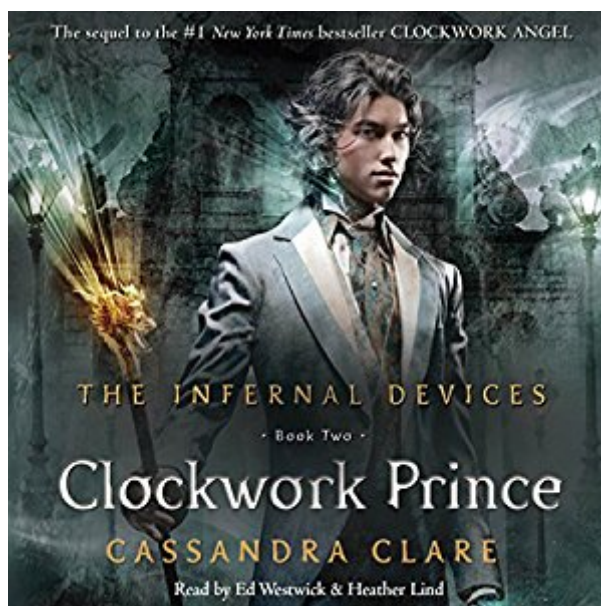


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The Clockwork Prince: The Infernal Devices, Book 2



Synopsis

In the magical underworld of Victorian London, Tessa Gray has at last found safety with the Shadowhunters. But that safety proves fleeting when rogue forces in the Clave plot to see her protector, Charlotte, replaced as head of the Institute. If Charlotte loses her position, Tessa will be out on the street - and easy prey for the mysterious Magister, who wants to use Tessa's powers for his own dark ends. The special Collector's First Edition will include a never-before-seen letter from Will to his family! With the help of the handsome, self-destructive Will and the fiercely devoted Jem, Tessa discovers that the Magister's war on the Shadowhunters is deeply personal. He blames them for a long-ago tragedy that shattered his life. To unravel the secrets of the past, the trio journeys from mist-shrouded Yorkshire to a manor house that holds untold horrors, from the slums of London to an enchanted ballroom where Tessa discovers that the truth of her parentage is more sinister than she had imagined. When they encounter a clockwork demon bearing a warning for Will, they realize that the Magister himself knows their every move - and that one of their own has betrayed them. Tessa finds her heart drawn more and more to Jem, though her longing for Will, despite his dark moods, continues to unsettle her. But something is changing in Will - the wall he has built around himself is crumbling. Could finding the Magister free Will from his secrets and give Tessa the answers about who she is and what she was born to do? As their dangerous search for the Magister and the truth leads the friends into peril, Tessa learns that when love and lies are mixed, they can corrupt even the purest heart.

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Customer Reviews

I'd actually forgotten that I'd read this one before until I read it again today and remembered different scenes from the book and remembered my anger the first time I read the novel which was why I still haven't read the third book, though I'm planning to today or tomorrow now that I've come back to the series. I've always been very team Will in this series so when everything went so wrong between them in the last book and she seems to move on to Jem in this book I was so angry. Reading the book a second time I can really feel for Tessa as she's torn between the two characters loving them both for their likeness to each other and their vast differences. Yeah their love story is a little different and at times she might come across as a little wishy washy as she goes back and forth between Will and Jem, but it is actually really clear that she does love both of them, immensely. I loved getting to know Sophie better and the insights into Charlotte and Henry. I especially loved the scenes with Magnus Bane and Wolsey Scott. These two characters as just a delight to encounter. So while I might not have given it as a high of a rating had I taken the time to review it the first time I read it, I definitely think it deserves a four star rating now. It's an excellent book filled with all the elements present in Clockwork Angel and an Amazing read.

Tessa has no place to call home anymore because her family members are either dead or working for Mortmain, the man who claims he made her and wants to use her for her magical abilities. But fortunately the Shadowhunters who run the London Institute, that are also her newfound friends, aren't willing to throw her on the street. So even though her life has been turned upside down Tessa at least has a place to stay for now. But even that is compromised when Benedict Lightwood tries to claim the Institute for himself. Now Tessa and her friends must find Mortmain who has disappeared from the face of the earth. They only get two weeks to accomplish this task or they will lose the Institute. And while they look Mortmain gets more time to work on his plan to destroy the Shadowhunters. I really liked this book. We get to know more about the characters and few mysteries from book one are solved. The plot continues to thicken but I would have liked some more action. I am excited to read the last book and find out how this will end.

Although I read from several genres (classics, bestselling fiction, mystery, romance, etc.), my favorite genre is typically adult fantasy, usually of the vampire or witch/warlock variety, time-shifters, etc. (one of my favorite writers in this genre is Karen Chance, love her writing style, but also like Kim Harrison and several others). However, having tried and also loved the young adult series of Harry Potter, Hunger Games books, the Rick Riordan demi-gods series Percy Jackson, etc., I thought

what the heck, I'd try at least the 1st Mortal Instruments. I had read that one of the books was going to be made into a movie. Once I read somewhat into the 1st book, I was completely and totally hooked, and pretty much devoured the series, and soon moved on to the Infernal Devices trilogy. I did not want to put any of the books from the 2 series down. I enjoyed the Mortal Instruments series, but I have to say my favorite series of the 2 has been the Infernal Devices. What a great bunch of characters, with adventure and a fabulous romance too. There is more action in the Mortal Instruments series, although there is still "some" action in Infernal Devices, as well. I liked the characters of Jace and Simon in Mortal Instruments (Simon not until about the 3rd book of Mortal Instruments when so many changes are taking place), but my favorite character considering both series is Will Herondale (Infernal Devices). (**Spoiler Alert): My favorite line in the book (Clockwork Prince) is when Will says "I have wanted to do this every moment of every hour of every day that I have been with you since the day I met you," sigh.....melt, melt. I also loved that the eccentric Magnus also appeared in this trilogy. I did not think Clary (Mortal Instruments) was nearly as likeable a character as Tess (Infernal Devices), but for the most part, I really liked the mix of characters in Mortal Instruments, and also many of the main characters in Infernal Devices. When I shared some information about the books to my co-workers, they started reading them too, and also LOVE them!!! I was sad to say goodbye, even if only temporarily, when I finished what is currently available in both series. Now I just have to wait for the 3rd book in the Infernal Devices trilogy to come out soon, (as well as the next Mortal Instruments book), and of course the 1st Movie (which I hope follows the book). Well done Ms. Clare!

So, I have read this book so many times, I have entire passages memorized. I read the Clockwork series before the Mortal Instruments and it really helped with the development of many of the characters you find in the Mortal Instruments. So, if you are going to read the Clockwork Series and the Mortal Instruments, start with the Clockwork series because many of the characters are in the Mortal Instruments. I love the story of Will, Jem and Tessa. I love the way they end up. Overall, I just love these books. I have been on the edge of my seat, laughed, cried and been inspired. It is truly a wonderful set of books and I never get tired of reading them. I even purchased the audiobooks and have listening to them numerous times. Of all the books I own, This series are my absolute favorite. When I can't figure out what to read, I read about Will, Jem and Tessa. I have even purchased the graphic novels.

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