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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 4–7—This volume picks up right after the events of book one. Just weeks after saving the seven-day world from destruction at the hands of the evil King Wylit, Jax Aubrey discovers he might not be the orphan he thinks he is. When his best friend is kidnapped, Jax learns that he may have a mysterious long-lost Uncle and possibly the family he craves. Unfortunately, Uncle Finn happens to be the Inquisitor for the ruthless, criminally minded Dulacs, the family that had Jax's guardian Riley's entire family assassinated. During a search for Jax's liege-lady, Evangeline's sister Riley is trapped in the eighth day and Jax uses the time to rush to New York to save his friend and find out more about his family. Sure enough, Jax is related—his Uncle and Jax's deceased father look eerily alike, and Jax even has a near-identical cousin, Dorian. But is Dorian a friend or just another pawn in the seeming endless political intrigue of the Dulacs? Jax will need to find out soon or he could lose Riley, Evangeline, and much more. Salerni does a good job of portraying Jax's desperate need to fit in and find a family. Readers learn more about the Eighth Day, the Transitioners, the magical Kin, and their connection to Arthurian legend. The narrative is split between Jax and Dorian and there could have been a little more distinction between the two voices at times. The concept and the characters, however, are strong enough to carry the weight of a few minor flaws and *The Inquisitor's Mark* should continue to entertain its audience who will now eagerly await book three.—Erik Knapp, Davis Library, Plano, TX

Review

“Combining modern intrigue and ancient magic, this second volume in what continues to be an inspired series does not disappoint. Jax is an endearing mix of heroic and awkward as he struggles with his new identity. An exciting blend of Arthurian legend and organized crime.” (Kirkus)

“Blending Arthurian legend with action-packed adventure, the second in the Eighth Day series answers some questions but leaves plenty dangling for the next book.” (ALA Booklist)

“The concept and the characters are strong, and should continue to entertain its audience who will now eagerly await book three.” (School Library Journal)

“Ancient magic pairs nicely with modern intrigue. Complicated alliances and ruthless villains keep the pages turning. A promising start to a new trilogy.” (Kirkus Reviews (on *The Eighth Day*))

“[A] fast-paced, magical adventure. An unparalleled mix of evil villains, humor, and background that set this up for a likeable trilogy to be recommended for fans of Percy Jackson and Harry Potter. Absolutely necessary for middle grades.” (Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA) (on *The Eighth Day*))

“Fascinating...Melds Arthurian legend into present day. Fast paced and exciting.” (School Library Journal (on *The Eighth Day*))

From the Back Cover

Related to the enemy. Loyal to their target.

After returning from an all-out war in Mexico, Jax Aubrey, his guardian, Riley, and liege lady, Evangeline Emrys, are in hiding. So when a man named Finn Ambrose tracks them down, claiming to be Jax's uncle,

their defenses go up.

As it turns out, Uncle Finn is part of the Dulacs, a dangerous enemy clan. After the Dulacs kidnap Jax's best friend, Billy, in order to lure Jax to their residence in Manhattan, Jax has no choice but to go to the city on his own or risk endangering Riley and Evangeline.

There, he meets Uncle Finn; his cousin, Dorian; and the rest of his crooked relatives—plus he inadvertently stumbles upon a maze of magic tunnels beneath their apartment building. And what Jax finds there could put the entire Eighth Day *and* the Emrys bloodline in jeopardy.

Users Review

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Celia Redmond:

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