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Clare brings the global phenomenon that began with 'The Mortal Instruments' to a stunning conclusion

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Q&A

WITH CASSANDRA CLARE

Cassandra Clare is the author of the #1 New York Times bestselling 'Mortal Instruments', 'The Infernal Devices', 'The Bane Chronicles', 'The Dark Artifices', 'The Shadowhunter's Codex' and 'Tales from the Shadowhunter Academy'.

Her books have more than 50 million copies in print worldwide and have been translated into over thirty-five languages. 'The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones' is a major movie and 'Shadowhunters' is airing on Netflix. Cassandra lives in Massachusetts, USA.

Set in modern-day New York City, the series follows Clary Fray as she gets drawn into the dangerous world of demon hunters, known as Shadowhunters.

Q Where do you start each book? What do you think of first?

I tend to start with characters, but everyone does it differently. There is no magic formula for the right order to write things in.

Q How do you come up with Jace's funny lines?

I don't really know. I have a lot of funny friends. I am very sarcastic myself. I keep my ears out for funny conversations my friends have and often adapt aspects of them for my books.

Q Do you always know where the story is going when you write?

Yes. I outline not just the series, but individual books, and each chapter, scene by scene. I also outline each character's arc – where they start out, what they want, where their chief moments of growth/discovery are, and how they end up.

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'The Last King of Faerie: A Shadowhunters Novel' is the first book in The Wicked Powers trilogy by Cassandra Clare. It serves as the opening chapter of the final saga in the Shadowhunters universe.

Out 3rd Nov

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What inspired you to write the Shadowhunter books?

'The idea for the Mortal Instruments came to me one afternoon in the East Village. I was with a good friend of mine, who was taking me to see the tattoo shop where she used to work. She wanted to show me that her footprints were on the ceiling in black paint – in fact the footprints of everyone who'd worked there were on the ceiling, crisscrossing each other and making patterns. To me it looked like some fabulous supernatural battle had been fought there by beings who'd left their footprints behind. I started thinking about a magical battle in a New York tattoo shop and the idea of a secret society of demon-hunters whose magic was based on an elaborate system of tattooed runes just sprang into my mind.

When I sat down to sketch out the book, I wanted to write something that would combine elements of traditional high fantasy – an epic battle between good and evil, terrible monsters, brave heroes, enchanted swords – and recast it through a modern, urban lens. So you have the Shadowhunters, who are these very classic warriors following their millennia-old traditions, but in these urban, modern spaces: skyscrapers, warehouses, abandoned hotels, rock concerts. In fairy tales, it was the dark and mysterious forest outside the town that held the magic and danger.

I wanted to create a world where the city has become the forest – where these urban spaces hold their own enchantments, danger, mysteries and strange beauty. It's just that only the Shadowhunters can see them as they really are.'

– Cassandra Clare



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An heir torn between love and legacy.

A prophecy that could destroy them all.



IT'S AUTUMN IN LAKE PRISTINE!



Author: Elle McNicoll
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Get ready to fall in love Yearning Difficulties, the fake-dating romance from Elle McNicoll, award-winning author of 'Wish You Were Her'.

Zella is co-hosting the student radio show – which would be great if she didn't have to share it with her horrible ex, Dave.

Her classmate Killian is brash, opinionated – and his mother happens to run the writing seminar of Zella's dreams.

When Zella suggests he help her out by fake dating her, Killian sees an opportunity. He has his own reasons for getting close to Zella...

But when he starts to trip up on his own lies and their friendship begins to fracture, Zella might have to open her heart to the possibility that what she's looking for has been there the whole time.

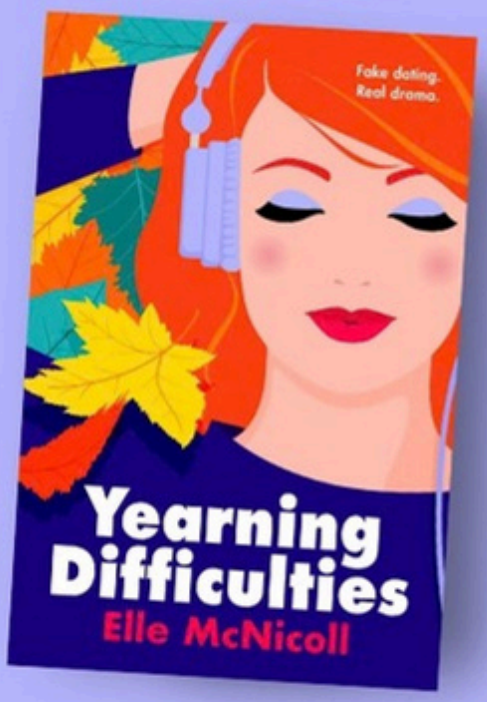
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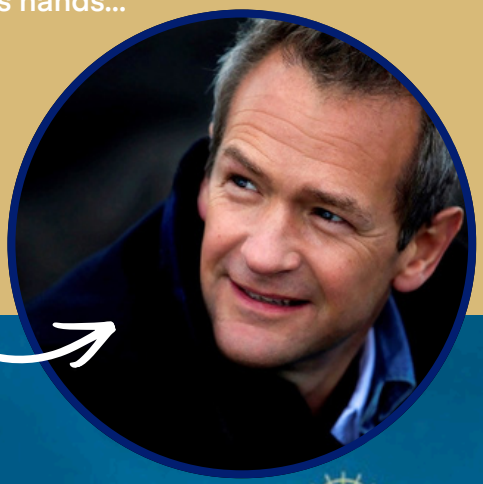
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12-year-old Sam’s world is blown apart when he discovers that his family was once at the heart of a secret society that had long protected the world. Now a powerful enemy is closing in, destroying all in its path to find the Order’s hidden palace of Bellasis and the source of its powerful magic. Only Sam can stop them. But first, he must bring the Order together again.

The clock is ticking. Dark forces are massing. Sam must undertake perilous journeys, determine friend and foe, and discover his true powers.
For this boy holds the future of the world in his hands...

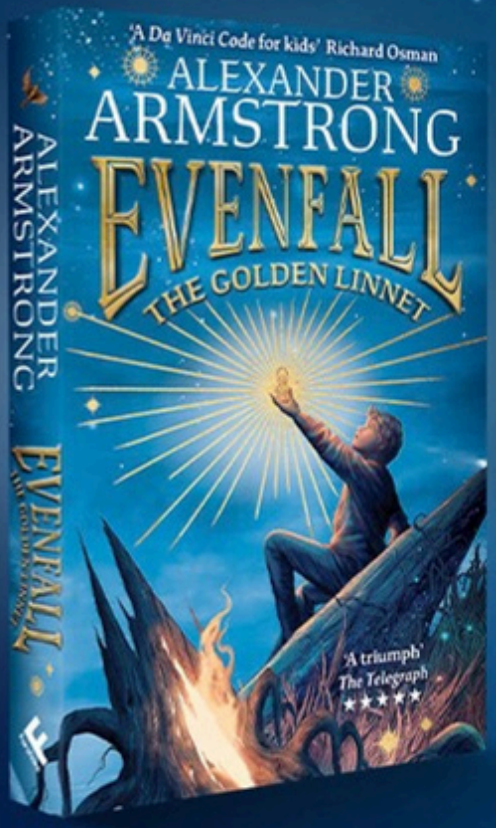
A modern classic, bursting with ancient magic, secret societies and fearsome foes!
For fans of Skandar, Percy Jackson, Philip Pullman’s Dark Materials and Harry Potter.



Author: Alexander Armstrong
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AN ORDINARY BOY.

AN EXTRAORDINARY DESTINY...

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A FUNNY, FESTIVE ROM-COM FOR AGES 14+

It's Christmas in the city, and Theo Grey is ready to live her best bisexual life. She's escaped her overbearing parents and her small village to stay with her older sister (who she hasn't heard from in five years and who doesn't know she's coming...) and to go ever so slightly over the rails.

And while their reunion gets off to a tricky start, she and Juliet soon reconnect. Theo settles into her new life and makes friends, including the gorgeous, kind, funny, and fellow bisexual, Otis.

Theo is ready to go out and kiss as many girls as she can - if only she could stop thinking about the ridiculous, beautiful man who gets her so completely...

Perfect for fans of:

- **HEARTSTOPPER by Alice Oseman**
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Have Yourself a Messy Little Christmas — Anna Zoe Quirke



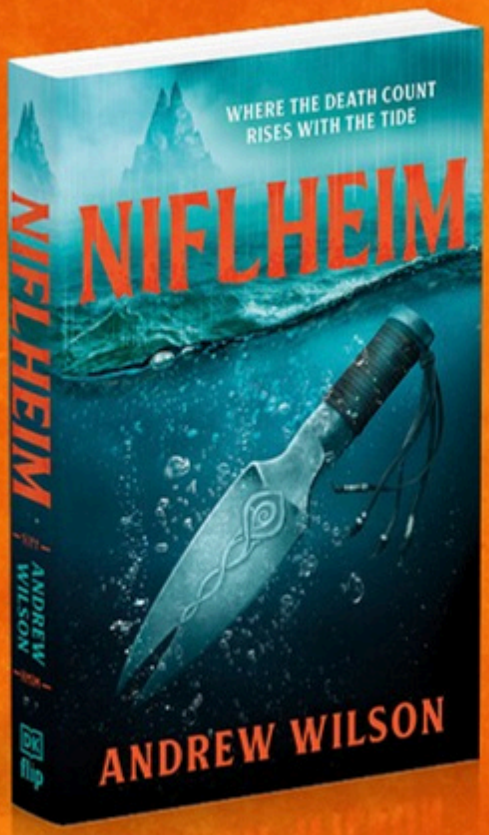
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NIFLHEIM



THERE IS MURDER IN THE AIR.
BUT THE VICTIMS DON'T STAY DEAD FOR LONG...

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Eben is exiled to the north into the care of his estranged grandfather after his mother's death. Between the biting winds and the old man's bitter silence, Eben thinks the brutal winter is his biggest enemy. The fog creeps along the coast, concealing a much darker threat as a killer stalks the night.

With his new friend Freya, Eben discovers a chilling truth. Niflheim isn't just an island. There's a sinister power trapped beneath the rock, straining to be unleashed. As monstrous beasts emerge from the shadows and the dead walk again, Eben must embrace the terrifying thing he is becoming. Some secrets are buried for a reason...

Author: Andrew Wilson

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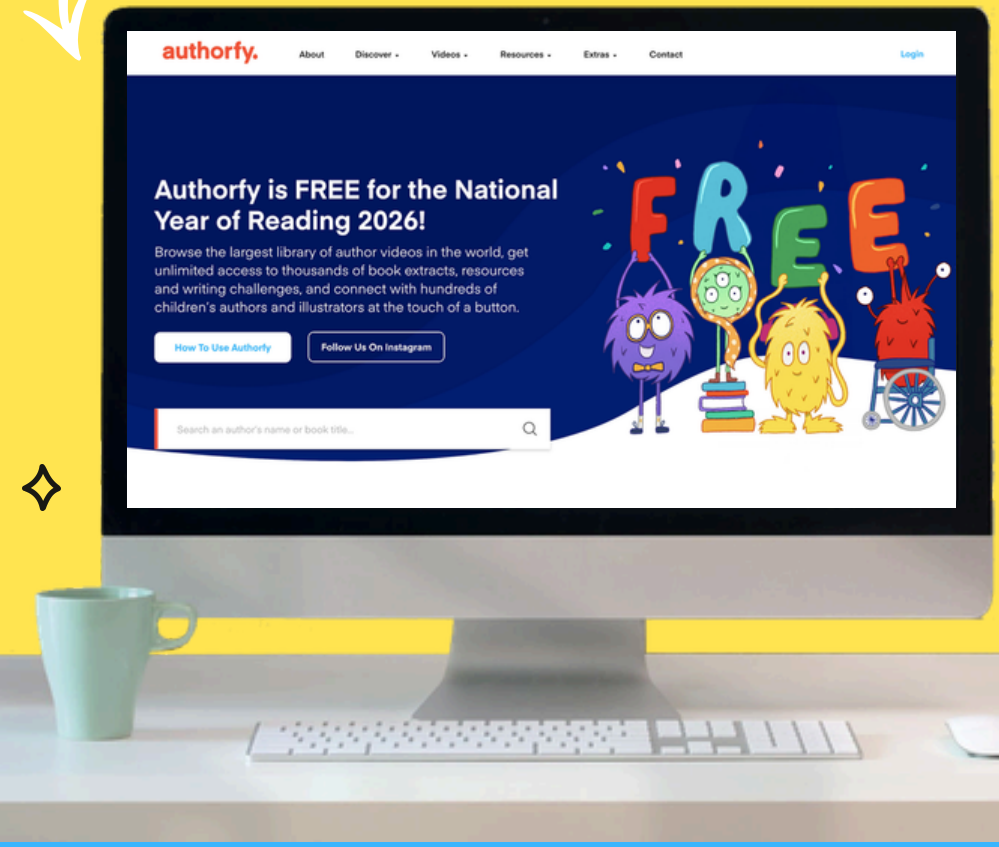
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