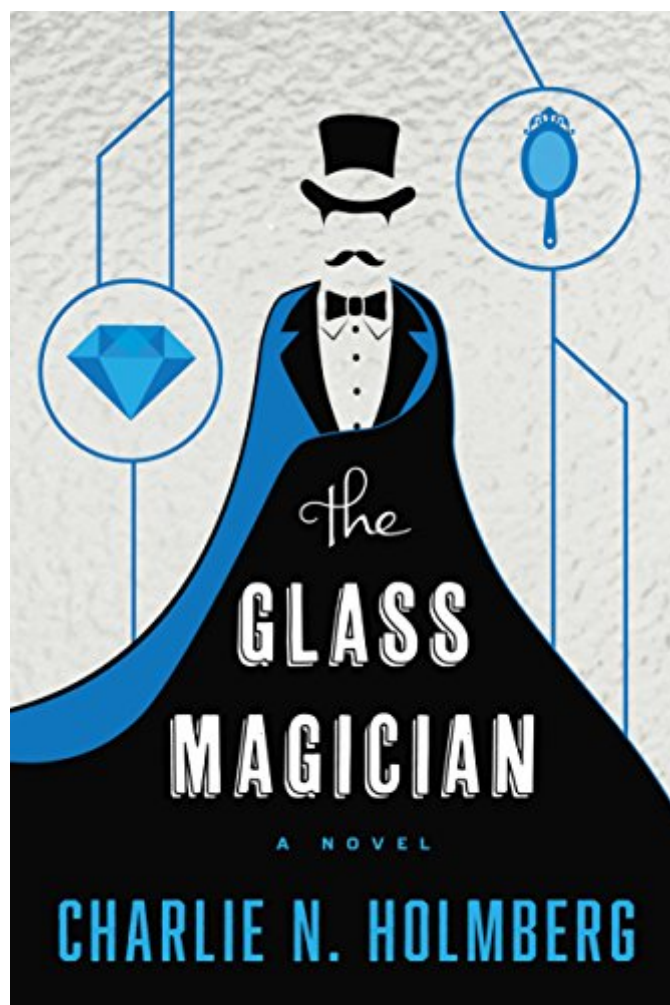


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Synopsis

Three months after returning Magician Emery Thane's heart to his body, Ceony Twill is well on her way to becoming a Folder. Unfortunately, not all of Ceony's thoughts have been focused on paper magic. Though she was promised romance by a fortuity box, Ceony still hasn't broken the teacher-student barrier with Emery, despite their growing closeness. When a magician with a penchant for revenge believes that Ceony possesses a secret, he vows to discover it even if it tears apart the very fabric of their magical world. After a series of attacks target Ceony and catch those she holds most dear in the crossfire, Ceony knows she must find the true limits of her powers and keep her knowledge from falling into wayward hands. The delightful sequel to Charlie N. Holmberg's *The Paper Magician*, *The Glass Magician* will charm readers young and old alike.

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Customer Reviews

I was so excited for the next chapter in the series that I pre-ordered it. While I enjoyed being back in this world, I have to admit that the character development was pretty flat and that Ceony became a bit unlikable, in the same vein as Bella Swan. While I don't believe she is as weak a character as Bella, she's going down that road pretty fast. She's obsessing about a guy, who is so obviously into

her, but she is blind to it. I love a good romance and this one has that potential, but I don't think the heroine needs to doubt herself at the most basic levels to provide conflict. She's smart, determined, resourceful...why can't she be all of those things and in love too? Instead, Holmberg played her as rash and rebellious, not caring about the very real consequences of her actions. I loved the addition of Delilah and other apprentices and magicians because it gave a bit more life to this world. Set in early 20th century England, I found the technical advancements paired well with magic. There is a bit of history there that when mixed with fantasy, provides a fresh take on a well mapped subject. The continuation of the Excisioner story was full of potential, however I feel that got lost with Grath chasing Ceony and everyone else chasing the Saraj. I wanted the author to delve deeper into this world and give it a history! However, I'm left with a relatively flat story that doesn't inspire me to dig deeper. While I'm remiss to compare this to the "other" famous magical world (we all know what I'm talking about), I will say that the "other" world had details that made it interesting outside of the characters. Finally, I thought the story moved well until it got to the end...that felt very rushed.

The Glass Magician picks up about three months after Ceony went chasing after the woman who literally stole Magician Emery Thane's heart and subsequently found herself caught in said heart (again literally). This time, Ceony is under scrutiny for how she ultimately defeated Lira. There are those who want to know how she did it and what exactly she did. Those same people will resort to any means possible to figure out Ceony's secret. The Glass Magician went by just as quickly as The Paper Magician. It did start out a little slow, but as soon as the point came where we knew Ceony was in trouble, things picked up rather quickly. The relationship between Ceony and Thane is still tenuous. They tip-toe around the revelations Ceony made to him while ensconced within his heart and Ceony doesn't know if her feelings for Thane are one-sided or reciprocated. I did like that Ceony was pretty level-headed about her feelings. True, she would get the flighty in love spacey kind of feeling (like butterflies in your stomach), but she would be quick to acknowledge them for what they were. She never got too over her head with her feelings. She does realize that he is still her teacher and may not feel the same way about her. While I like Ceony's character a lot, and I love that she's this smart kind of take charge person, she is still prone to making some irritating choices, mainly in regards to those who are pursuing her for information. It's easy to forget that she's still just an apprentice magician. I think she herself forgets that sometimes as well. There are people who are more knowledgeable than Ceony, but it's her inexperience that causes her to make mistakes. Fortunately, it doesn't take away from that fact that, overall, I like her character.

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