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The Bane Chronicles



Synopsis

Cecil Baldwin, Jamie Bamber, George Blagden, Gareth David-Lloyd, Jordan Gavaris, Stephen Lunsford, David Oyelowo, Andrew Scott, Michael Trevino, Jesse Williams, plus a bonus story read by Seth Numrich & Molly C. Quinn! Fans of The Mortal Instruments and The Infernal Devices can get to know warlock Magnus Bane like never before in this collection of New York Times best-selling tales, on CD for the first time with an exclusive new story. This collection of 11 short stories illuminates the life of the enigmatic Magnus Bane, whose alluring personality, flamboyant style, and sharp wit populate the pages of the #1 New York Times best-selling series, The Mortal Instruments and The Infernal Devices. Originally released one-by-one as e-only short stories by Cassandra Clare, Maureen Johnson, and Sarah Rees Brennan, this compilation presents all ten together on CD for the first time and includes a never-before-seen 11th tale.

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Customer Reviews

Overall 4.5 starsTo get the ultimate experience from this collection of short stories it is highly recommended that you first read The Infernal Devices series and The Mortal Instruments series.
What Really Happened in Peru : 3 starsThis is a short story spanning about 170 years of Magnus's many misadventures in Peru. From destruction to desecration to terrible music playing to jewel thievery. Sometimes with his companions, Ragnor and Catarina, sometimes alone. Out of all of his misdeeds it's still a mystery why Magnus was banned. It was an okay story.
The Runaway Queen : 5 starsThis short story was set in Paris during the Revolutionary War. A handsome,

dark-haired, blue-eyed soldier pleads for Magnus's help to get Marie Antoinette and her family out of Paris. Magnus can hardly refuse. A very entertaining story. It made me laugh. Magnus is quite fond of himself. I enjoyed it.

Vampires, Scones, and Edmund Herondale : 5 stars This short story was set in London. Magnus is attending a Shadowhunter/Downworlder conference to discuss the Accords. Prejudice is in full force so the talks are very one-sided. This is where Magnus meets the lovely vampire, Camille Belcourt. He also has an exciting evening with a Shadowhunter named Edmund Herondale (Will's father) that ends in Edmund meeting his future wife - a mundane. I love Magnus's promise to Camille. Great story.

The Midnight Heir : 5 stars My favorite so far! This short story takes place in London. Magnus has spent the past twenty-five years in New York and he has returned as promised to Camille. Only that love affair was a rude awakening. One night while Magnus is out being fabulous he meets the wild and debauched James Herondale, son of Will and Tessa. Tired of following James and saving him from himself, Magnus escorts James back to the London Institute, back in the loving arms of his parents. Squee! I'm always up for more Will and Tessa...and Jem! Magnus is such a great friend. Excellent story.

The Rise of the Hotel Dumort : 3 stars This short story takes place in New York during the stockmarket crash of 1929...and Prohibition. Magnus, not being the sort to adhere to mundane law, is running a speak easy. He's also having a spot of trouble with Aldous, the High Warlock of New York, who is, as Magnus puts it, older than the calendar and wants to take a final trip to Pandemonium. It was just okay.

Saving Raphael Santiago : 4 stars Set in New York in 1953, Magnus is now amusing himself with private detective work. He's hired by a woman to find her son who she fears has been changed into a vampire. Magnus finds him at the Hotel Dumont dirty and newly changed. That vampire is Raphael. Hopeful to go home again, Raphael stays with Magnus until he can learn to control himself and pass as a non-vampire, mainly by being able to wear his cross and speak the Lord's name without noticeable pain. I liked this story okay. One thing I do like is how Clare always adds a pop culture reference relevant to the era. Nice touch.

The Fall of the Hotel Dumort : 4 stars Set in New York during the Son of Sam era, New York is experiencing a blackout. Magnus has to work with the werewolves to force Camille to take control of her vamps. They've discovered they can get a high from drinking the blood of mundanes that are under the influence and that's making them greedy and sloppy and that's not good for anyone. I liked it.

What to Buy the Shadowhunter Who Has Everything : 5 stars It's Alec's birthday. His and Magnus's relationship is not yet defined and Magnus is stressing over what kind of present to get him. After an amusing conversation with a demon and his warlock friends, Catarina and Ragnor, and after a heartfelt talk with Isabelle, Magnus comes up with the perfect gift. Loved it.

The Last Stand of the New York Institute : 5 stars Set in New York, this short story gives us a look at some of

the first devastation caused by Valentine's circle. A small werewolf boy that escaped a Downworlder safe house that was under attack enlists Magnus's help. Years later while Magnus is hanging out with Tessa (Eek!) Valentine's wife, Jocelyn, begs for Magnus's help in making sure her daughter, Clary, sees the world as a mundane does. So good. The Course of True Love (and first dates) : 5 stars What begins as an awkward first date between Magnus and Alec ends on a high note when they have to work together on a job. Very sweet! The Voicemail of Magnus Bane : 5 stars Poor Magnus is very upset with what Alec did. Now he's not answering his phone. This short story is a series of voicemail messages, some sincere (Alec), some hilarious (Izzy), and some professional (something to do with toads). Loved it!

Why you should read it: Magnus Bane was my favorite character in the books. He was so engrossing, so crazy, so beautiful and mysterious, I wanted more of him. I even liked how he was portrayed in the movie (can I please get a more adult sequel, please please please?) So when the first Bane Chronicles came out, I downloaded it, and the next and the next. I couldn't wait for them all to be together in one book, and the audio versions are awesome. For any Mortal Instruments fan (and obviously Magnus Bane fan), you should pick this up. The cover is gorgeous and all three authors are talented and made me laugh through each of Magnus' adventures. Head over to the HEA Blog to see what Maureen and Sarah have to say about our illustrious and notorious Magnus Bane

A wonderful addition to the collection of any Cassandra Clare fan! I own all of her other works in her Shadowhunter Series' and I absolutely love this newest volume! I couldn't stop laughing for the entirety of the first of the short stories and enjoyed all of the others as well! I believe that "The Bane Chronicles" will entertain and delight Shadowhunter fans both old and new!

Zoe's Review - When I saw that they were going to do short stories on Magnus Bane, I knew that it would be hilarious and it was even better than I expected. The stories are from many different times in Magnus's life and they make references to the characters in the Mortal Instruments or the Infernal Devices. While reading them I found myself laughing so hard there were tears in my eyes and other times touched by what Magnus Bane was doing. These short stories changed my view of Magnus Bane and really made me understand why he does the things he does. If you loved the Infernal Devices or the Mortal Instruments, then you will want to read this. Maci's Review - The Bane Chronicles by Cassandra Clare is the stories of Magnus Bane's life. This is a companion book to all

of the Shadowhunter books, it is ten short stories about Magnus's life. Magnus Bane is one of my favorite characters in all of the Shadowhunter books so I was super excited to learn about his life. In this book some of the things it talks about what happens in Peru, Raphael Santiago. and the first time Magnus met Valentine. Those are some of my favorite stories out of the ten in the book. I would say that The Bane Chronicles is much better than City of Heavenly Fire. I would recommend this book to anyone who loves Magnus Bane.

I choose this rating because the book is good. What I like about the book is that It's not easy being Magnus Bane. As a warlock, he's often called upon to fix the problems of others. His life has been long, and his loves have been many. And Magnus has a way of making sure he's at the right place at the right or perhaps wrong time. The French Revolution, Prohibition, the great blackout of New York City, the first great battle between Valentine and the New York Institute... Magnus was there, and usually in the middle of it. But smuggling Marie Antoinette out of France is nothing compared to loving a vampire like Camille Belcourt or having a first date with Alec Lightwood. Though Magnus's tale is far from over, these stories shed a little light on his often inscrutable character. What happens when an immortal warlock goes mad? Are all Herondales as problematic as Will? (Answer: yes.) What exactly happened at the Hotel Dumort? How did Raphael Santiago become a vampire? What do you buy for your Shadowhunter boyfriend when you're not really dating? And why was Magnus banned from Peru? Magnus will never be able to tell all of his tales. No one would believe him. But here are eleven stories that fill in some of the blanks stories he probably wishes had never gotten out. What I dislike about the book is that I wanted to read more of it. I would recommend this book to other people.

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