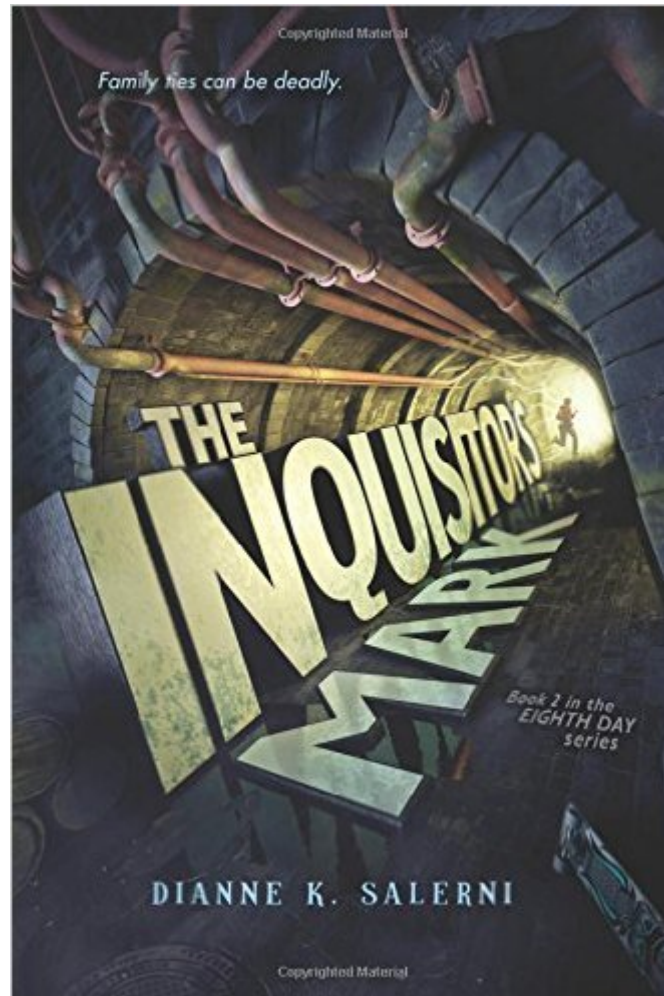


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# The Inquisitor's Mark (Eighth Day)



## 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.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

## Customer Reviews

I loved Book 1 of this and couldn't wait to read more about Jax and the gang. After the ending of book 1 Jax and Evangeline are gone into hiding but they know they can't stay hiding because they have to try to find Evangelines sister. Riley decides to try and handcuff himself to Evangeline and see will she stay in the normal week, but it doesn't happen and Riley ends up stuck in the Eight day with Evangeline. During that time Jax gets a call from his friend Billy to say that he was kidnapped by Jaxs Uncle. Jax doesn't know anything about an Uncle so is suitably nervous. Jax knows that he can't wait for Riley to come back, so he sets off to rescue his best friend! Once there he finds out some secrets and surprising truths. Can he rescue Billy and find out where Evangelines sister is before it's too late? This was just as good, if not better, than book 1. There was so much more action, adventure and intrigue that it was such a rollercoaster. Character wise, Jax was just as awesome as he was in book 1. He is so brave and true and it really comes across in The Inquisitors Mark. I felt for him when he learned about his father. No matter what was happening to him though, he always thought of his friends first. Riley isn't as prominent in this edition but he is as cool as ever. Billy was such a breath of fresh air! He is such a lovable character and I hope we see more of him in the next one. There is also a host of new characters introduced, with Dorian being my favourite. Despite being a Dulac, he was so nice and kind. I hope we see more of him too. Plot wise, it was really fast paced and engaging. There are some secrets revealed. Jax finds out some things about his dad and Evangeline finds out things about her sister.

I LOVED book one, The Eighth Day, but The Inquisitor's mark is even better! After the all-out Eighth Day war in Mexico, Jax, Riley, and Evangeline have gone into hiding. There are still rogue Transitioners and evil Kin lords who want to use Riley, a descendant of King Arthur, and Evangeline, a powerful wizard with bloodlines to Merlin, to get 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 when Finn tells Jax that he's holding Jax's best friend, Billy, hostage. The Inquisitor's Mark is an intense, action-packed fantasy set in a world where Arthurian descendants can enter a secret spell-created day between Wednesday and Thursday. This one picks up right where The Eighth Day left off, and our characters need to find and protect one of Merlin's descendants, otherwise she will be murdered to destroy the people living in the 8th day. The Inquisitor's Mark kept me glued to the page throughout. A new set of characters are developed as an enemy clan, and they are creepy and fun to read. I loved the addition of Dorian's perspective for helping us understand just how evil the Dulacs are and how hard it is to make the right decisions. Salerni also used this book to develop her world even further. We meet magical creatures

and explore fascinating time-and-space travel tunnels. Second books often have a hard time living up to their counterparts, but I found this Book 2 to be even stronger than Book 1, even though Book 1 was a 5 star book for me. Salerni doesn't ease into the story like she did in *The Eighth Day*, she jumps straight in. The dialogue is more authentic, and the world was crafted more clearly.

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