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Fans of The Mortal Instruments and The Infernal Devices know that Magnus Bane is banned from Peru—and now they can find out why. One of ten adventures in The Bane Chronicles.

There are good reasons Peru is off-limits to Magnus Bane. Follow Magnus's Peruvian escapades as he drags his fellow warlocks Ragnor Fell and Catarina Loss into trouble, learns several instruments (which he plays shockingly), dances (which he does shockingly), and disgraces his host nation by doing something unspeakable to the Nazca Lines.

This standalone e-only short story illuminates the life of the enigmatic Magnus Bane, whose alluring personality populates the pages of the #1 New York Times bestselling series, The Mortal Instruments and The Infernal Devices series. This story in The Bane Chronicles, What Really Happened in Peru, is written by Sarah Rees Brennan and Cassandra Clare.

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## From Reader Review What Really Happened in Peru for online ebook

### Jessie says

1.5 stars

Just...nothing special. I was expecting something fun, but instead I got a few chapters of what Magnus did in Peru. The whole thing bored me out, and nothing was answered. I hope the other novellas are better than this. You could've done a lot better, Clare.

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### Kai says

*“The letter I received said you had need of my particular talents, but I must confess that I have so many talents that I am not sure which one you require.”*

This was so bad. Probably the worst thing Cassandra Clare has ever written.

1. The plot is weak
2. The jokes are forced and therefore not funny
3. The whole meaning of this short story is a mystery to me
4. Magnus Bane is horribly boring and repetitive and annoying as hell

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### Stephanie (Bookfever) says

I shall call this ebook The Merry Adventure of Magnus Bane, Ragnor Fell and Catarina Loss!

I have just finished Clockwork Princess before I started this. Let's say I was in need of a Magnus fix after that.

How I loved this ebook about how Magnus got banned from Peru. Everything from Magnus himself to his friends to the setting to everything they do was just so much fun! And with fun I mean monkeys, llamas, freaking flying carpets and what not!

I simply adored Ragnor Fell or as I will call him from now on my little cabbage. With his green skin and slightly suspiciousness towards Magnus he's one hell of a travel companion which brings us to Catarina Loss. I really liked her. She's awesome with her blue skin and white hair. I bet she's really pretty!

But of course it wasn't all fun and games. Sometimes there were sad parts, however they weren't frequent or anything. And yet, I feel so bad for Magnus. But anyway, this was a great short story all about Magnus Bane's greatness and I can't wait to read more!

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### celine (celinereads) says

I LOVE Magnus (which is why I'm giving this two stars instead of one). He's funny and sassy, but What Really Happened In Peru was slightly disappointing and the ending was a little frustrating :(

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## Andre says

Have you ever been curious why Magnus is banned from Peru? Why all those warlocks decided he was not welcome anymore? Where you burning with that question what could be so horrible to receive such a punishment?

No?

Well good for you because this book doesn't answer that question anyway.

This is what the synopsis promised:

*Fans of The Mortal Instruments and The Infernal Devices know that Magnus Bane is banned from Peru—and now they can find out why.*

Well the last time I encountered such a lie was in Stephenie Meyer's Twilight Guide. Actually this book is somewhat similar. But more to that later, let's look at what the synopsis promised:

### **A fucking lie.**

Sure it starts out with teasing you that it will answer the question, but it never does.

So this is the start:

*It was a sad moment in Magnus Bane's life when he was banned from Peru by the High Council of Peruvian warlocks. It was not just because the posters with a picture of him that were passed around Downworld in Peru were so wildly unflattering. It was because Peru was one of his favorite places.*

*He had had many adventures there, and had many wonderful memories, starting with the time in 1791 when he had invited Ragnor Fell to join him for a festive sightseeing escape in Lima.*

And this is the end:

*Magnus's sudden turn to a life of crime, shockingly enough, was not the reason he was banned from Peru either. The High Council of Peruvian warlocks met in secret, and a letter was sent to Magnus several months later announcing that he had been banned from Peru, on pain of death, for "crimes unspeakable." Despite his inquiries, he never received an answer to the question of what he had been banned for. To this day, whatever it is that actually got him banned from Peru is—and perhaps must always remain—a mystery.*

See what I mean?

And if you think that I spoiled it for you now, don't worry either, because neither start nor end have anything to do with the rest of the book.

I mentioned that it is similar somewhat to Stephenie Meyer's Twilight Guide and this is why:

We don't really learn much about Magnus that we didn't know already. It is basically the same stuff that was already said in her previous books. In most cases Magnus also acts the same and we don't really get to know any new people and these two warlocks serve to point anyway despite Ragnro being Magnus's opposite and Catarina kissing Magnus's ass. And where are all the warlocks of Peru anyway? We never meet any warlock we didn't know from the Mortal Instruments already. And that is the problem: we only meet the additional warlocks Ragnor Fell and Catarina Loss. Not only are their names as stupid as that of Magnus, but we also either knew them or knew of them from the Mortal Instruments and The Infernal Devices. Why not some new warlocks?

And this is not all, reading how Magnus acted I could not help be remembered of Jace from the Mortal Instruments and Will from Infernal Devices books. If that is the character Clare had in mind when she decided to pair him with Alec in Mortal Instruments no wonder she did it, in this book he seems like Jace 2.0 (or 3.0 considered that Will was already Jace 2.0) and Alec had a "crush" on Jace. His attitude, his behavior, that all reminds me of Jace and Will. It seems like the same character, again. He is just as annoying, arrogant, selfish, shallow and fickle, not to mention to be completely incapable of seeing his own flaws. Also he seems very grafted and not developed. If the authors wanted to make him sympathetic, they failed, they failed miserably. I never really liked Magnus in the other books because I thought he acted like a child and here it is even more so. I can't say too much now, I will leave that for the spoiler section, but I can say this: While reading this I just too often thought "What an asshole." Fans can be lucky they never read too much of Magnus in the other books, because if he was supposed to be the way he was in this book he is just... You will see what I mean, if you dare.

The funny thing is that some parts of the book I actually had to laugh at. It was in many ways written like a parody or a general sitcom or comedy. And as funny as it was, that is the problem. It is supposed to be a book that gives you insight into an actual character. A character that is not from any comedic genre and thereby it fails in itself. This Magnus, and many of the other characters, are usually not real people. They are caricatures and nothing more.

Several times the thought "what did they smoke" crossed my mind. The characters don't really develop, a lot makes no sense or has no relevance, there is weird language and weird characters, with Magnus being the worst, and no real sense behind it all. We don't really get to know anything about Magnus we hadn't known before. It is overall a very useless book, except as an example on how not to write and how gullible and crazy fans are who likes this. If you want to read it, get a copy from a library or lend it from a friend, but don't waste money on this, it is not worth it.

Much of what they write doesn't make sense and too often I asked myself whether they even can write and how much research of the respective time periods did they even make. A lot of the book was just cheap attempts at reader manipulation in my eyes and it was so obvious, that was the worst.

There is one thing I just noticed:

For someone who supposedly made such a big deal to have Magnus played by Godfrey Gao in the upcoming movie and have Jem be portrayed by an Asian model on the cover of Clockwork prince (albeit they didn't get his hair or eyes right) it is surely weird that for this cover she didn't seem to have bothered to get it across. Sure it is obvious that the character is neither African nor Australian but still, what is he? European? Asian? I think this is intentional and stinks of the practice of not wanting to show Non-White models on the cover. Ok, I will leave the rest for the spoiler and stop here or otherwise I will spoil it for everybody.

Ok, now to the main part of my review, I guess it is more than the book is worth but seeing all the praise here for such a bad book I could not do any different but take notes while reading this, and I actually don't want to. Someone has to say it. This must have been the worst review I ever made; because the book is just... how can you do so much wrong in so little time? How is that possible? How???

This book was so bad it triggered a review/rant of mine that was so long it could not fit here. So this here is the short version, if you want to read the long version you would have to read it on my Deviant Art Journal: <http://fav.me/d63cu8a>

The one on Deviantart also has the most spoilers since there was just so much crap. So this version here is actually the version suitable for children.

Well, see for yourselves if you dare, but be warned out there will be spoilers (and possibly strong language, depending on your age group):

(view spoiler)

## Christina says

**"He'd learned this lesson a long time ago: Even in the midst of heartbreak, you could still find yourself laughing."**

3 stars!

This short story is simply a compilation of different trips that Magnus took to Peru over the span of many years, with fellow warlock friends. The adventures they'd had...drunk and sober. The heartache he experienced while there.

So why did Magnus become banned from Peru?

That remains a mystery to us all...including him.

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## Mitch says

Nothing apparently.

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## Lex says

HOLY. MAGNUS. CRAP. The Bane Chronicles... Hello there. :P I'd love to read you especially with Godfrey Gao in my mind while reading the stories, even this short ones. :P

UPDATE: Out now!!! I love the cover! I think it's Godfrey Gao! Damn. \*melts\* I'm gonna read it now!!!

## REVIEW

As you all know, I really like Magnus. Love him even. So WHY?! WHY does it have to have a title like that if you'll just end it like that?! WHY?! Here I am wishing I'll know some of his secrets. But noooooo... I'm a bit disappointed at HOW it ends. :(

BUT I must say I love the second part of the book. That part where he was drunk. So drunk! LOVE that part! I really enjoyed that part. Was laughing at the office while reading it. My seatmate was like "You're so happy there. What's up?" LMAO.

“You told us to leave you in the desert, because you planned to start a new life as a cactus,”  
Catarina said, her voice flat.

“Then you conjured up tiny needles and threw them at us. With pinpoint accuracy.”

“Magnus, you were trying to flirt with your own plate.”

## Radmila says

3,75 STARS!!!

*"I can't get enough adventure", Magnus said lightly. "And adventure cannot get enough of me."*

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## xrysa says

[monkey! (hide spoiler)]

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## Stacia (the 2010 club) says

This is the actor playing Magnus in the upcoming *Mortal Instruments* movie. Isn't he lovely?

### Two words about *What Really Happened in Peru* :

Fun  
Forgettable

*This is a short story which takes place pre-Mortal Instruments.* As many short stories go, it's not much more than just a collection of brief extras, showing Magnus in a few adventures while out on his own. You will not have needed to have read either the *Mortal Instruments* or the *Infernal Devices* series in order to read this, but I don't see why the story would be all that interesting to anyone who doesn't already have a love for Magnus. As well, there are brief mentions of characters from other series (not having to do with the story, however), that might fly right over your head if you don't know who they are from reading the companion books.

If you can't get enough of Magnus, you'll enjoy this collection of short stories. Otherwise, don't feel pressured to have to read this. It's not a "have-to" in order to keep up with the world.

Not that I was complaining about having to spend time with Magnus or anything...

*"Magnus, you were trying to flirt with your own plate."*

*"I'm a very open-minded sort of fellow!"*

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### **Gemma says**

[brought an unpleasant maybe-end to Magnus and Alec's cute little romance (hide spoiler)]

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### **Hud-c says**

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**SCREW YOU**

**GO RELEASE IT NEXT MONTH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

or else I'm using my secret CAT GUN.

(hide spoiler)]

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### **Annie Brewer says**

Oh Magnus, the Magnificent Warlock...have I ever told you how much I love you?! Have I?! You are superb! Fantastic! Amazing! Sexy! I love love love the hell out of you! It's no surprise that I'd love this short story. Cassandra Clare can do no wrong. Seriously. She's...g\*d damn perfect! I love Cassie! I love Magnus! Thank you for giving us this piece of awesomeness! I can't wait for the next short story, next month and the next journey we get to ride on with Magnus. I love him! I love him! I love him! Thank you!

Oh yay!!! We get to find out "What Reaaalllly Happened in Peru" with Magnus!!!! Love the title. Dying for this book now! Love my witty Warlock! EEEEEP!!!!

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### **Evelyn Swift (Featherbrained Books) says**

This what a bit anticlimactic...I mean the title is "What Really Happened in Peru" so you think that would have been answered?

It was set in short stories from various years Magnus has visited Peru, and while I enjoyed the first story with Ragnor, I didn't really care for the other ones or the abrupt ending that didn't actually answer why Magnus has been banned from Peru.

I really hope the other novellas are better!

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### **Ferdy says**

## Spoilers

Pointless. Why? I still don't know why the fucky fuck Magnus was banned from Peru?! And that was meant to be the whole point of this fucking bastard novella!!

I have to say, Magnus wasn't nearly as enigmatic and charming in his own novella. He had quite a few POV's in TID and TMI, and in those he was still more or less interesting... That's probably because his previous POV's were short thus making it easier to portray him as complex and mysterious. But now that I've been in his head longer, it's quite clear that Magnus is just a **whiny-crybaby-bitch**.

All he did was moan, and I just couldn't feel sorry for him — he was immortal, he had super cool powers, he had a million lovers, he fell in love with everyone and anyone, he had good friends, he got to do whatever the hell he wanted, he travelled all over the world and did all sorts of exciting things. YET he still acted like he had shit life... Ugh.

There was no real story in *What Really Happened in Peru*, it was just a bunch of scenes mish-mashed together... But because they were all set in Peru, I'm guessing I was meant to think that there was an actual story with a beginning, middle and end. That was not the case.

A breakdown:

- The first chapter (set in 1791), Magnus and Ragnor came across a monkey and then ended up in bird shit.
- Second Chapter (set in 1885), Magnus and his friends help some random person locate some random object.
- Third chapter (set in 1890), Magnus learnt to play an instrument so he could get closer to some musician guy, he then fell in love with said musician, he was then dumped by said musician and then went on a bender and felt sorry for himself because he had a twaggy wuv life.
- Fourth chapter (set in 1962), Magnus bumped into some random girl in the street, she happened to be a con-woman/thief and even though Magnus/con-woman knew each other less than 30 seconds they decided to run off together and be criminals, naturally they fell in love.

So yea... It was all just random unconnected stuff that Magnus did in Peru at different periods of time — and none of those things were the reason he was banned from Peru.

Why write a synopsis that says:

*'Fans of The Mortal Instruments and The Infernal Devices know that Magnus Bane is banned from Peru—and now they can find out why.'*

...WHEN THAT DIDN'T FUCKING HAPPEN?!

I'm really starting to hate Magnus - he's so whiny and I'm put off by 1. How many times he's fallen in love and 2. How easily he falls in love. It just makes his 'love' for Alex seem like nothing special and I no longer buy that Magnus even loves Alex. It's clear that when Alex dies that Magnus will have no trouble moving on and finding someone new to love. I hope Alex finds another guy in CoHF because he deserves better than being Magnus's latest 'love'.

Will I read the next one? Yes, but I shall borrow an e-copy from the library. I refuse to waste my money on Magnus's boring-whiny-selfpitying 'adventures'.

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**Grace (LovingDemBooks) Z. says**

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**2 of 5 stars (Please read my rating system further below).** I had super high expectations for the opening

short story of *The Bane Chronicles*. Sadly, *What Really Happened in Peru* wasn't very near to meeting expectations. The writing was very inconsistent, which makes it very evident that the story was written by more than one author. The inconsistent writing took away the endearing experience that I usually have while reading books in the *Shadowhunter's Chronicles* and I was really disappointed by that. My favorite part about this short story was being able to find out what Magnus was doing before we met him in any of the Shadowhunter books, it was pretty great.

**My rating system:** (I do use half stars.)

**5 - I do not use the 5 star.** Not because a book might not be worthy, but because a book is never perfect.

**4 - I loved it!** There weren't too many flaws, and I had no trouble getting through it. (A 4 star rating is the highest rating I've ever given a book.)

**3 - I enjoyed** the book, but there were flaws that made me enjoy it less.

**2 - I finished** the book, but there were too many flaws for me to enjoy it.

**1 - I could not finish** the book, and I probably did not finish it....

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## Valeria Andrea says

To them, as to Magnus, time was like rain, glittering as it fell, changing the world, but also something that could be taken for granted.

Until you loved a mortal. Then time became gold in a miser's hands, every bright year counted out carefully, infinitely precious, and each one slipping through your fingers.

There are \*counts with fingers\* ...

One trilogy that is about to be a movie;

another trilogy that is quite my favorite & which conclusion I'm desperately waiting for;

an *expanded* trilogy for the first trilogy that is SO NOT going well for me;

and a new trilogy coming up.

& yet, there is THIS *stories* announcement. If it was, like, any other thing I'd be like \*shrug\* *I could check it up*.

... \*grins\*

BUT THIS IS ABOUT MAGNUS BANE.

**Magnus Bane.**

Do I have to say *why* I am so excited? He's one of the motives I kept reading TMI. Because he's AWESOME!! & knows how to have fun.

This gets 3.5\*'s

The first 2 stories are rather meh-ish; REALLY meh-ish. & Ragnor is such a boring, party killer dude.

Can't you get immortal friends that are more active, Magnus, dear?

Like Catarina!

Who is she? I want to know her better.

The *other* 2 stories are worth a little more, to know Magnus in the inside & to feel for him in both happy & pity ways.

But...

NOTHING HAPPENED IN PERU!

*Nothing.*

They don't say *why*, exactly, he got banned, so I'll just assume the countless crimes, parties & adventures Magnus had over the years got at the Peruvian warlock's patience (who are all boring dudes, like Ragnor) & he got banned.  
Once & for all.  
& that's it.

Well now, there is no point in immortality, unless you have someone to share it with, that's it.  
Poor Magnus, really.  
I like him SO much, & man, he endures... \*sigh\*

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### **Christine Riccio says**

Was expecting more, but it's always fun to hear more about Magnus and his life. I just posted my booktalk, lets discuss it! <http://youtu.be/SmK9-SGYSMI> =D

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### **Pam says**

*3.5 always an adventure stars*

*Narrated by Cecil Baldwin, Jamie Bamber, George Blagden, Gareth David-Lloyd, Jordan Gavaris, Stephen Lunsford, David Oyelowo, Andrew Scott, Michael Trevino, Jesse Williams*

### ***One of ten adventures in The Bane Chronicles.***

Magnus Bane is one of my most favorite characters from the Mortal Instruments, he is flamboyant, brilliant, dashing and sarcastic. During the entire time reading the Mortal Instruments, we were teased with the knowledge that Magnus has been banned from Peru so I was quite excited to jump into this little novella.

Magnus takes us through his Peruvian shenanigans beginning with 1791, then throughout the years of 1885, 1890 and 1962. There is no shortage of entertainment, with his partners in crime, Ragnor Fell and Catarina Loss. Not to mention his stint with the monkeys, the ship and lets not forget the charango. But in the end I was a lil bummed, we got a whole lotta history but never the real reason ... Regardless it was a fun listen, the Narrator depicts Magnus and his cohorts so well, it just makes you settle right in for the ride.