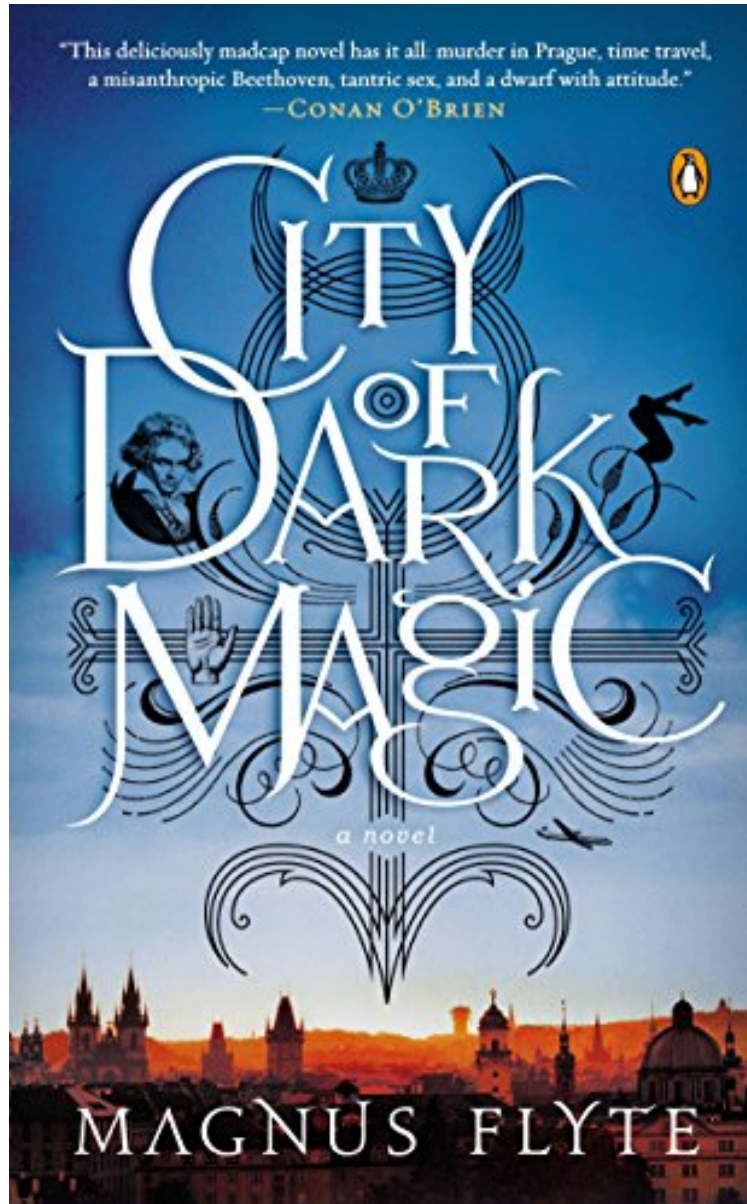


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Von Magnus Flyte : City of Dark Magic: A Novel before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised City of Dark Magic: A Novel:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. 30 Nights Insomniac ReviewsVon Jill BEver since I went to Prague for the first time, I've been absolutely in love with the

city. Because of that I rarely pass up an opportunity to read a novel set in Prague. City of Dark Magic starts with Sarah receiving the job offer that brings her to Prague. She is quite excited about this, as one can imagine. However, she also finds out that her favourite professor appears to have killed himself while working on the same project she is going to work on. One tremendous issue I had with this is the following: Sarah apparently speaks German. Which in itself is of course not a problem. It is however a problem that she keeps dropping German words into English sentences. "It was verboten. Or whatever the Czech equivalent of verboten was." Things like that. And then of course, if you write in a language that you don't speak, make sure that the vocabulary you look up is accurate. At one point, someone calls Sarah an "Ausfall". When I read this, I was utterly confused as to what this was supposed to mean. Afterwards Sarah translates Ausfall to failure. However, in that sense, failure would be Versagerin in German and Ausfall means outage. Oops. Apart from that, I mostly enjoyed it. Some scenes were very funny, others quite ridiculous. After my initial problems with Sarah (she thinks about her libido way more often than I'd care to know about), I started to care about what happened to her, especially since she seems to manoeuvre herself into very dangerous situations. City of Dark Magic is quite busy, and especially the plot string concerning Charlotte Yates seems too much for me. I think she could easily have been written out of the book without losing any of the plot. If she hadn't been in it, the book might have been a little shorter but also easier to digest. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Brilliant Von DER KUNDE Das Buch ist spannend, unterhaltsam und vor allem klug geschrieben. Prag als Stadt wirklich toll dargestellt - der Fortsetzungsroman spielt ebenfalls in Prag und in Wien. Musikliebhaber kommen voll auf ihre Rechnung.

Kurzbeschreibung Cosmically fast-paced, wildly imaginative, and with City of Lost Dreams the bewitching sequel on shelves now, City of Dark Magic is the perfect potion of magic and suspense. Once a city of enormous wealth and culture, Prague was home to emperors, alchemists, astronomers, and, as its whispered, hell portals. When music student Sarah Weston lands a summer job at Prague Castle cataloging Beethoven's manuscripts, she has no idea how dangerous her life is about to become. Prague is a threshold, Sarah is warned, and it is steeped in blood. Soon after Sarah arrives, strange things begin to happen. She learns that her mentor, who was working at the castle, may not have committed suicide after all. Could his cryptic notes be warnings? As Sarah parses his clues about Beethoven's Immortal Beloved, she manages to get arrested, to have tantric sex in a public fountain, and to discover a time-warping drug. She also catches the attention of a four-hundred-year-old dwarf, the handsome Prince Max, and a powerful U.S. senator with secrets she will do anything to hide. And the story continues in City of Lost Dreams, the mesmerizing sequel, which finds Sarah in the heart of Vienna, embroiled in a new web of mystical secrets and treacherous lies. Pressestimmen Praise for "The City of Dark Magic " by Magnus Flyte "This deliciously madcap novel has it all: murder in Prague, time travel, a misanthropic Beethoven, tantric sex, and a dwarf with attitude. I salute you, Magnus Flyte!" --Conan O'Brien "The riddle of Beethoven's 'Immortal Beloved,' alchemy and clandestine love fuse in this fast-paced, funny, romantic mystery. ... An exuberant, surprising gem." --Kirkus s "The most wickedly enchanting novel I've ever read and also the funniest. A Champagne magnum of intrigue and wit, this book sparkles from beginning to end." --Anne Fortier, bestselling author of "Juliet" The riddle of Beethoven's "Immortal Beloved," alchemy and clandestine love fuse in this fast-paced, funny, romantic mystery. Meg Howrey ("The Cranes Dance", 2012, etc.) and television writer Christina Lynch have combined their talents, writing under the pseudonym Magnus Flyte. Brilliant musicologist Sarah Weston has been summoned to Prague to catalog Beethoven manuscripts at the Lobkowitz Palace. How can she refuse? Her mentor, Professor Sherbatsky, has defenestrated himself from the palace, and a dwarf has appeared at her door, encouraging her to go and presenting her with a pillbox containing what appears to be a toenail clipping. Yet Prague is a dangerous place, a place where the walls between worlds have thinned to precariously fragile layers. But Sarah cannot believe Sherbatsky committed suicide, and she is eager to study the manuscripts, so she begins to pack. Before she can even get to the airport, however, someone breaks into her apartment. Nothing appears to be stolen, but an ominous alchemical symbol has been drawn on her kitchen ceiling. Once in Prague, events turn both stranger and sexier. The castle lies at the center of a dispute between two branches of the Lobkowitz family. As Sarah dutifully sifts through the manuscripts, she discovers clues not only about the "Immortal Beloved," but also Sherbatsky's strange behavior leading up to his death. The other scholars hired that summer to catalog the castle's contents suspect Sherbatsky of drug use, and Sarah finds herself experimenting with the time-warping drug. She also accidentally has anonymous sex in the bathroom, joins forces with a 400-year-old dwarf, lands in jail and falls in love with the prince. But Sarah has also attracted an enemy, someone who will stop at nothing to keep Sarah from discovering a secret of perhaps international proportions. Even the minor characters are drawn ingeniously in this exuberant, surprising gem. --"Kirkus s" "A story that abounds in mysterious portents, wild coincidences, violent death, and furtive but lusty sex ... [this novel] cleverly combin[es] time travel, murder, history, and musical lore." --"Publishers Weekly" "The darkly charming and twisted streets of Prague provide the deliciously dramatic backdrop for this paranormal romp that fires on all cylinders, masquerading by turns as a romance, a time-travel thriller, and a

tongue-in-cheek mystery." --"Booklist"***A "New and Noteworthy" pick by "USA Today***" Praise for "The City of Dark Magic " by Magnus Flyte "This deliciously madcap novel has it all: murder in Prague, time travel, a misanthropic Beethoven, tantric sex, and a dwarf with attitude. I salute you, Magnus Flyte!" --Conan O'Brien "An entertaining mix of magic, mystery and romance, it's one of the most original novels released this year." "--"CNN.com "A fantastical adventure set in the world's most emo city. ... A growing number of novels seek to erect fanciful bulwarks against the dull logistical deluge of the real world. ... To read these novels is to finally and happily tread the literally magical streets of cities that will only ever exist in our naive imaginings. The officious yet sinister London of China Mieville, Neal Gaiman, Jonathan Barnes, and Mark Hodder; the tense, swollen Istanbul of Ian McDonald; Emma Bull's faerie-haunted Minneapolis, Rob Thurman's monstrous New York City, Laurell K. Hamilton's matter-of-factly supernatural St. Louis: None of them exist, yet all of them are real. To this almanac add the Prague of "City of Dark Magic", by Magnus Flyte. ... Beguiling ..."City of Dark Magic" never fails to shimmer exotically, erotically, on the page." --Slate.com "A comical, rollicking and sexy thriller." "--Huffington Post" "I was sold on newcomer Magnus Flyte's recent novel when I looked at the clock and realized that I'd been reading for four hours without pause. ... Rom-coms can, indeed, be smart, sexy, and self-aware." "--"Tor.com "Sometimes you want a book that simply entertains, and "City of Dark "does just that. There's a bit of everything, and when one scene seems impossible, know that the next will top it. Go with it. It's a good ride and a great way to escape reality for a bit." "--"Bookreporter.com "A wild ride through the streets and history of Prague. ... The author has crafted a beautiful work of art in this novel and I found myself drawn in as much as Sarah. A tantalizing world grows in your mind's eye as the author's words paint the picture effortlessly with tempestuous characters and a beautifully dark setting." --"Bibliophilic Book BlogKurzbeschreibungCosmically fast-paced, wildly imaginative, and withCity of Lost Dreamsthe bewitching sequelon shelves now, City of Dark Magic is the perfect potion of magic and suspenseOnce a city of enormous wealth and culture, Prague was home to emperors, alchemists, astronomers, and, as its whispered, hell portals. When music student Sarah Weston lands a summer job at Prague Castle cataloging Beethovens manuscripts, she has no idea how dangerous her life is about to become.Prague is a threshold,Sarah is warned,and it is steeped in blood.Soon after Sarah arrives, strange things begin to happen. She learns that her mentor, who was working at the castle, may not have committed suicide after all. Could his cryptic notes be warnings? As Sarah parses his clues about Beethovens Immortal Beloved, she manages to get arrested, to have tantric sex in a public fountain, and to discover a time-warping drug. She also catches the attention of a four-hundred-year-old dwarf, the handsome Prince Max, and a powerful U.S. senator with secrets she will do anything to hide.And the story continues in City of Lost Dreams, the mesmerizing sequel, which finds Sarah in the heart of Vienna, embroiled in a new web of mystical secrets and treacherous lies.