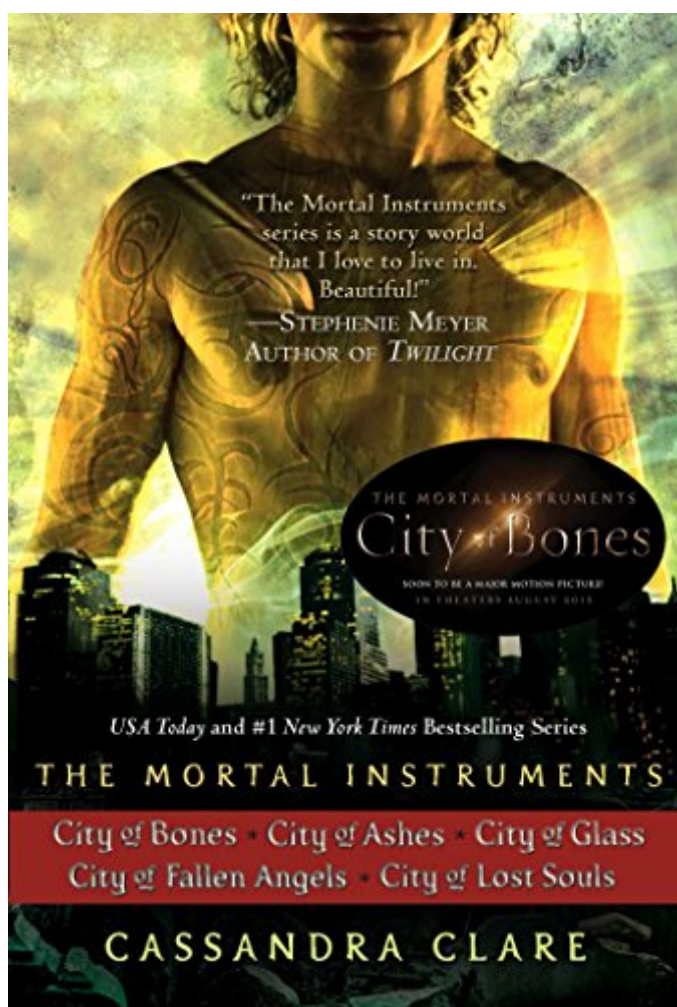


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# Cassandra Clare: The Mortal Instruments Series (5 Books): City Of Bones; City Of Ashes; City Of Glass; City Of Fallen Angels, City Of Lost Souls





## Synopsis

Don't miss The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones, soon to be a major motion picture in theaters August 2013. The first five books in the #1 New York Times bestselling Mortal Instruments series, now available in a collectible hardcover boxed set. Enter the secret world of the Shadowhunters with this handsomely packaged boxed set that includes City of Bones, City of Ashes, City of Glass, City of Fallen Angels, and City of Lost Souls. The Mortal Instruments books have more than five million copies in print, and this collectible set of five hardcover volumes is a perfect gift for newcomers to the series and for loyal fans alike.

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## Customer Reviews

I absolutely love Cassandra Clare - she writes very descriptively and the characters are unique and interesting. I find that the books start to get a little "dark" heading into the 3rd, 4th, 5th books - which isn't a bad thing, but as someone who doesn't like horror movies I'm not sure that I'll want to see the movie versions of the later ones, the books can be scary enough at parts! There's still enough love,

learning, coming of age etc. to keep the avid reader interested if you're not a fan of all the blood and fighting and demons. It's a very good balance. Having read the prequel series, *Infernal Devices*, first, I loved recognizing pieces that crossover between the two. Now that I'm rereading the *Infernal Devices*, I'm finding things I wouldn't have picked up before reading the *Mortal Instruments* - you can read them in whichever order, I liked reading the *Infernal Devices* first. I don't "love" the characters as much as those in the *Infernal Devices* - I feel like the world of 1878 London was deeper, more interesting as compared to this series set in present day New York. Both series' are excellent reads though! I just found myself getting frustrated on occasion with the characters. For instance, the parabatai connection between Jace and Alec isn't really described in depth, but if you read the *Infernal Devices* you realize how important it is in understanding their personalities. I originally bought the paperback, but passed those on to my brother and traded up to the hardcover. As someone who loves the look and feel of books, I have to say, these "feel" great - the cover art is beautiful and has a glossy, almost "shiny" feel to it - they match the *Infernal Devices* hardcovers as well. I highly recommend this series, and other works by Cassandra Clare as well!

I won't write too much about the actual book content as there are enough of those floating around. All I will say is that I absolutely loved this series and the literary universe created by Cassandra Claire. I recommend reading the prequel series first though (*The Infernal Devices*; starting with *Clockwork Angel*) This box set is a great deal if you're interested in reading the whole series and don't want to wait to purchase them separately or spend a lot of money buying each book on its own (I waited around for a good deal and got it brand new in the plastic for about \$30 dollars) and it's a very nice box set. I got it in paperback (wanted hardcover but couldn't afford it) and I think it's very nice. My only qualm is that they released this box set only a couple months before the 6th book, so I've had to buy that separately (and because my box set is paperback I'll be waiting for the 6th book to come out in paperback too so all the books match).

I'm not a 'young adult' by any stretch, but I was intrigued by the movie when it came out in December, and decided to read the whole series, since I got a Kindle for Christmas. I think it's imaginative, and unique. As an editor of many years, I can see that there are more levels to it - when you look past the bare surface of the concept, you can discover more complex themes, great character development, and archetypal correlations. No wonder young people like this series so much - there are a lot of different perspectives presented within a relatively small framework. It's very well done, in my humble opinion. Aside from all the technical stuff - I have thoroughly enjoyed

the story, and am looking forward to the final installment when it comes out in May. Thank you Cassandra Clare for sharing this gem with the world! Highly recommended for young and older alike! :)

Super stoked to finally have hard copies of this series. Everything was brand new, as expected, and nothing was damaged.

Classic current day YA novel...but much more dark. Angels, demons, vampires, werewolves, warlocks, fairies, AND corruption? What else can a person want? Well, the book does lack in some ways...Being older than a YA (but not wanting to admit it), there were times I wanted to slap Clary in the face to get her to stop being so annoyingly whiney(sp?)/bratty. There are many characters who are pivotal to the story, but aren't as developed as they could have been. All of the main characters are also pretty paranoid about/secretive from their significant others, which doesn't really indicate a strong foundation. But I get it...adolescence is a tough time with hormones going crazy and learning about life. So leaving adolescent emotions/tension aside, this is a pretty good series. If you love the mystical/fantasy YA stories, you won't be disappointed. Unlike the Twilight series, the love triangle isn't the central point of the story. Because of the various characters, the story is more developed than Twilight, too. (Note: I love the Twilight series, too.) Of course it wouldn't be a YA novel without a love story, which is an endearing one...but also very DARK! A huge plot twist in the first book made it IMPOSSIBLE to put down the 2nd and half of the 3rd. After that, there was a bit of a lull in the story and the books DO drag at times. The first 5 books could probably have been condensed into 3, but that seems to be the norm in YA books these days. Oh, and if you watched the movie before the book, there are some HUGE changes made in the movie. Having read the books first, the major screenplay changes were very disappointing. Can't wait for the 6th and final installment in May. Already pre-ordered it :-)

My daughter has not been able to put them down. So glad I found something that she will read. I myself haven't read it yet, but I will.

Thought the covers would be more papery, less plastic-y.

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