

Background Information for Library Materials in Review

Book Title: <i>City of Heavenly Fire</i>	<p align="center">Synopsis</p> <p>"Darkness has descended on the Shadowhunter world. Chaos and destruction overwhelm the Nephilim as Clary, Jace, Simon, and their friends band together to fight the greatest evil they have ever faced: Clary's own brother. Nothing in this world can defeat Sebastian--but if they journey to the realm of demons, they just might have a chance."</p> <p align="right"><u>Source: Novelist Plus - accessed via SCDiscus</u></p>
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Professional Reviews of *City of Heavenly Fire*

Source: Follett Titlewave

Booklist (July 2014 (Online))

Grades 9-12. This long-awaited finale to The Mortal Instruments series may not successfully indoctrinate new readers to Clare's sprawling world, but it will be a welcome addition for the existing fan base. Clocking in at 725 pages, *City of Heavenly Fire* is a veritable brick of story; it's long-winded in places, but it still delivers the (more or less) happy ending readers have been craving. The story employs a wide cast of characters, both new and familiar, and delves for the first time into the demon realms as Clary, Jace, and company struggle to find a way to defeat evil Sebastian. The action often takes a backseat to the romances, and some readers may be frustrated that large chunks of the book operate as a backdoor pilot for Clare's next series, *The Dark Artifices*, which is scheduled to debut in 2015. Still, this is sure to leave the faithful hooked yet again.

Kirkus Reviews (June 15, 2014)

The myriad magical, societal and romantic story threads of two series and nine books conclude without living up to the series' purple promise. Clary, Jace and a cast teeming with their supernatural—and supernaturally pretty—peers come together to defeat Clary's literally soulless brother Sebastian. Instead of a slow reveal of mysteries until an inevitable climactic fight, the action of this series closer starts with a deadly attack in the prologue and continues through constant battle over the course of just over a week. Sebastian wants to rule the world (or possibly just get revenge on his mommy for never loving him), and he has phenomenal cosmic powers. A constantly shifting point of view in a world where Sebastian's flunkies are always fomenting evil somewhere means the action is nonstop, yet somehow the pace drags. With so many characters at stake (even the surviving players from Clare's steampunk *Infernal Devices* trilogy have a vital role), action and dialogue are continually derailed. Wit is another casualty, with the characters' snark and pop-cultural cleverness taking a back seat to a gloopy spaghetti tangle of angst. Dedicated fans of the series will still find enjoyment in the daddy issues, wolfish grins and howling demons, though satisfying resolution plays second fiddle to setup for yet another series. Bloated. (Fantasy. 13 & up)

Awards/Distinctions Awarded to *City of Heavenly Fire*

Source: NovelistPlus

Goodreads Choice Awards: 2014

