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From #1 New York Times bestseller Cassandra Clare and award-winner Wesley Chu comes the first book in a new series that follows High Warlock Magnus Bane and Alec Lightwood as they tour the world after the Mortal War. The Red Scrolls of Magic is a Shadowhunters novel.

The Red Scrolls Of Magic Pdf

All Magnus Bane wanted was a vacation—a lavish trip across Europe with Alec Lightwood, the Shadowhunter who against all odds is finally his boyfriend. But as soon as the pair settles in Paris, an old friend arrives with news about a demon-worshipping cult called the Crimson Hand that is bent on causing chaos around the world. A cult that was apparently founded by Magnus himself. Years ago. As a joke.

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Now Magnus and Alec must race across Europe to track down the Crimson Hand and its elusive new leader before the cult can cause any more damage. As if it wasn't bad enough that their romantic getaway has been sidetracked, demons are now dogging their every step, and it is becoming harder to tell friend from foe. As their quest for answers becomes increasingly dire, Magnus and Alec will have to trust each other more than ever—even if it means revealing the secrets they've both been keeping.

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And this brand-new spin-off takes place during City of Fallen Angels, when most of the Shadowhunter universe believes The Mortal War to be over. I do recommend that you read at the very least Lady Midnight before picking this one up, because there are so many layers and elements that you just will not appreciate without knowing certain twists that are revealed in The Dark Artifices.

Magnus and Alec are off trying to be romantic in Paris together, finally going on their very first vacation together, but a good friend soon informs them that they could potentially be in grave danger. A cult, The Crimson Hand, and their sacred book (yeah, you guessed it), The Red Scrolls of Magic, and the

sacrifices they are making in the name of the cult leader. But the thing is, many people, including the Spiral Council, think that Magnus not only started this cult back in the day, but also that he is still leading it. Magnus also is discovering that someone or something has possibly tampered with his memories, yet he feels like there might be some truth in him starting the cult many moons ago.

“Seek the children of demons. Love them as you love your lord. Do not let the children be alone.”

We get to see so much of Magnus™ past in this book, and so much of it is heartbreaking. I mean, if you have followed my reviews while I read everything by Cassandra Clare in 2018, you will know that Magnus has always been a favorite character of mine. But all the flashbacks in this book, in juxtaposition to the man we all know and love, it pulled at my heartstrings constantly while reading. Magnus Bane is a literary gift and I will thank all the higher powers for him and for Cassie Clare for creating him every single day.

And this story is broken up in three parts that I will summarize in three sentences:

½ Part I - City of Love (Paris)

- Romantic vacation quickly turns into a mission from Hell (factually).

½ Part II - City of Masks (Venice)

- Best party ever, and holy moly cameos from above (literally).

½ Part III - City of War (Rome)

- All the action, I™m living my best gay life, and the cliffhanger of all cliffhanger endings (truly).

“When was it decided that a warlock child is worth less than the children of the Angel?” Like all the books in the Shadowhunter universe, bigotry and prejudices are at the forefront. How everyone looks at the Shadowhunters, who share blood with angels, is completely different than the Downworlders, especially Warlocks who share blood with Demons. And hatred will always breed the cruelest acts. The Shadowhunters and the Clave can be pretty closed minded over anyone who is deemed different, so Alec being gay AND dating a warlock is something that has shaken up many Shadowhunters.

But Alec, unconditionally loving himself and Magnus, has started something beautiful, and because of it, many other Shadowhunters are learning to love and accept themselves. Aline and Helen are major side character in this book, and we even get to see them meet for the very first time. Friends, I don™t even have words. Not only are Aline and Helen my favorite queer ship in the Shadowhunter world, they are probably my favorite sapphic ship of all-time. Seeing the Asian girl get the Fae girl of her dreams? It just does something to me every single time. Also, speaking of Shadowhunter cameos, Lily Chen is also in the story, and she is the Asian pansexual love of my life, so I was truly living my best life with the entire cast of characters in this book.

I'd always assumed that storybook moments like these were meant for Jace, Isabelle, anyone but him. Yet here he was.

But, to me, this book was all about forgiveness and how sometimes forgiving someone is the most powerful move you can possibly make. We are all more than the mistakes of our parents and people that did horrible things who happen to share our blood. Everyone wants to be loved, and everyone is deserving of love, and sometimes that comes in the form of forgiveness. And sometimes, beyond anything else, we need to forgive ourselves for past mistakes that we've made. Who you are in this moment means way more than who you were growing up, or even who you were last year. Sometimes people really do deserve second chances, and I hope you give yourself all the chances in the world to become the person you want to be.

Overall, I loved this with my whole heart. These characters, all the queerness, the themes, the story, the mysteries, the twists; it was all amazing, especially knowing everything we know from all the other books that have taken place after the events in this one. And if you love the Warlocks in this world, then this is truly going to be the book for you! This was just a wonderful addition to the Shadowhunter world, and I think so many people are going to love it. Also, with all the Shadow Market activity and cameos, I really can't wait to read the last two short stories in Ghosts of the Shadow Market this June!

Please use caution reading the rest of this review if you have not read this book and all the series leading up to this book! And as always, I'm going to do a little mini character breakdown on my thoughts and feelings on all of the main characters in this book. Spoilers ahead!

If only the world were a fairy tale, Nephilim.

(Art by Cassandra Jean!)

½ Magnus Bane - Bi, Indonesian, High Warlock of Brooklyn. Magnus is truly going through some shit in this book, and my heart breaks for him. On top of everything, he is so scared to tell Alec who his real father is, and my heart.

½ Alec Lightwood - Gay, Shadowhunter, willing to protect Magnus at all costs. Me and Alec honestly have a rocky Shadowhunter history together, but I truly have grown to love him so much, and I love his love for Magnus. Alec is unsure of so many things, but he is never unsure about his love for Magnus.

½ Aline Penhallow - Lesbian, Asian, Shadowhunter, love of my life.

½ Helen Blackthorn - Bi, Shadowhunter, half Fae, second love of my life.

½ Leon Verlac - Bi, Shadowhunter, annoying as fuck. And people are really going to dislike him because of the 'bi, so I want to sleep with everyone' stereotype.

She has seen so many tragedies, and they both knew the worst tragedies were born of

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love.â€•

âž½ Tessa Gray - Seeing her and Magnus talk about their love for Shadowhunters? Fuck me up, fam. Few things are better in the Shadowhunter universe than Magnus and Tessaâ€™s friendship.

âž½ Peng Fang - We meet this vampire and blood seller in the Paris Shadow Market and I seriously just want to know everything about it, because there is no way he isnâ€™t going come more into play.

âž½ Izzy and Jaceâ€™s Phone Call - I had to list them with this character breakdown, because this phone call, and Simon trying to ask them for sex advice, was one of my favorite things in this book. The grapefruit suggestion almost took me out, honestly.

âž½ Johnny Rook - Be still, my heart. Johnny is normally at the LA Shadow Market, but he is at the Paris one and helps Magnus out a little bit. Also, I remember something that Johnny has in a TDA book and I canâ€™t wait to see how he got his hands on this relic.

âž½ Shinyun Jung - Korean, has a history with the cult, and is traveling alongside Magnus and Alec.

âž½ Prince Adaon - The smile I had on my face when I saw this sweetheart at the party. Ah, I canâ€™t wait for him to be king already and to let my poor baby Kieran live his best life. Ah, my sweet Unseelie Princes, I canâ€™t.

âž½ Malcom Fade - My jaw dropped, friends. Dropped. The High Warlock of LA is for sure in this book and throws the best party Iâ€™ve ever read about. And we know all the shit he was up to in Lady Midnight, so I was honestly quaking.

âž½ Catarina Loss - Probably my favorite warlock (besides Magnus, obv) and I always smile over her, Magnus, and Ragnor Fellâ€™s friendship. Give me a cameo from her in every Shadowhunter book, please.

âž½ Raphael Santiago - Ace/Asexual, Mexican, vampire. Friends, I canâ€™t cry anymore, okay? I always love seeing Raphael and Magnus and their friendship, but seeing Raphael and Alec bond and become friends, in the Raphael way, it truly broke me. And I just keep thinking about their son, andâ€¦ I honestly am crying more? Wow.

âž½ Lily Chen - My pansexual and Asian goddess. I would die for this woman and I want nothing more than for he to have her own full-length series. Also, seeing Helen and her kiss? Can officially confirm: Helen loves Asian women and I am truly living on cloud nine forever.

âž½ Hypatia Vex - Warlock, runs the London Shadow Market. Seriously, this book is a warlock wet dream.

âž½ Barnabas Hale - Warlock, LA Shadow Market runner, and always a treat to read about.

½ Asmodeus - I've been screaming since City of Heavenly Fire to learn more about Magnus' dad, and this book truly delivered. Yet, we have so much more to learn, and I think the next book is going to be everything.

•m a hero of war, so is he.

It is truly just a wild ride to see baby Magnus and baby Alec at the start of their new relationship, figuring out what they both want, what works, and what doesn't, to seeing them married, seeing them as fathers, seeing them get the life they deserve, even if the world around them is still in chaos. To just know Alec becomes Consul of the Clave and is going to change the world for all Downworlder children. Friends, I am weeping at the honor of getting to see Magnus and Alec's lives together. What a blessing, truly. Also, because I know people are going to be using the search engine on my blog to find this information: yes, Alec and Magnus do have sex for the first time in this book, but yes, Cassie keeps it totally YA and fades to black it before it becomes not PG13. (Also, friendly reminder: cis women, don't fetishize m/m sex, thanks!)

And I know I make a lot of jokes about Aline and Helen, but they truly make me happier than any other couple in all of these books. I had no idea that they were even going to be in this story, let alone letting us see them meet for the first time, and seeing Aline being the disaster gay she really is trying to ask Helen out. And with everything I said about Magnus and Alec and seeing them start out but knowing where their path leads in the future together, seeing Aline and Helen, and knowing all that they were forced to endure because of bigotry, it just takes everything to a whole other level.

Overall, I just loved this completely. I laughed out loud, I cried over so many cameos, I smiled from pure happiness at my OTPs starting out their relationships, and I always wanted more of everything. I can't wait to get my hands on The Lost Book of the White, because I have a feeling that it's going to be even better than this amazing series starter! Especially with that cliffhanger ending! Lord, hear my prayers.

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Content and trigger warnings for violence, talk of past loss of a loved one, abandonment, talk of suicide in the past, past parental abuse (physical), torture, cult rituals, and war themes.

- 1.) City of Bones ~ ...~ ...~ ...
- 2.) City of Ashes ~ ...~ ...
- 3.) City of Glass ~ ...~ ...~ ...
- 1.) Clockwork Angel ~ ...~ ...~ ...
- 4.) City of Fallen Angels ~ ...
- 2.) Clockwork Prince ~ ...~ ...~ ...~ ...

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- 5.) City of Lost Souls
- 3.) Clockwork Princess
- 6.) City of Heavenly Fire
- *) The Bane Chronicles
- *) Tales from the Shadowhunter Academy
- 1.) Lady Midnight
- 2.) Lord of Shadows
- *) Ghosts of the Shadow Market 8/10
- 3.) Queen of Air and Darkness ...more

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Review to come!

Can I say that I absolutely love the COVER and the PROMISE of this book!?!??

I'm such a sucker for Magnus and Alec! I adore their relationship and I just can't get enough of them!
And now there's going to be a trilogy?!

Oh boy, I'm so ready for this!
YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW READY I AM! XD

Ahh Cassie... you and your books!
I'm convinced they'll be the death of me! <333

The Red Scrolls Of Magic Barnes And Noble

I haven't finished TMI or even started TDA, yet here I am, drooling over this

SO SO SO SO GOOOD! I NEED MORE MALECCCC.

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Why not? I'll give it a go.

The Red Scrolls Of Magic Read Online

me: hated TMI, would burn it if given the chance

also me: this book is exactly what I deserve and i will five star it

Yeah, I'm going to try this. And what of it?!

DON'T TELL ME WHAT TO DO. YOU'RE NOT THE BOSS OF ME!

Side note: why is everyone raving over the cover? It's really... Whoa, guys, it's bad. The colours clash, the font is amateur, the figures are drawn horribly (what is up with Alec's elbow?) and overall it looks like something I would have doodled on the inside cover of a textbook ten years ago during my emo phase. I'm not impressed.

The Red Scrolls Of Magic Waterstones

I received a chapter sample of this at a Queen of Air and Darkness book signing.

I'm such Cassie Clare-trash that I bought this mini-Shadowhunter novel today! Seriously! It's tiny!

Out today, people!!!

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Yes. Yes it was necessary. For numerous reasons but DEFINITELY because of what happened in the epilogue. But really, no, even though *you know who* was found *you know where* that isn't why I will devour the rest of this series, no no no. I will soak up every single page of the next two books because finally being able to see Magnus and Alec's love front and center was a beautiful thing. Like literally I'm tearing up just thinking about it.

There are so many times when Magnus can be TOO MUCH...like, basically all the time. I find myself wondering often, how can he be so glib and joke-y about everything?! It's almost exhausting to read. Aaaand then you catch a small glimpse of who he really is, and why his facade is like that, and you understand. Magnus has been alive for a VERY long time. He has seen a lot of terrible things and lost a lot of people he had truly loved. He was almost killed as a child because of who he is and I'm sure since

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Anyway, it's been a long (long) time since I read CITY OF BONES or any books from the main, or first spin-off, series. And I have yet to finish The Dark Artifices series. But I had actually made plans to reread all of the Clare books, in order, in 2019 in a bid to see how they stood up to the test of time. And then THE RED SCROLLS OF MAGIC landed on my doorstep and I regretted not starting said reread sooner because damn.

"Respectable Shadowhunters are not supposed to bring my sort home to meet Mom and Dad. I have a past. I have several pasts. Besides, good Shadowhunter boys aren't meant to bring home boyfriends at all."

Clare does a good job of reminding readers where this book takes place amongst the main series (though it's thanks to her author's note that I was able to figure out the when = CITY OF FALLEN ANGELS and not the final The Mortal Instruments, whoops; see, this is why I need a reread!) and it's a total delight not only to see young Alec and Magnus (as opposed to older Alec and Magnus as they are in The Dark Artifices) but also see some faces we are introduced to later on.

"What about you, Vampire Without A Cause?"

"I'm not gay. I'm not straight. I'm not interested."

"Your sexuality is 'not interested'?"

"That's right."

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"I can also assume the appearance of a tree!"

"I did not say, 'not interested unless you're a tree'."

Also, Raphael makes a memorable and hilarious (endlessly hilarious; was he this funny in the other books? I can't remember!) guest appearance and you will love.

"Take him to the Pit, Bernard."

"Don't take me to the Pit, Bernard. I hate the word 'pit'. It sounds ominous, and grubby. Also, hello, evil cult member Bernard!"

So, what else to say? I don't know, this was just so fun! Malec is one of my favourite parts of this series and I loved living through the early stages of blooming romance. I loved their doubts, their insecurities, their closeness, and their constant romantic-interlude interruptions. The plot, too, was interesting. I won't say that I didn't see certain things coming, and I might not have liked all the new characters, but I was forever being entertained so I'm happy.

"All reconciled? Because, sorry to be rude, but this is incredibly awkward to sit through. I'm not here to witness your relationship growth. I just want to defeat the evil cult."

Can't wait to read on and, more importantly, can't wait to backtrack!

4 "Shadowhunters, however loving, were all reckless lunatics" stars

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Magnus and Alex trilogy oh helllllll yeahhhhhh

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lâ€™m so jealous of all the reviews going up ðŸ˜, I ordered TWO copies, are either here? NOPE damn youuuuuuu ðŸ˜,

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lâ€™m laughing so much! Guess whose copy just turned up, too impatient for my own good!

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The Red Scrolls of Magic by Cassandra Clare and Wesley Chu is the latest installment in The Shadowhunter Chronicles, the first of a series that follows the story of Alexander Lightwood and Magnus Bane, the single most valid relationship. This first novel takes place during Alec and Magnus' vacation in City of Fallen Angels, carting us and the two men in love around Europe.

This novel is beyond exquisite.

This novel allows for the exploration of a kind of relationship that almost never gets time to shine in literature - a queer biracial couple. Alec, a gay shadowhunter, and Magnus, a bisexual Southeast Asian warlock, are the heroes of this novel.

So much of this story is dedicated to furthering their relationship and allowing it to flourish in the most beautiful way possible. There is something so special to having watched the growth of a relationship from their beginning all the way to their current status.

Alec always believed in the Law, but if the Law didn't shield Magnus, the Law should be changed.

Also, the character depth and exploration is magnificent. Magnus is one of very few characters who has been in every shadowhunter novel to-date, and yet, due to his immortality and mysterious past, there is always more to explore with his character. Then, there's Alec, who is possibly the Clare character that I would argue has had the most monumental growth of all of them. Many readers may give that title to Jace, but I firmly believe it belongs to Alec.

"Telling the truth makes me happy...Magnus makes me happy. I don't care if it's difficult."

LOOK. AT. THAT. CHARACTER. DEVELOPMENT. A gay man in a homophobic society learning to love himself for his sexuality and his entire self and standing up to the people who tell him to hide his truth??? YES PLEASE.

Then, there is also the added bonus that so many familiar faces show up over the course of this novel. I am not going to point all of them out, but I am going to point out my favorite four.

"I'm not gay," said Raphael. "I'm not straight. I'm not interested."

"Your sexuality is 'not interested'?" Alec asked curiously.

Raphael said, "That's right."

"Yeah you're gonna have to be more specific than that," said the vampire woman. "This is a party. I've made out with six faerie girls, four faerie boys, and a talking toadstool whose gender I'm unsure about. Pretty sexy for a toadstool, though."

Helen looked at Aline. Faint pink stole in her cheeks. Alec was startled to see a feeling he recognized on Helen's face, something he often felt around Magnus: uncertain delight at Magnus' high opinion of him, twined with the creeping doubt that Magnus would realize he did not deserve it.

This book is so unapologetically queer, and though I did not know it when I first discovered this world, quite a few of my favorites in this world are those queer members who make cameos in this book.

From the angsty Latino aro/ace vampire Raphael Santiago, to the flamboyant pansexual Asian vampire Lily Chen, and the budding romance of one of the most iconic sapphic ships including the dedicated bisexual half-faeire half-Shadowhunter Helen Blackthorn and the completely loyal Asian lesbian Aline Penhallow, Clare and Chu really allow the reader to dig into all ends of the queer spectrum.

(Sidenote: these characters were also just so hilarious I could not breathe.)

But in doing so, they do not forget about the people of color.

"Go back to where you came from," murmured a man in Italian, glancing from Magnus' Indonesian

to Shinyun's Korean face.

This line gave me chills. The subliminal way in which Clare always includes social commentary on the bigotry existent within our world, often within the shadowhunter world but here it is within our world, is one of the most profoundly moving parts of her writing for me as a reader.

But outside of representation and character development, Clare and Chu also include an action-packed, suspenseful plot that truly keeps the reader on the edge of their seat. In traditional Cassie Clare, the villainous reveal is an absolute mind-fuck, so I do not want to comment too much on this as I feel it is far better to experience it yourself.

Cassandra Clare just has a way of making every reader feel so invested in every single character she brings to life, and The Red Scrolls of Magic just further confirms her talent as a writer and allows for further exploration into a brilliantly created fictional world with some of the best characters to ever exist.

"I've realized-I don't need to change. And neither do you, Helen, or you, Aline. It's the world that needs to change. and we're going to be the ones to change it." ...more