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The Last Dragonslayer by Jasper Fforde

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Rating: Outstanding

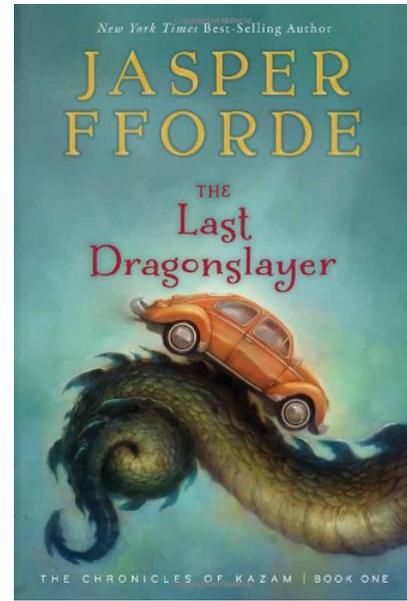
Reading/Interest Level: Young Adult

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Review:

Fifteen-year-old Jennifer Strange has the best job in the world—she runs an employment agency for magicians. Well, technically it isn't a job: it's indentured servitude. And she's only running it because her boss disappeared. Jobs for magicians are pretty scarce because the world's magic is running out, which makes the magicians cranky and cash pretty hard to come by. And now there's that little matter of Jennifer being named the Last Dragonslayer—just days before the dragon's prophesized death. It's a good thing that Jennifer has her loyal Quarkbeast and rusty orange Volkswagen. Because just as sure as the Transient Moose will pop up in her office, she'll need both if she's going to defy a king, slay a dragon, stop a war, survive an assassination attempt (or two), and help the magicians achieve Big Magic.

Jasper Fforde's mash-up world of twenty-first century technology, magic, and alternate history is a perfect backdrop for one of the spunkiest heroines to wield a sword in some time. Jennifer Strange is capable, strong, principled and soft-hearted, with just enough disregard for authority to make her believable, and nary a boyfriend in sight! Quirky humor and eccentric characters keep the tone light and the pages turning in this delightful story of duty, honor, and destiny.



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