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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

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By the Angel, it's a new series from the reigning queen of schmaltzy forbidden love against a backdrop of geysering green ichor. Five years after the events of *City of Heavenly Fire* (2014), another generation of Shadowhunters confronts first love despite the sins of their fathers. Emma Carstairs and Julian Blackthorn are 17-year-old parabatai, platonically bonded warrior lifemates, sworn to each other since they were both orphaned at 12. Julian, responsible for his four younger siblings, became grave and adult before his time, while Emma grew reckless and obsessed with revenge. Now a series of occult murders has caught Emma's attention. The resulting chaos is trademark Clare, complete with longing looks, uncannily pretty boys, and snarky banter. No mere love triangles here; the circle of taboo ardor has six participants, all preternaturally lovely and extraordinary fighters, Shadowhunter and faerie both; though most are white and the primary characters straight, at least one is explicitly brown-skinned and two of the secondary members bisexual. It's not just lust and romance driving Emma and Julian; they're positively throbbing with stoically stifled emotions for siblings, their Mexican Nephilim allies, and the long-lost half-faerie Blackthorns. Though uneven, this series opener delivers what's promised: eyes like "doors to another world," "the ocean a mile down from the surface," "an oncoming storm over the ocean," or "the back of a silver spoon." Fans of Clare's grandiloquence will enjoy the torrid new cast of characters, positively aquiver with secret ardor and murderous zeal. (Urban fantasy. 13-17) (Kirkus Reviews 2/15/16)

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intense cliff-hanger ending, demand for the sequel is likely to be just as high.

HIGH-DEMAND BACKSTORY: With a *Shadowhunters* TV series now on air, Clare has never been more popular. This new series delivers plenty of the violence, otherworldly intrigue, and star-crossed romances readers have come to expect.

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