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reminds me of why I love to read in the first place, and makes me wish I could write as beautiful as this. The book contains lots of memorable quotes as well, definitely a good thing as far as I'm concerned. So after about 50 pages in, I was ready to love this book as I seldom loved another book before. But as the story progressed, that resolution started to diminish slowly but surely. Ironically, one of the obvious flaws is Zafon's overuse of stylistic writing. It seems like everyone acts or talks in a very elaborate manner, even in the simplest of situations, and this can really become tiresome after a while. The plot also isn't as ingenious as the hype would make you believe. Zafon does a good job creating a sense of mystery early on, and there are obvious parallels between the main character Daniel Sempere, and Julian Carax, the writer whose past he is trying to uncover. But ultimately, the stories of Daniel and Julian are separate ones, and they just happen to interconnect with one another by chance than by design. By far the most troublesome flaw is the way the mysteries are resolved. All too often, answers are given by having some side character or another tell his or her story for pages. Nowhere is this evident than at the end of the book, where literally every single detail is revealed in the form of a very long letter, even details which the writer of the letter never could have known, since she wasn't even involved in those events. It's as if Zafon did not have a clue or the motivation to write a logical conclusion, and decided to just dump all the information in one place. With a bit of attention to actual plot and character development, this could have been one of my favourite books. Nevertheless, I still enjoyed reading the *Shadow of the Wind*. It's just a shame that it falls some way short of its potential. I can't believe someone actually published this book. Even worse, in my opinion is the fact that this book is on the New York Times Bestseller List. How is this possible? It must only mean that there are a lot of people out there that think very differently from me. Don't you be one of them. Seriously, don't be fooled by this book. It is insipid, lame, and poorly written. First, the prose is so overblown that the author uses three adjectives for every single noun. Count them. He evidently was told that to be a writer you have to make everything as descriptive as possible, and then he decided that meant that each noun had to be modified three, always three, and only three times. Arggh. Second, the author must have

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The Dark Wind

looked up every word he could in a thesaurus and chosen the one that was most obscure or had the most syllables Who is he trying to impress Maybe it was the translator s fault Maybe not Either way, this style is used even when describing what the ten year old character sees and says Which brings me to my next point.Third Every character in this book speaks with exactly the same voice All you hear is the authors voice, not any different characterizations And that voice demonstrates the problems I described in my first and second points But that s not all There is an even worse, and definitely fatal, problem with this book.Fourth This story was written as a mystery Nine years lurch by as the character slowly tries to unravel the details of the main conflict I actually don t have a problem with this in theory Unfortunately, after three quarters of the book, and numerous new characters, the mystery is no clearer So what does the author do about it He has one of the characters write a 30 page or so letter to the main character telling him what really happened Ta da The mystery is solved The author is such a terrible writer that he can t even solve his own mystery He has to use a cheap cop out to clear everything up I can t respect that Sorry I can t believe so many other people have Boycott the book Really. . Fourth reading May 7 17, 2017Of course I love this book soooo much It s my all time favorite This is the 4th year in a row I ve read it, and it never gets old If you haven t already read this at my suggestion, WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR Third reading May 14 21, 2016Second reading May 23 25, 2015 Okay, I can confidently say, upon re reading this, that it is one of my all time favorite books It was just as surprising and enchanting and delightful as the first time I read it, if not so The writing is impeccable The weaving together of so many storylines and characters is remarkable I can t gush enough about this book, so I will just say EVERYONE GO READ THIS NOW PLEASE You won t regret it.First read May 12 17, 2014 Everything about this novel was captivating The story follows Daniel, a young boy, whose father is a bookseller He is taken to the Cemetery of Forgotten Books and allowed to pick out one book that he is expected to save or, in a sense, remember throughout his life He picks a novel by Julian Carax titled The Shadow of the Wind, and is immediately sucked into the story From there, the novel follows Daniel as he begins to learn about the illusive author, Julian

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Carax, and about the web of lies and intrigue that he gets trapped in. The writing is absolutely gorgeous. The book is full of incredible quotes, wonderful, beautifully strung out sentences I never underline in books. This book, however, required a pencil at the ready at all times, because I couldn't pass up underlining some amazing parts. Though the plot isn't super strong, there is a mysterious and magical quality to the book that propels you through it, page after page. The characters feel so real, and thus their lives seem to be playing out for you in such a real way that you are concerned and invested, wanting to know what happens next. I loved the setting of Barcelona. This is also a book translated from Spanish, which is even impressive on the part of the translator. I think the translation was incredible. Overall, this is a book that I will return to again in my life, I am sure. It is captivating and a new favorite. 5/5. Welcome to The Cemetery of the Forgotten Books. Choose one book. But be aware, you may get trapped into its pages, as *The Shadow of the Wind*. As it unfolded, the structure of the story began to remind me of one of those Russian dolls that contain innumerable diminishing replicas of itself inside. Step by step the narrative split into a thousand stories, as if it had entered a gallery of mirrors, its identity fragmented into endless reflections. And for me, by the end... after these long pages and stories with phases of some boredom, after this long journey as the story unfolded I see how amazingly it is... A sad sad story of Coming of Age, Tangled Fates, Lost Old Friendships..Lost Lovers..but without losing Hope. It may be categorised as Magical Realism, but the hard sad Realism of Barcelona, Spain after the Civil War drowned the Magical aspect, but there's always that most real magic in it Hope.. So yeah, I got teary sad eyes by the end and even nostalgic to the beginning of it very excited and sad by the climax of the story, and just don't want it to end. view spoiler And so I got very teary with joy for the happy happy Ending for this Sad sad story which make me rate it higher than I expected. hide spoiler There's probably nothing much I learned in the introspective sense, but this is a novel like a novel ought to be. This is an epic film on paper, gloomy and engaging, smokey, noir with crumbling ruins, young love, disfigurement, lust, torture the stuff of Dumas, DuMauier and, as of late, *The Historian*. I woke up at five a.m and had to sweet talk myself back to sleep all I wanted to do was read One

Friday, after work, I took sanctuary in The Hotel Biron, those little tables in the dark, pages flickering with candles and drank a glass of wine in solitude, completely enthralled in the world of 1940 s Barcelona. I walked home from the train at night and found myself saying the characters names beneath my umbrella, hoping no one would hear me talking to myself, but they were, quite simply, too beautiful to ignore Julian Carax, Daniel Semepere, BeatrizTomas, Penelope Aldaya and Nuria Monfort. In a movie this would be too many people, but for this novel they were perfectly seamed, each point of view entralling and taxing than the one before. Most refreshing, clearly the author wasn't poisoned with the desire to simply keep the reader in the dark instead this story, with attention, was something you could figure out because that's the way life is. The mystery itself isn't supposed to shock you intensely into thinking a book is good, that's a dirty trick. Instead, the STORY carried you. You cared about the story and it was a tragedy and mystery all the same, simply because you were invested in these people and what became of them. To know them so intimately from childhood to adulthood and old age, to know them through various degrees of point of view separation to hear there is no Penelope, and then to know she is a sister, a love, but to some non-existent well, it's gothic literature at its very best. With a book like this I am almost, ALMOST tempted to give up my most pedantic and pretentious thoughts, parallels and character development this story is a story and it's just that good. It is the Phantom of the Opera, those dark tunnels and pressure points, a lake with candles or drawing rooms with no fire in the grate and crazy wives being stored in attics overhead. This is, quite literally a timeless tale, and yes, reading it will make you smarter, interested, cultured. The back of the book includes a walking tour of Barcelona. I missed Barcelona but I am quite determined to go now, with my copy of A Shadow of the Wind in hand, just like wanting desperately to visit Eastern Europe after I finished The Historian and see it all, but importantly real life simply fades to black as you become completely, totally and fantastically helpless and wrapped up in the lives of others. While there are fun hybrids Crash Topics in Calamity Physics, for one, which combine a course, authors, quotes and plot lines from a thousand famous novels, this book really makes that unnecessary. This is a classic without any

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