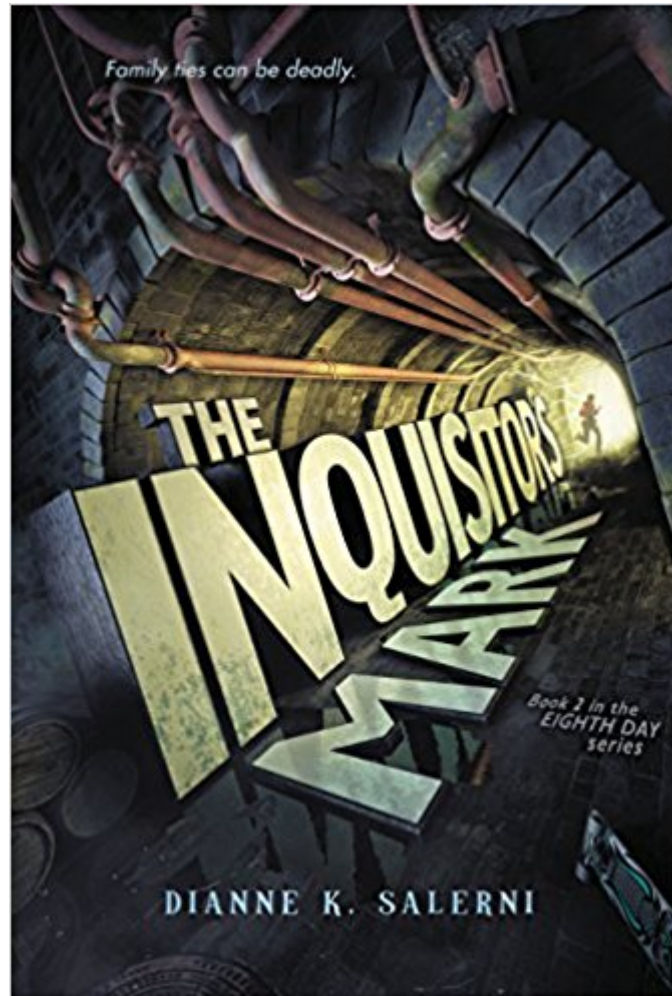




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The Inquisitor's Mark (Eighth Day)



Synopsis

The sequel to *The Eighth Day*, a fantasy adventure that VOYA called "unparalleled" and "absolutely necessary for middle grades," continues with higher stakes, greater world building, and more pulse-pounding action. With suspense, danger, and new discoveries around every corner, this fast-paced fantasy series that Kirkus Reviews raved was an exciting blend of "modern intrigue and ancient magic" will be a welcome addition for fans of Percy Jackson and Harry Potter. After an all-out battle in Mexico, Jax, Riley, and Evangeline have gone into hiding. There are still rogue Transitioners and evil Kin lords on the hunt for Riley, a descendant of King Arthur, and Evangeline, a powerful wizard with bloodlines to Merlin, in order to gain control over the Eighth Day. So when Finn Ambrose, a mysterious stranger, contacts Jax claiming to be his uncle, Jax's defenses go up—especially after Jax learns that he's holding Jax's best friend, Billy, hostage. To rescue Billy and keep Riley and Evangeline out of the fray, Jax sneaks off to New York City on his own. But once there, he discovers a surprising truth: Finn is his uncle, and Jax comes from a long line of Dulacs—a notoriously corrupt and dangerous Transitioner clan who want Riley dead and Evangeline as their prisoner. And family or not, the Dulacs will stop at nothing to get what they want.

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Customer Reviews

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 --This text refers to the Digital edition.

“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))

Salerni continues to impress and intrigue my classroom readers with her excellent storytelling. The students love her characters and the way she builds a challenging world that requires thought and understanding. Love the whole series and would recommend it to all young adult readers and even adult readers who enjoy some lighter fare from time to time. Personally, I have read the entire series at least four times through, and have read The Eighth Day no fewer than a dozen times now, and I still enjoy them.

Great plot, great story line. Great characters. There were a lot of great twists. The one word I would use to describe this is fantastic. It had a lot of interesting characters. I think this is geared towards boys and girls around 4th grade and up. The series so far has been exciting to read and keep up and I can't wait for the third one. Language is appropriate and there weren't any curse words except h*ll & cr*p.written by the 11yo boy who read the book.

Great book

I really enjoyed this book, if you are a fan of Percy Jackson then you must read the first two books of this series. It has suspense, twists, and action. The story tells of a boy who finds out about the eighth day and learns that he has special powers. I could not put it down when I started reading.

Really good book! My 14 year old son really likes the series!

This was as good as the first book, if not better. The story takes some unexpected turns. Suspension is high. Great read.

This book is great because it always left on a cliff hanger and you always wanted to know what would happen next, can not wait till the sequel

Great story for middle school kids! Action, suspense, mystery, and just enough romance! :)

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