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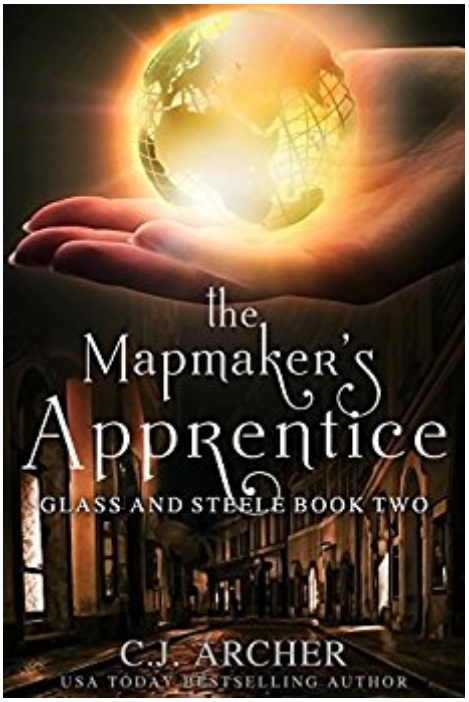

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Synopsis

USA TODAY BESTSELLERWhen an apprentice from the Mapmakers' Guild goes missing, Matt and India are employed to find him. Going undercover as a married couple, they discover that not everyone at the guild is what they seem, and the lad's unearthly maps caused jealousy, suspicion and fear.With one of the apprentice's magic maps in their possession, India and Matt must use their wits and India's fledgling, untried magic to find him. But the more they investigate, the more sinister plots they uncover, including a link between the Mapmakers' and Watchmakers' Guilds, and an ancient magical treasure buried beneath the streets of London. As the net of suspicion widens and enemies draw closer, it's not just the apprentice's life that's in danger, but Matt's too. Someone will go to great lengths to prevent him discovering the name of the man who can fix the watch keeping him alive. Great lengths indeed.

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Customer Reviews

An absolutely fantastic book for all fantasy and historic fiction lovers. The plot was complex yet not difficult to understand and the character development was amazing.We see a shift in the dynamics

of Matthew and India’s relationship, and one could compare them to the Sherlock-Watson duo, if one looks at the way Matthew runs off without any thought to his safety and the way India has her own moments of bravery despite being terrified.The lighter parts of the book are truly hilarious and I really love how the side characters play such an important part to the story.I’m completely in love with this series and cannot wait for the Apothecary’s Poison!

This is book two in a series that should be read in order. The gang is back and still in London with Miss Glass matchmaking in her lucid moments. India and Matthew are both pursued by and pursuing mysterious persons. Are the Guilds in collusion? Is Chronos alive? If so, is he in London? A missing apprentice, the illegitimate son of their Scotland yard contact, is the focus of much of the detecting. All while India is trying to learn more about magic in general and her magic in particular and to learn more about Matthew. C. J. Archer tells her story with skill and with excellent pacing that keeps the pages turning. I already have the next book queued up on my Kindle.

This is the second book in the Glass and Steele series. I enjoyed the plot to this one far more than I enjoyed the plot to the first one. The idea of guilds is fleshed out more and you begin to see connections being made to the guilds and magicians and the overarching story. Again, this book still brings more questions to the table then it answers and if you’re interested you definitely have to wait for the next book. The limited point of view lends itself to getting caught up with the characters. I feel like this story suffered from more editing errors then I remember in the first one, but I have seen this in great abundance recently, which is pretty irksome.

In this instalment of India’s tale, our young heroine and her employer get a little bit further on their search for the mysterious Chronos. It’s a fine tale with lots of nice points, including the personal distance and moral issues that the Victorians worked under - the only very slight drawback is actually that sometimes voncepts and language are a bit too modern for this to be a true Victorian tale. I have certainly caught myself wondering several times whether the text at a certain point was anachronistic, or whether this and that thing or concept actually did exist at that time.Nevertheless, it is a nice story with a fine plot.

This story pick up right after the first story. With Matt still looking for the watch maker with the help of India. They took on another inquiry for a friend as well finding out more about the magic that India has. It keeps your interest throughout the story and leaves you with questions still with what is

happening in the story with some unanswered questions. I'm looking forward to continuing the story.

If you are looking for historical accuracy, C. J. Archer isn't for you, but if you enjoy a fun set of characters and protagonists who are good at banter the Glass and Steele and the Ministry of Curiosities series meet that criteria. The unconventional characters she places in conventional settings help create conflict through circumstances rather than having intelligent characters making unintelligent decisions, which I appreciate. If you like smart, sharp-witted lead females, India Steele is a good character to follow (as well as Charlie from the Ministry of Curiosities series). The exchanges between Matt Glass (a blend of western American and upperclass British) and India Steele (a blend of skilled middle class British, despite being female, who also possesses magic) while pursuing a goal and at the same time getting to know one another are fun and illustrate a good dynamic. I look forward to reading more of Glass and Steele.

Loved this second book. It was a lovely read and so thoroughly entertaining! The chemistry between Matt and India makes you believe in happy endings..... I can't wait for them to find theirs. Ms. Archer never disappoints!! Anxiously awaiting book 3!!!

I'd read Watchmaker's Daughter much earlier, so just finished this one. But once I started it, I could not put it down.The interaction between India and Matt is great....the feelings are growing, however, the story keeps with the proper English traditions of the times.I love this series and I'm looking forward to reading more books by C.J.Archer

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