. Every book leaves you wanting the next, and alas, the series is a work in progress, and I have come to a dead end- \*sobs\*- sorry. I shall have to wait it out with the rest of you until Clare gets round to publishing the next in the series- City of Heavenly Fire- which is due to be released March 19th 2014.

As I have grown with books with strong-willed and unfortunate Heroines, Clary was much of the same to me- Don't get me wrong, she is a fantastic character, but I suppose that it was to be expected. I love the relationship between her and Jace, very dynamic and edge-of-your-seat story-lines, and especially when they actually have time to be a normal cuddling-and-kissing type couple. Was that a spoiler? I'm sure most of you have guessed that already though. Jace is again, typical bad-boy dramatic type, but who doesn't love a bit of fantasizing over fictional characters?

There are a lot of characters in this book that, to start with, I didn't like much- Simon for instance, (Clary's childhood best friend) and Isabelle (Jace's adopted sister)- but by the time I finished the second book, I loved both. The characters just take a bit of getting used to and seeing their viewpoint- which gets more complicated as the story thickens.

Clare was very good at all of the many tense moments- making me (the reader) forget what revision or work I was supposed to be doing and carry on reading until said problem was resolved- and sometimes it actually wasn't. (Damn you cliff-hangers.)

Although I love the whole series, I half expected it to be a trilogy- everything seemed tied up in the third book, (or perhaps it's just me?), The fourth and fifth books could even be a second series, as the story-line completely changes.

Over-all, the series is one to definitely have a read- it's a very easy read, nothing like the Hobbit, (I haven't seen the film yet, shh!) more like Twilight, though the story-line is more gripping. If you're ready to wait another year to carry on the confusion, go for it! I'm sure you won't regret it.

**If you'd like me to review a book, film, or TV show, just send me an ask and I'll most likely get on it right away. <http://k-m-davies.tumblr.com/ask>**

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## **Camila Gil says**

Leí esta saga hace 2 años, mucho antes de que pensarán hacer la película siquiera, y la película fue una total decepción, sí que estoy agradecida por haberlo leído cuando era el momento y crearme mi propia idea del mundo y los personajes. Una amiga me había hablado de que había oído hablar de una saga que era buenísima "Cazadores de Sombras", al oír el título yo no me lo tome literalmente como muchos lo hicieron, desde allí yo ya sabía que tendría algo que ver con ángeles... demonios... y un mundo totalmente amplio y fuera de la realidad que conocemos. Con la sinopsis y la profunda portada aún tenía dudas de lo que me podría encontrar al abrirlo... Al abrirlo mi mundo se llenó de luz, como cuando estas en un lugar oscuro y prenden la luz, y en ese instante es que te das cuenta de que habías estado en oscuridad.

Cazadores de Sombras no es más que una metáfora para cazadores de demonios, oscuridad o maldad; y "The Mortal Instrument" porque en el transcurso de la saga sucede tras la búsqueda de los peligrosos instrumentos mortales. Están en el Idris, una ciudad oculta en Nueva York, donde habitan distintos subterráneos, Nefilims, vampiros, hombres lobo y hechiceros.

Con personajes de diferentes y fuertes personalidades, que te mantienen alerta a todo, siempre dan giros inesperados y secretos que no esperas encontrar en ellos. SPOILER: {Vamos a tomar de ejemplo Simón, es una persona fiel e inteligente, que nunca abandono a Clary, y siempre estuvo allí para ella en los primeros libros, pero ¿dónde está su giro? En el cuarto libro, cuando acepta que Clary ya no quiere estar con él y empieza a tener un montón de novias, aunque definitivamente el personaje que da más giros es Jonnathan Morgenstern, y es el personaje que más detesto de todos los personajes literarios, pero... como sería sin sangre de demonio? Eso lo veremos en ciudad de fuego celestial} FIN

El narrador es omnisciente, y en tercera persona, pero a diferencia de otros libros narrados en tercera persona te hace sentir como ellos de una manera mucho mas amplia, que en realidad estas allí, parada en ese lugar

viviendo eso. Clary es un personaje con muchas dudas y diría que algo bipolar, y aunque no me había dado cuenta de esto hasta que paso un tiempo de haberlo leído y empecé a ver el personaje desde el punto de vista de afuera del libro, porque una vez que te adentras en el mundo es difícil escapar, una historia que se mantiene dentro de ti para siempre. Logre identificarme mucho con ella, ese deseo oculto de aventura adentro de ella, un sentimiento vivo, que solo deja volar al dibujar, que solo Jace fue capaz de ver en ella, con dudas, pensamientos y comparaciones en su cabeza que te hacen apegarte más al mundo, que te hacen SENTIR, Yo me he sentido como ella, me identifico con ella en muchas cosas de sus adentros, a veces nuestra inseguridad y nuestra manera de pensar y de ocultar lo especial que tenemos y a veces estupidez nos puede llevar a errores, accidentes aunque no siempre malos, si no que marquen nuestra vida. Porque... ¿qué hubiese pasado si Clary no hubiese entrado al pandemónium? Definitivamente lo único que le hacía falta a esta chica para seguir adelante era valor.

Jace es mi personaje favorito, rubio y ojos dorados, cazador de sombras que más demonios ha matado a su edad. Su pasado, lo hace la persona que es ahora, de niño huérfano lo criaron de manera estricta, obsequiándole dolor, sufrimiento, dándole amor y luego arrancárselo, lo que creían que era fortaleza. Lo que lo llevan a quien era ahora, alguien que actúa creído, arrogante; como si solo se necesitara a sí mismo y tuviera toda la fortaleza que necesitara, como un idiota que mata no solo a demonios con cuchillos de serafín si no corazones de personas con sarcasmos...miradas.. Idiotez..., lo que no es más que su escudo para ocultar sus verdaderos sentimientos atrás mutos el es mío. Y esos sentimientos que cree que lo debilita solo lo hacen fuertes y lo descubre al conocer a Clary. Y te das cuenta de eso en aquella noche en “Ciudad de Hueso” cuando Jace en tercera persona le cuenta una historia de cuando era niño, la historia de cómo le regalaban el Halcón que siempre quiso y luego lo mataron frente a sus ojos.

“El niño no volvió a llorar, y no olvido lo que había aprendido, que amar es destruir y ser amado es ser destruido”

Allí Clary se dio cuenta de que Jace era especial, y Jace de que Clary era especial y de que el otro tenía las cosas que más buscaba. Clary necesitaba sentir a Jace, alguien que le trajera fuerza y valor, y Jace necesitaba a Clary, alguien que le trajera vida con una imaginación y un espíritu de amor libre y fiel, era lo que ambos buscaban aunque no estuvieran conscientes de ello.

En cada libro amaba los momentos de acción, la guerra contra los demonios era algo que disfrutaba leer, ¡me resulta de lo más emocionante y único! Esa sensación de estar lleno de valor, que estas allí, y que realmente tu vida corre peligro, En otros libros narran escenas así o con demasiada aceleración, o con demasiada descripción. Cassandra logra hallar el punto exacto de la narrativa en la que te introduce y se te olvida por completo que estás leyendo, ese punto en el que, en una guerra, puedes sentir cada musculo batallando, el cansancio, sorpresas al aparecerte demonios inesperados y la total adrenalina.

Cassandra, esa niña que creció leyendo Narnia y consiente de su verdadera profundidad junto con otros libros de calidad y magia infantil, llego a crecer con la suficiente imaginación y originalidad para crear este tan amplio y profundo mundo al que se ha dedicado a escribir toda su vida, creándole el pasado, el presente y el futuro desde un miles de perspectivas posibles.

Las portadas... para muchos artificiales e irreales, para mi inspiradoras y originales...

Las portadas y los títulos captan perfectamente la esencia de cada libro, por ejemplo en ciudad de las almas perdidas, la neblina profunda, la calle en el fondo, Jace y Clary unidos, tarde o temprano nos imaginamos ese

escenario y el mundo y los lugares tan amplios como la portada. Como si fuera poco con el texto. Cada título era el indicado. Por ejemplo “Ciudad de Ángeles Caídos”, en el libro no hay ningún ángel caído, lo que te hace dejar de verlo desde el punto de vista literal, sino algo más metafórico, ángeles caídos, porque Clary, Jace, Simon... Todos han cometido errores, y han caído por no seguir el instinto de su corazón.

Muchos dicen no estar de acuerdo con que la saga se alargue tanto, que preferían como una trilogía, pero yo no sé qué hubiese sido de mi vida si se hubiese quedado así, yo ni estoy de acuerdo con que se termine, siento que siempre habrán más cosas por descubrir, mas secretos, mas batallas, mas aventuras, y los personajes se han convertido en mi familia, ¡Me enamore peligrosamente de este mundo! Una historia que se mantuvo fresca y clara en mi corazón durante dos años y seguirá así. Porque es infinita, las cosas que amo se sienten eternas, porque son eternas, el amor es eterno, por eso se quedara en mí para siempre, aunque se acabe, para mi aun la vivo y aun continua.

¿Y saben que es lo mejor? Que por más que releas esta saga te seguirá produciendo el mismo sentimiento que la primera vez.

De verdad no se pueden perder esta increíble saga de fantasía, terror inteligente, romance paranormal y acción explosiva, ¡Totalmente única!

Este libro dejo mi mente volar!! creando un mundo en el que me encantaria vivir.

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### **Bianca Villanueva says**

I just love Jace. It is a common teen fictional love story but what the heck, I love the series. Some may disagree with me but I like this kind of story. However, the phasing of the book is quite slow. I am a bit irritated on the character of Clary also. But overall, I liked the series and I'm just currently waiting for the last book!

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### **Mi Camino Blanco says**

Curiosamente, a diferencia de otras sagas en las que las primeras partes, aceptablemente buenas, dan paso a las finales que ni me apetece leer, en este caso, aunque el primer libro no me llegó a enganchar del todo, los restantes en mi opinión fueron a mejor, siendo de momento el libro cuatro el que más me ha gustado. Supongo que le daré una oportunidad a los siguientes, aunque reconozco que cada vez me aburren más las historias interminables por entregas.

La historia no es ni más ni menos original que otras series parecidas sobre criaturas sobrehumanas y submundos, pero lo que me ha acabado por atraer de ésta son los personajes. Aunque los protagonistas como siempre son la típica pareja de adolescentes enamorados, el resto de personajes secundarios no son meros accesorios ni adornos de la historia, tienen entidad propia y en algunos casos resultan tanto o más interesantes que los protagonistas. No estaría mal una saga spin-off de algunos de ellos.

A destacar como toque original, la historia de amor homosexual de uno de los secundarios, nada habitual en este tipo de libros.

### **Lianna Nicole says**

If you skip over the incessant mind-numbing guilt trips/internal dialogues and teenage angst-driven conversations of \*OMG wUt 2 dOOOoooOOO will they h8 mE?!?!?!\* , the series can be quite engaging. I enjoyed the plot and character development most, with Magnus Bane of course being the #1 Awesomemess of the whole series. I'd love to just have a History of Life, by Magnus Bane series come out xD

Skipping over the aforementioned internal dialogues and teenage-relationship drama, I finished each book in about 1.5 days.

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### **Natalie says**

There is never going to be a better series than The Mortal Instruments. It's better than any other novel I had read in my whole entire life! It really is such a phenomenal series I just couldn't elaborate to you enough. Clary, a stubborn 17 year old yet a very loving and caring person. Jace who sometimes could be very sarcastic but inside he is a softie... and then a warrior in the outside...lets say a Shadowhunter. Simon, who would love Clary no matter what.

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### **Grace Alaye says**

no spoilers here. well some new names but no new spoilers.

the first book city of bones: was amazing. i couldnt set it down. jace and clary were just apart of it. the time line the minnor characters and all just blew my mind such a book existed.

city of ashes: spoiler alert after book one i had to read book two. magnus had a bigger role and so did alec. jace gave some surprises but simon almost broke my heart. clary and issabelle made me laugh the most. and luke is just awesome. that inquistor was mean but i understand why she threw jace in jail sorta.

city of glass: spoiler alert

the book was breath takeing, i was scared for jace close to the end happy for that darn jonathans death and valentines. poor simon and lol issabelle. yay clary and jace and way to go luke and joyce

city of fallen angles and lost souls: spoiler alert

omg man the books were just to much. i was happy at the last one but very curious at the end. poor jace being stolen away and clary to in love to disbelive he cant be saved. its about true love and cant wait to read heanly fire.

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## **Just Another Bookish Blog says**

So this review will be a whole lot more straight-forward than my single-book series, as I'm reviewing it as a whole. This series is an amazing roller-coaster of emotions and plot, with tiny details that fit together like puzzle pieces to create an amazing story. It has its ups and downs, like any long series, however is wrapped up amazingly in the end!

Now I did the thing that so many people recommended, and read *The Infernal Devices* before reading the last three *Mortal Instrument* books, and, I must say, that that was the perfect way to read the series! The last three books are so much more emotional when you actually know who Brother Zachariah and Tessa are, and why Magnus mentions a loyalty to the Herondales! It was also great to have read *The Bane Chronicles* in between, because he talks about those stories a lot! I also have reviews for both of those sections of the *Shadowhunters* books!

And now for the last three books; *City of Fallen Angels*, *City of Lost Souls* and *City of Heavenly Fire*!

These three books really felt separate from the first three - whether it is because the main villain of the first 3 books is no longer a concern, or if it's because I waited a while before reading the last 3, but there was a different vibe for sure.

Books 4 and 5 felt like they could have been combined in one - they both seemed loose, not deep enough compared to the others. While the stories were interesting, they felt fluffy. I am sure that the two stories brought from these books could have been put in one big book and would have been just as great!

In this second half, we meet loads of new characters - we get to know Sebastian and his motives better, Jordan is presented, as well as a bunch of other secondary characters that all become increasingly relevant in the best ways.

What I loved is that we get to know the secondary characters more - the first three books were heavily centered around Clary and Jace: Instead, these books show you deeper aspects of Isabelle, Alec, Simon, Magnus, and Maia, which was incredibly interesting! Their backstories and personal stories really bring another color to the books that I loved! I actually really like Sizzy and Malec! While Clace was annoying in books 1-5, they were a lot more credible in book 6!

In general, book 6 was the one that brought out the most emotions in me - Simon's sacrifice, in the end, was heartbreaking! However, I was never 100% sure that some characters died until the book was over and they never showed up again - it just never sank in? But the whole plot of book 6 was intricate and well done, and very unique compared to the rest of the books.

Another thing I liked about book 6 is that it tied a lot of loose ends - are there really several dimensions of Hell? What if Sebastian was never evil? What about Magnus and his past? What if Clary never told Simon about the Shadow World? So many of these questions were answered and it was done elegantly, cleverly and incredibly well!

**And now I'm going into spoilers! Stop here if you haven't read the whole series!**

There were so many parts that I loved, while there were others that I didn't like as much.

Simon is one of my favorite characters - he is so nice and honest yet a total nerd. But I can't believe that he was two-timing Maia and Izzy... I felt like that was out of character, but the way he handled it was totally in character, if that makes sense.

BUT when Simon's memories are taken away at the end of book 6, I almost cried. How could he not know anyone, not even Clary?! I was broken! But then he calls his band The Mortal Instruments and I squealed a bit because his memories were coming back! Cassie Clare you are cruel!

Also, you guys by now know my love for Jem, from The Infernal Devices. My favorite character ever, he is back in these books as Brother Zachariah, but there are LOADS of hints as to who he is - his 'need' to protect Jace due to his Herondale bloodline, his past love towards two people, his casual Chinese phrases... MY HEART! So in book 6 he touches Jace with a special rune, and the Heavenly Fire from Jace cleans the demon poison from his blood and he is healed and becomes himself again! Then he shows up with Tessa at Jocelyn and Luke's wedding and my fangirl heart was happy.

These books got increasingly lovey-dovey, though. In some ways it was nice and sweet and other times it just felt in the way, or enforced.

Also can we talk about how Jordan just dies, and then is ignored? By the end of the book I had forgotten that he died until someone mentioned it again. I wish that could have been drawn out a bit more.

When Sebastian was killed by Clary (which was a strange scene but eh you can't have everything, right?) he becomes himself again - the person he would have been without demon blood, and we get a bit of Sebastian redemption. He apologizes for his actions and wishes things could be different. In a way it was nice to know that he wasn't a bad person on his own account.

But he's still a really intense villain!

One of my favorite parts of book 6 is when each of the main characters were in one of the demon realms, and they each started dreaming of their deepest desires. This was done perfectly, and really reflected each of the characters unexpectedly. Honestly was an amazing section, but at the same time it was super dorky and sweet and I loved it!

There is so much more I could talk about when it comes to this series, but don't want this review to become pages and pages long!

I'm giving this entire series a 4/5 feathers!

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## **Lisa says**

My friend loaned me the first book in this series in trade paperback. I got through it in a day and was dying to read the next few, and when I went online to price the e-books, discovered the most economical choice was to purchase the first five in a single e-book. I read the subsequent four in short order, and I was very pleased with the series, in general.

First off, I don't read a lot of YA these days. I tend to lose patience with the characters too easily, but that didn't happen this time. Instead, my only big issue was the total lack of parental supervision throughout. For

parents of preschoolers, it's like Dora in her teenage years. I realize that this series is targeted at teens, and that's why the main characters are teens, but I just feel like it would have been a lot more believable if they were 20-somethings. Of course, that would have made the romance a bit more racy too. It was very PG, which I'm sure I'll appreciate some day when my kids are old enough for this.

The protagonist, Clary, is almost immediately thrust into a new world in *City of Bones*. I enjoyed that the action took off immediately, and really kept pace throughout the series. Clary and the supporting characters all displayed a healthy amount of growth throughout the books. The conflicts were interesting and the group dynamic grew and changed right along with the characters. I have a lot of questions, however, which I'll avoid posting because they're all spoilers. I look forward to reading book 6 whenever it comes out.

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### **Ashley Mitchell says**

I've seen this book around a lot, but never really bothered to pick it up. Honestly, I'll admit my faults and say I was a bit biased. I saw the cover, saw a boy on the front of it, and assumed it was from a male's perspective. I'm on my women only kick, and didn't even bother reading the synopsis to confirm or deny my suspicions. Bad Ashley.

So this series (at least books 1-3) is not from a male's perspective, so I completely felt like a boob. The second half of the series (books 4-6) does switch quite a bit between three different character perspectives, including boys, but it feels so authentic and natural, and I was already so invested in the series, that having to read from a male's perspective a few times was really no biggie.

*The Mortal Instruments*, in short summary, is about 15 going on 16 year old girl Clary Fray, whose world gets turned upside down after a run in with the sexy, mysterious Jace, who's not quite what he seems, and triggers her visions of things and people that no one else can see. After her mother's kidnapping, and a run in with a few not so human bad guys, Clary learns of her history as a shadow hunter, and must rely on her special abilities and the other Shadow Hunters in New York City, including Jace, to save her mother and of course, save the world.

So I already love this book because hey, it's in New York City. How often have I experienced that? Not often. Especially not within the realm of the supernatural. The fantasy always takes place in Ohio, or South Dakota, or some other remote area of the United States in Suburbia land. Thank you Cassandra Clare for gritty New York. It's so cool reading about areas I'm intimately familiar with, and it's so much easier to get lost in a world that is in essence, inherently your own. I also love that adults actually exist in this world, and are an important part of the series and the forward movement of the plot. Thank God. Do you now how awkward it is as a reader to delve into a story and find that the adults are only mentioned in passing? Or look at shows like *Vampire Diaries* (which I am irrevocably addicted to), in which over the past four seasons, everyone's parents have died and underage sex (not that I'm complaining) is happening all over the place. WHERE ARE ALL THE ADULTS???! That is not the case in *The Mortal Instrument Series*, in which although it is a YA book, Cassandra Clare believably inserts adults into her world, where the teens are more often sneaking out to do things they shouldn't and getting punished later by the adults who told them not to. Albeit they are often sneaking out to do things like kill monsters and find Clary's mother, but still, they are sneaking out. As teens should. The adults are often the ones who are most knowledgeable, careful, concerned, or plain evil, with decades of experience to back them up. It is not easy for the Clary and her gang to reach

the end goal of Killing Valentine, as he is an extremely powerful adult, and it takes the help of adults as well to defeat the big bad. The story is so much more believable just by adding this often forgotten detail into the series.

Main Character Clary grew on me quite a bit. She has many of the qualities that a lot of heroines in fantasy works have; beautiful but completely unaware of it, dimwitted when it comes to everything love, stubborn, oftentimes to a fault, and has that special “something” that just makes all the hot boys fall for her without us really understanding why. What I appreciated most about Clary was her growth and maturity through the series, although as a 16-year-old, her impulsiveness wasn't completely eradicated. I also enjoyed that a lot of the things I don't like with supernatural books were explained in a way that made sense by Cassandra. Take for instance, insta-love. Happens quite often in supernatural books, and the falling in love span takes anywhere from first glance to two weeks, max. I guess in part it has to do with the fact that this is a supernatural world, and in part because they're teens. Cassandra initially gives us this same scenario between Clary and Jace, but later on in the series, we find out that it is due to their common angel ancestry, which automatically seeks to find its likeness. It doesn't equate to the insta-love, but it gives the reason for the instant attraction and desperate need to be near each other, which is always the start of teen love in these books. By the end of the first set of books in the series, Clary really grew up, and began to learn the repercussions of her actions and the amount of responsibility she had, not only to herself and her family, but to the world as she knows it, and the supernatural community that she was just beginning to know and love.

And Oh Boy, Jace. He is sooooo hot. He is endearingly arrogant, smart, loyal, cocky bad boy and vulnerable lover all in one. I wanted him all to myself, and it was a bonus to see a hot guy embody the grittiness and hardness and overall dichotomy of my hometown, NYC.

What I didn't love were the V.C. Andrews moments depicted in the book.

[SPOILER!!]

Jace and Clary, already falling in love and sharing their first kiss, find out they are actually brother and sister. This later turns out to be untrue, and was only the plan of Clary's evil father to ruin their lives, but it was still weird to see throughout the majority of books two and three the awkwardness and romantic moments that still happen, although it's wrong, between Jace and Clary. Very Flowers in the Attic-esque. I wonder how they gonna play that in the movies.

[[END OF SPOILER]]

This book is set in the world of Angels and Demons, but I love that it's not preachy, and adds some new elements to the Angel/Demon world than other books I have read. The most interesting to me were the origins of runes, which are the source of the Shadowhunter's (those who hunt demons) power and capabilities against evil, and Clary's tie to them. I also loved the use of Werewolves, fairies, warlocks, and vampires in this same world, and the explanation on how they become this way and their relationship with demons, humans, and angels. It's a really intricate, well-developed world that Cassandra created, and it made the story so much more enjoyable because of the rich detail put into the folklore. It's actually a plus, however, that the Angels have limited appearances throughout the book, although they are a central part of the history of the world. It allows a different portion of the folklore and the characters within it to flourish, rather than the typical focus on Angels.

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## **Bookreader says**

If you are a fan of YA fantasy (with a bit of romance in it), then you'll probably like these books. Light enjoyable reading. I was happy to read all of them. It made for nice breaks in my nonfiction reading.

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## **Eureca Laurice says**

Overall rating of the series 1-5.

*3/5 stars*

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## **Jinger says**

This is truly the best fantasy world I've read of so far. The story is so gripping and the plot is insane! I nearly broke window after the first book; it was so twisted in the end I wanted to hurl but at the same time the book was sooo good! I had to read the next book. And from then I was hooked. When I finished the City of Lost souls, book 5 I knew there would be more but then I discovered that I have to wait til September 2014! I wanted to punch myself! The books are that good. Will Book 6 be the final book? Will Sebastian finally be stopped? What's in store for Magnus/Alec? What about Simon and Isabelle? Will Jace and Clary get it in!!! Oh the Agony!

But on a serious note. these books are soo good I'm writing a shitty review because I can't even describe it. You have to read them yourself ^\_^.

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## **Jenny Jo Weir says**

Yes! This is how you do it! The story continues in a very well written manner full of twists and deceit but also full of love and power. I enjoyed reading these very much and was sad when it was over. I'll be checking out more of her books from here out.

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## **Sasha says**

Okay so I absolutely loved this series. I love the characters the most and how Cassandra Clare really shows how they grow and learn over the course of time and how they are faced with challenges that in away relate to some of our everyday life and how they are growing up. I would definitely recommend this series to anyone that likes romance adventure action and a little comedy.

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## **Kama says**

I loved this series! It's like the next best thing since Harry Potter! It has tons of fantastical characters like

vampires, werewolves, warlocks, etc. It has romance, comedy, tragedy, and epic battle scenes. It's about a group of demon hunters called "shadowhunters" which is like a mix between the angelic and human race that fight for good. I couldn't put it down! The books do grow increasingly "worldly" but still stay on a consistent PG13 level which I always find enjoyable. Loved it! I'd recommend it to anyone who loves fantasy and adventure novels.

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### **Jessica Hult says**

I finished the first three last year and lovvvved them!! They are now one of my favorite series. When I just heard that Cassandra Clare came out with two more in the series, I was so excited. I am currently reading Clockwork Prince and I love that series too. Once I finish that, I will get the last two and add them to the first three that are on my shelf... but not before I read them!!! This is a great book for teens and I love it!!!

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### **Charlotte says**

4.5

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