Clockwork Princess by Cassandra Clare

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The final novel in Clare’s The Infernal Devices trilogy picks up several weeks after Jem and Tessa have announced their engagement. A devastated Will tries to hide his pain while dealing with the sudden appearance of his sister, who has come to take him away from the dangerous world of the Shadowhunters. To make matters worse, Mortmain has stolen all of the medicine necessary for keeping Jem alive as a means of securing Tessa’s compliance in his plot to destroy the Nephilim. As time runs out for Jem, Will and Tessa along with their allies, must find and stop Mortmain by defeating his automation army while dealing with their feelings for each other and their loyalty to the dying boy they both love.

The fast-paced story combines heart-breaking reality with Clare’s usual flair for the fantastic and unexpected. Her characters are so endearing and warm that it is difficult to root for just one. The nontraditional resolution to the classic love triangle will leave readers questioning their own established views on romantic love. But even more compelling is her depiction of the deep devotion between Jem and Will, whose love for each other comes before their own happiness, and whose willingness to sacrifice for each other makes them the greatest of heroes. The conclusion to the trilogy is sure to leave readers satisfied with its ending but craving more of the dark and dramatic world of the Shadowhunters.

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