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From #1 New York Times bestseller Cassandra Clare and award-winner Wesley Chu comes the first book in a new series that follows High Warlock Magnus Bane and Alec Lightwood as they tour the world after the Mortal War. The Red Scrolls of Magic is a Shadowhunters novel.

The Red Scrolls Of Magic Series

All Magnus Bane wanted was a vacation—a lavish trip across Europe with Alec Lightwood, the Shadowhunter who against all odds is finally his boyfriend. But as soon as the pair settles in Paris, an old friend arrives with news about a demon-worshipping cult called the Crimson Hand that is bent on causing chaos around the world. A cult that was apparently founded by Magnus himself. Years ago. As a joke.

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Now Magnus and Alec must race across Europe to track down the Crimson Hand and its elusive new leader before the cult can cause any more damage. As if it wasn't bad enough that their romantic getaway has been sidetracked, demons are now dogging their every step, and it is becoming harder to tell friend from foe. As their quest for answers becomes increasingly dire, Magnus and Alec will have to trust each other more than ever—even if it means revealing the secrets they've both been keeping.

I'm still figuring out exactly how I feel about this book as I just finished it, but for now I'm feeling slightly underwhelmed. That doesn't mean this book wasn't enjoyable, because at the end of the day it was a fun and adventurous story, but... that's about it. The plot of the book didn't really wow me and parts of it felt really random. I mostly just felt like the joke cult was such a weird plot point in the first place? Regardless, Magnus brought in all the sass that I live for and it was nice to see his vulnerable side with Alec. I loved seeing Alec find confidence in who he is and seeing him actively working on breaking down the things that hold him back. In conclusion, character wise, this book is on point! Plot on the other hand? It could use some work. ...more

The Red Scrolls Of Magic Quotes

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And this brand-new spin-off takes place during City of Fallen Angels, when most of the Shadowhunter universe believes The Mortal War to be over. I do recommend that you read at the very least Lady Midnight before picking this one up, because there are so many layers and elements that you just will not appreciate without knowing certain twists that are revealed in The Dark Artifices.

Magnus and Alec are off trying to be romantic in Paris together, finally going on their very first vacation together, but a good friend soon informs them that they could potentially be in grave danger. A cult, The Crimson Hand, and their sacred book (yeah, you guessed it), The Red Scrolls of Magic, and the sacrifices they are making in the name of the cult leader. But the thing is, many people, including the Spiral Council, think that Magnus not only started this cult back in the day, but also that he is still leading it. Magnus also is discovering that someone or something has possibly tampered with his memories, yet he feels like there might be some truth in him starting the cult many moons ago.

Seek the children of demons. Love them as you love your lord. Do not let the children be

alone.â€•

We get to see so much of Magnusâ€™™ past in this book, and so much of it is heartbreaking. I mean, if you have followed my reviews while I read everything by Cassandra Clare in 2018, you will know that Magnus has always been a favorite character of mine. But all the flashbacks in this book, in juxtaposition to the man we all know and love, it pulled at my heartstrings constantly while reading. Magnus Bane is a literary gift and I will thank all the higher powers for him and for Cassie Clare for creating him every single day.

And this story is broken up in three parts that I will summarize in three sentences:

â€½ Part I - City of Love (Paris)

-â€•Romantic vacation quickly turns into a mission from Hell (factually).

â€½ Part II - City of Masks (Venice)

-â€•Best party ever, and holy moly cameos from above (literally).

â€½ Part III - City of War (Rome)

-â€•All the action, Iâ€™™m living my best gay life, and the cliffhanger of all cliffhanger endings (truly).

â€œWhen was it decided that a warlock child is worth less than the children of the Angel?â€• Like all the books in the Shadowhunter universe, bigotry and prejudices are at the forefront. How everyone looks at the Shadowhunters, who share blood with angels, is completely different than the Downworlders, especially Warlocks who share blood with Demons. And hatred will always breed the cruelest acts. The Shadowhunters and the Clave can be pretty closed minded over anyone who is deemed different, so Alec being gay AND dating a warlock is something that has shaken up many Shadowhunters.

But Alec, unconditionally loving himself and Magnus, has started something beautiful, and because of it, many other Shadowhunters are learning to love and accept themselves. Aline and Helen are major side character in this book, and we even get to see them meet for the very first time. Friends, I donâ€™™t even have words. Not only are Aline and Helen my favorite queer ship in the Shadowhunter world, they are probably my favorite sapphic ship of all-time. Seeing the Asian girl get the Fae girl of her dreams? It just does something to me every single time. Also, speaking of Shadowhunter cameos, Lily Chen is also in the story, and she is the Asian pansexual love of my life, so I was truly living my best life with the entire cast of characters in this book.

â€œHeâ€™™d always assumed that storybook moments like these were meant for Jace, Isabelle, anyone but him. Yet here he was.â€•

But, to me, this book was all about forgiveness and how sometimes forgiving someone is the most powerful move you can possibly make. We are all more than the mistakes of our parents and people that did horrible things who happen to share our blood. Everyone wants to be loved, and everyone is deserving of love, and sometimes that comes in the form of forgiveness And sometimes, beyond

anything else, we need to forgive ourselves for past mistakes that weâ€™ve made. Who you are in this moment means way more than who you were growing up, or even who you were last year. Sometimes people really do deserve second chances, and I hope you give yourself all the chances in the world to become the person you want to be.

Overall, I loved this with my whole heart. These characters, all the queerness, the themes, the story, the mysteries, the twists; it was all amazing, especially knowing everything we know from all the other books that have taken place after the events in this one. And if you love the Warlocks in this world, then this is truly going to be the book for you! This was just a wonderful addition to the Shadowhunter world, and I think so many people are going to love it. Also, with all the Shadow Market activity and cameos, I really canâ€™t wait to read the last two short stories in Ghosts of the Shadow Market this June!

Please use caution reading the rest of this review if you have not read this book and all the series leading up to this book! And as always, Iâ€™m going to do a little mini character breakdown on my thoughts and feelings on all of the main characters in this book. Spoilers ahead!

â€œIf only the world were a fairy tale, Nephilim.â€•

(Art by Cassandra Jean!)

âž½ Magnus Bane - Bi, Indonesian, High Warlock of Brooklyn. Magnus is truly going through some shit in this book, and my heart breaks for him. On top of everything, he is so scared to tell Alec who his real father is, andâ€¦ my heart.

âž½ Alec Lightwood - Gay, Shadowhunter, willing to protect Magnus at all costs. Me and Alec honestly have a rocky Shadowhunter history together, but I truly have grown to love him so much, and I love his love for Magnus. Alec is unsure of so many things, but he is never unsure about his love for Magnus.

âž½ Aline Penhallow - Lesbian, Asian, Shadowhunter, love of my life.

âž½ Helen Blackthorn - Bi, Shadowhunter, half Fae, second love of my life.

âž½ Leon Verlac - Bi, Shadowhunter, annoying as fuck. And people are really going to dislike him because of the â€œbi, so I want to sleep with everyoneâ€• stereotype.

â€œShe has seen so many tragedies, and they both knew the worst tragedies were born of love.â€•

âž½ Tessa Gray - Seeing her and Magnus talk about their love for Shadowhunters? Fuck me up, fam. Few things are better in the Shadowhunter universe than Magnus and Tessaâ€™s friendship.

âž½ Peng Fang - We meet this vampire and blood seller in the Paris Shadow Market and I seriously just want to know everything about it, because there is no way he isnâ€™t going come more into play.

½ Izzy and Jace's Phone Call - I had to list them with this character breakdown, because this phone call, and Simon trying to ask them for sex advice, was one of my favorite things in this book. The grapefruit suggestion almost took me out, honestly.

½ Johnny Rook - Be still, my heart. Johnny is normally at the LA Shadow Market, but he is at the Paris one and helps Magnus out a little bit. Also, I remember something that Johnny has in a TDA book and I can't wait to see how he got his hands on this relic.

½ Shinyun Jung - Korean, has a history with the cult, and is traveling alongside Magnus and Alec.

½ Prince Adaon - The smile I had on my face when I saw this sweetheart at the party. Ah, I can't wait for him to be king already and to let my poor baby Kieran live his best life. Ah, my sweet Unseelie Princes, I can't.

½ Malcom Fade - My jaw dropped, friends. Dropped. The High Warlock of LA is for sure in this book and throws the best party I've ever read about. And we know all the shit he was up to in Lady Midnight, so I was honestly quaking.

½ Catarina Loss - Probably my favorite warlock (besides Magnus, obv) and I always smile over her, Magnus, and Ragnor Fell's friendship. Give me a cameo from her in every Shadowhunter book, please.

½ Raphael Santiago - Ace/Asexual, Mexican, vampire. Friends, I can't cry anymore, okay? I always love seeing Raphael and Magnus and their friendship, but seeing Raphael and Alec bond and become friends, in the Raphael way, it truly broke me. And I just keep thinking about their son, and I honestly am crying more? Wow.

½ Lily Chen - My pansexual and Asian goddess. I would die for this woman and I want nothing more than for her to have her own full-length series. Also, seeing Helen and her kiss? Can officially confirm: Helen loves Asian women and I am truly living on cloud nine forever.

½ Hypatia Vex - Warlock, runs the London Shadow Market. Seriously, this book is a warlock wet dream.

½ Barnabas Hale - Warlock, LA Shadow Market runner, and always a treat to read about.

½ Asmodeus - I've been screaming since City of Heavenly Fire to learn more about Magnus' dad, and this book truly delivered. Yet, we have so much more to learn, and I think the next book is going to be everything.

œlf I'm a hero of war, so is he.

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It is truly just a wild ride to see baby Magnus and baby Alec at the start of their new relationship, figuring out what they both want, what works, and what doesn't, to seeing them married, seeing them as fathers, seeing them get the life they deserve, even if the world around them is still in chaos. To just know Alec becomes Consul of the Clave and is going to change the world for all Downworlder children. Friends, I am weeping at the honor of getting to see Magnus and Alec's lives together. What a blessing, truly. Also, because I know people are going to be using the search engine on my blog to find this information: yes, Alec and Magnus do have sex for the first time in this book, but yes, Cassie keeps it totally YA and fades to black it before it becomes not PG13. (Also, friendly reminder: cis women, don't fetishize m/m sex, thanks!)

And I know I make a lot of jokes about Aline and Helen, but they truly make me happier than any other couple in all of these books. I had no idea that they were even going to be in this story, let alone letting us see them meet for the first time, and seeing Aline being the disaster gay she really is trying to ask Helen out. And with everything I said about Magnus and Alec and seeing them start out but knowing where their path leads in the future together, seeing Aline and Helen, and knowing all that they were forced to endure because of bigotry, it just takes everything to a whole other level.

Overall, I just loved this completely. I laughed out loud, I cried over so many cameos, I smiled from pure happiness at my OTPs starting out their relationships, and I always wanted more of everything. I can't wait to get my hands on The Lost Book of the White, because I have a feeling that it's going to be even better than this amazing series starter! Especially with that cliffhanger ending! Lord, hear my prayers.

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The quotes above were taken from an ARC and are subject to change upon publication.

Content and trigger warnings for violence, talk of past loss of a loved one, abandonment, talk of suicide in the past, past parental abuse (physical), torture, cult rituals, and war themes.

- 1.) City of Bones ~ ... ~ ...
- 2.) City of Ashes ~ ... ~ ...
- 3.) City of Glass ~ ... ~ ...
- 1.) Clockwork Angel ~ ... ~ ...
- 4.) City of Fallen Angels ~ ...
- 2.) Clockwork Prince ~ ... ~ ...
- 5.) City of Lost Souls ~ ... ~ ...
- 3.) Clockwork Princess ~ ... ~ ...
- 6.) City of Heavenly Fire ~ ... ~ ...
- *) The Bane Chronicles ~ ... ~ ...
- *) Tales from the Shadowhunter Academy ~ ... ~ ...
- 1.) Lady Midnight ~ ... ~ ...

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2.) Lord of Shadows â~...â~...â~...â~...

*.) Ghosts of the Shadow Market 8/10

3.) Queen of Air and Darkness â~...â~...â~...â~... ..more

Review to come!

The Red Scrolls Of Magic Book 2

Can I say that I absolutely love the COVER and the PROMISE of this book!??

I'm such a sucker for Magnus and Alec! I adore their relationship and I just can't get enough of them!
And now there's going to be a trilogy?!

Oh boy, I'm so ready for this!
YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW READY I AM! XD

Ahh Cassie... you and your books!
I'm convinced they'll be the death of me! <333

SO SO SO SO GOOOD! I NEED MORE MALECCCC.

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This was a really cute and fun introduction to a murder-mystery-ish fantasy series about four gays teaming up to save the world and personally, I really love that for me

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â€œHelen looked at Aline, faint pink swirling across her cheeks. Alec was startled to see a feeling he recognized on Helenâ€™s face, something he often felt around Magnus: uncertain delight at Magnusâ€™ high opinion of him, twined with the creeping doubt that Magnus would realize he did not deserve it.â€•

Thereâ€™s a better acknowledgement of insecurity in both of their characterizations than Iâ€™ve seen before in this series, and I appreciated that a lot.

Look, I think this is an odd book to review because no one is really going to decide whether itâ€™s worth reading based on my hot take? However, my hot take is that itâ€™s fun and cute and compelling. If you were trying to get some of my deeper Cassandra Clare Hot Takes, you can find them below:

the infernal devices : [book one](#) | [book two](#) | [book three](#)

dark artifices reviews: [book one](#) | [book two](#) | [book three](#)

Also Iâ€™m sorry but I had to say this: Aline thinking that Jace and Simon are dating is literally THE funniest thing Iâ€™ve ever read. she gets it.

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I haven't finished TMI or even started TDA, yet here I am, drooling over this

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So Magnus and Alec are off on a Europe "vacation" except obviously that's a disaster and they end up hunting down a cult which Magnus may or may not have started. There's demons, doomed train rides, exploding houses, satanic rituals, blazing swords, and Alec charging into trouble the very second it blinks because he's a freaking Gryffindor and can't help himself. ALL THE GOOD STUFF. So so little relaxing was done. Magnus was very put out like 90% of the time. One of his meltdowns included being upset at the prospect of dying when everyone around him was so badly dressed.

Magnus is everything.

| MALEC |

I mean, I love these two. I remember feeling like Alec was a bit whiny the first time I read TMI...which is why I desperately want to reread it. Because, look, Alec was a closeted gay kid absolutely buckling under the pressure of needing to be a great enough hero, a good enough person, someone everyone loved enough...that when they realised he was gay, they would still love him. And like punch me in the gut why don't you thanks. Alec resonates with me so much, and I know with so so many other readers. I'm SO glad more of his thoughts and perspectives are in this book. I simultaneously want to hug him and cry and also be in awe of him.

And we know Magnus is the definition of "MOVE IM GAY" while in the midst of being a fabulous disaster. He's not perfect, he's foolish, he has an amazing arc about vulnerability in this book. And it just makes me love him more.

Also every time they get romantic...it gets interrupted by like, demonic activity lmaoooo. Nothing like a demon here to spit on your love life. BUT!! The soft scenes, the gentle cuddling scenes, the kisses, the deepening relationship of two people who are learning to be vulnerable --- ajfldksad I loved it.

| MAKE ME LAAAUGH |

Dude, no joke. This book is a CRACK UP. I laughed so much and the lines were golden. They also dragged Jace just the whole time for no reason and it was amazing. Also Magnus can't stop talking and his whole personality is basically just SHEDS GLITTER, WATCH OUT. omg I love him.

| CAMEOS |

There are so so many other characters who make an appearance! I SCREAM. Okay first off, most importantly, we get Helen Blackthorn and Aline backstory!!! I MEAN. MY GIRLS. Also the Blackthorns are mentioned, Raphael is here (being so pissy and antisocial I love him), Barnabus Hale is there, oh and Jonny Rook for a while. Tessa makes an appearance. And they mention so many others in passing it's just like one long moment of me, now turned into Captain America, looking up and saying "I UNDERSTOOD THAT REFERENCE."

daaaamn how does Cassandra Clare actually keep this entire universe in her head. pls don't tell me she's anything short of a genius.

| OVERALL |

hi i'm obsessed and it was perfect HOW ARE YOU. I just love how it was so so funny, and it was really a good adventurous romp after how stressful QOAAD was. But it was also vulnerable and soft. And I love the killing demon scenes, but I also love just two worn out magical creatures flopped on a Venetian lounge, cuddling before the next scene of bloodstain and bruises. The balance? *clenches fist* too good. I loved this book so much. ...more

Why not? I'll give it a go.

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5/5 Stars

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Full review to come! :)

Yeah, I'm going to try this. And what of it?!

DON'T TELL ME WHAT TO DO. YOU'RE NOT THE BOSS OF ME!

Side note: why is everyone raving over the cover? It's really... Whoa, guys, it's bad. The colours clash, the font is amateur, the figures are drawn horribly (what is up with Alec's elbow?) and overall it looks like something I would have doodled on the inside cover of a textbook ten years ago during my emo phase. I'm not impressed.

The Red Scrolls Of Magic Characters

(Warning: I get very angry in this review. If you don't like anger and/or criticism towards CC then kindly skip, thanks)

Listen, Magnus Bane is one of my favorite characters of all time. Even though I don't like Cassandra Clare and I strongly disagree with her writing, I just really love Magnus.

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And I hate this thing CC has about Magnus being neither old nor young because he's immortal which is bullshit. You're not old just because you have wrinkles and look old, age is experience and wisdom. Magnus is very old, him being a warlock does not change that and she keeps trying to make it so! It's mentioned several times and not just in this book and it's such bullshit!! It's basically just Clare going 'guys it's not pedophilia magnus is not old because magic lulz'.

STOP LYING THAT'S NOT HOW IT WORKS!

Anyway, so this book.

This book.

What absolute fucking bullshit. What an absolute asspull!

Without spoiling anything I can say that all of the character and relationship growth in this book is non-existent in the rest of the series! This is a complete asspull! She pulled this shitty plot straight out her ass and I am mad about it.

Listen, this was one of my more anticipated reads of the year. I almost fucking pre-ordered that special edition with sprayed pages. I was expecting a fan-service book about Malec vacationing in Europe, okay?

I was expecting that and I was fine with it!

BUT NO, THIS IS A SHADOWHUNTER BOOK!

I've lost my patience with Shadowhunter books, evidently. I couldn't get through QOAAD (mostly because the characters SUCK) because it was just so uninteresting to me. Which is strange because while I've not always enjoyed CC's writing or her characters at least it's been readable to me.

Guess I've grown up, holy shit.

A huge thing is that the fight scenes are so fucking dull. Whenever there was a fight scene I wanted to scream in frustration. They're so uninteresting!!! And they make up almost half of the book!!!!!!!!!! It's basically just; Alec did this, then he did that and then he killed a demon and then he jumped and then Magnus did a magic and poof another demon dead AND THEN IT WOULD GO ON FOR LIKE 10 PAGES!!

Sorry, I'm getting mad writing this.

I ended up just skipping several pages whenever there was a fight scene until the plot started happening again, and I missed absolutely nothing. Entire scenes of people fighting and nothing happening. There are no stakes, because all of the characters appear fine in the books that come after this. So what was the point?

Like I said, I expected this to be complete fan-service! But it is not. This book is basically just Clare blue-balling us in-between shitty fight scenes and asspull plots.

So yeah, what is the plot, you may ask? (Here be spoilers)

Magnus started a cult as a joke hundreds of years ago in the name of his father, lost his memories about it all, and now the cult is under the leadership of a warlock who wants to find him so they can sacrifice him to his demon dad. This starts to happen as him and Alec are traveling around Europe.

Like with all CC's books, it was so easy to predict what was going to happen and who the bad guy was going to be.

The new warlock cult leader is Shinyun who is traveling with them and whose mark is..... an impassive face.

What the fuck is this world-building???? Her warlock's mark is a frozen face???? SHe can't make expressions and that's her warlock's mark?????? WHAT T HE FUCK CLARE???

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The thing about this plot is that it is absolutely ridiculous that none of this ever gets mentioned ever again in any of the other series. At the end they're like OOOH WE CAN'T EVER TALK ABOUT THIS LULZ which is such fucking bullshit. GOOOOOD WHAT AN ASSPULL!!!! ASSPULL CLARE IS BACK AT IT AGAIN I AM SO SICK OF THIS I'M SORRY BUT I AM ANGRY

And the characters?

WHOMEST?????

You wanna talk about the characters? YOU wanna fucking talk about the characters+??? HUH OUDIFUA SFJAJFSNDK

After this book, in the Shadowhunter timeline, in city of lost souls or whichever the fuck. Books 4-6 in the TMI series, Alec and Magnus in those books are nothing like they are in this book. Which makes no sense, since this book comes BEFORE THAT.

In the TMI series Alec acts like a jealous slutshaming biphobic bitch and tries to fucking take away Magnus' immortality which leads to them breaking up because Magnus never tells him anything about his past.

Yeah, remember that fucking plot??? The plot that comes AFTER THIS BOOK?????? THIS BOOK WHERE MAGNUS TELL ALEC ABOUT HIS CHILDHOOD AND VARIOUS OTHER STUFF FROM HIS PAST AND IS LIKE OOOH I WANNA TELL HIM MORE I'M GONNA DO THAT LATER AND WHEN PEOPLE FLIRT WITH MAGNUS ALEC DOES NOT CAUSE A SCENE AND IS VERY UNDERSTANDING IF A BIT PROTECTIVE????? AND WHEN ALEC FINDS OUT MAGNUS IS BISEXUAL AND DOESN'T MAKE A BIG DEAL ABOUT IT AND KNOWS THAT MAGNUS HAS HAD SEVERAL PARTNERS???????? REMEMBER THAT, ASSPULL CLARE??????+? NO???????????? I CAN SEE THAT!!!!!!

Oh my fucking god. Oh my god. What a fuCKING ASSPULLL I'M GONNA SCREAM THIS IS JUST CLARE COVERING HER ASS AND TRYING TO FIX HER MISTAKES BUT IT DOESN'T WORK THAT WAY!!! OOOOOOOHHH MY god

The books starts with a big exposition dump. Who is that for. Who is going to pick this up as their first Shadowhunter novel. WHOMST

There is no tension in this book. We know they're gonna survive and never talk about this again until the next fucking book comes out where they're magically gonna acknowledge it again. Fuck this shit.

FUkc

THis

shit

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Who is to blame? Is it Wesley Chu? Asspull Clare???? WHOMST???

AND I JUST HAVE TO SAY; Clare's demons FUCKING SUCK. They are so boring, non-threatening and just so fucking difficult to imagine? I've never been able to imagine these fuckers. They're always described as black blobs with insect-stuff and teeth and tentacles and ????? OK

All it takes to kill them is one stabby stab and then poof they're gone to hell. SO LAME UGH
There's never any tension with them, they're almost comically described sometimes.

Jeez, this review is a mess. Apologies.

I know I'm probably just screaming into the void at this point because Clare has such an astronomical following, it's ridiculous. But whatever, here you go. My two cents about this shitshow.

Oh, and the acknowledgements.... Basically just CC sucking her own dick.

PRAISE CASSANDRA CLARE, SAVIOR AND HERO OF THE GAYS!!!!!!

Wow.

What would we do without her.

Ugh, I say, UGH!

...more

I received a chapter sample of this at a Queen of Air and Darkness book signing.

I'm such Cassie Clare-trash that I bought this mini-Shadowhunter novel today! Seriously! It's tiny!

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LOVE.

Out today, people!!!

4.5

WHAT THE WHAT?! That ending....???!?!?!

It literally pains me that I can't add quotes to this review but hey, I get it, it's an ARC and things are subject to change. Just know that I was highlighting like crazy the last 25%.

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Yes. Yes it was necessary. For numerous reasons but DEFINITELY because of what happened in the epilogue. But really, no, even though *you know who* was found *you know where* that isn't why I will devour the rest of this series, no no no. I will soak up every single page of the next two books because finally being able to see Magnus and Alec's love front and center was a beautiful thing. Like literally I'm tearing up just thinking about it.

There are so many times when Magnus can be TOO MUCH...like, basically all the time. I find myself wondering often, how can he be so glib and joke-y about everything?! It's almost exhausting to read. Aaaand then you catch a small glimpse of who he really is, and why his facade is like that, and you understand. Magnus has been alive for a VERY long time. He has seen a lot of terrible things and lost a lot of people he had truly loved. He was almost killed as a child because of who he is and I'm sure since then there have been many more attempts on his life. He has lost friends, and he has seen the deep prejudices of the Clave play out against his fellow Downworlders. It's no wonder that he doesn't like to

