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City of Bones by Cassandra Clare

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Author: Clare, Cassandra

Title: *City of Bones*

Year of Publication: 2007

Publisher: Margaret K. McElderry Books

ISBN: 9781416914280

Number of pages: 485

Rating: Excellent

Reading/Interest Level: Young Adult

Keywords: Fantasy; Romance; Teen; Action; Drama; Supernatural; Angels

Review:

Set in New York, *City of Bones* follows the story of Clary Fray as she discovers she is more than human. Clary becomes aware of the demon world when she sees Jace Wayland murder a demon in a nightclub. She is forced to face the truth about demons after Jace tracks her down and tells her he is a demon hunter. Forced to come to grips with this startling news, Clary must work with Jace to save her mother, who has been keeping secrets, to save herself from her past, and to find the Mortal Cup which can save them all from the growing threat of the evil Valentine. As if that weren't enough to keep her busy, she must also confront her new and confusing feelings for Jace.

Cassandra Clare's debut novel is a fast-paced drama set in the fantasy world of Shadowhunters and Downworlders. She effectively and believably creates a new world in the underworld of New York. The plot is entertaining, offering enough twists and turns to keep fans interested. But it is Clare's characters that keep the readers captivated. Tortured Jace is a complex and troubled young man, coming to grips with his past. Clary is a "normal" girl who must learn how to become more than that. The hosts of other characters are just as intriguing, providing a framework for the novel to develop. The first in this series sets up its sequel in what is sure to be an engaging trilogy.

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