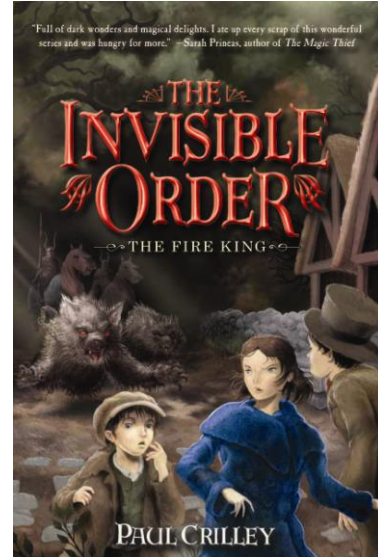


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The Invisible Order Book Two: The Fire King

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Summary:

With humans threatened by otherworldly creatures, orphans Emily and William Snow and their friends—the pickpocket Spring-Heeled Jack and the wisecracking Corrigan—find themselves two hundred years in the past, trapped in the London of 1666. Desperately in need of help, they go in search of Sir Christopher Wren, who was head of the Invisible Order, an organization dedicated to fighting this threat. But Wren's never even heard of the Order and has no interest in their story.

Stranded, the four cannot agree on their next step. But they'll have to decide quickly, because their enemies are on the move, and the Fire King is ready to attack and burn London to the ground.

Set against the Great Fire of London, *The Invisible Order, Book Two: The Fire King* picks up right where *Rise of the Darklings* left off, weaving adventure, history, and legend into a thrilling, heart-stopping story.

Discussion Questions:

1. *The Fire King* is set against the Great Fire of London. What do you know about this historic event? Do some research into the history of the Great Fire of 1666. How does the actual fire compare to the events that take place in the book?
2. Considering that Katrina and her gang are fighting the fey, why are they working with Puck? What side are they fighting for?
3. How does the London of 1666 compare to the London Emily knows? How is it the same and how is it different? Cite examples from the text to support your answer.
4. On page 41, Jack tells William, "It's a fool who doesn't know when to be scared." When do you think is the right time to be scared? What do you think the value is in being fearful?
5. Why is Will so angry with Emily all the time? Is he right to be upset with her? Explain your answer.
6. Why is Kelindria trying to overthrow Titania? Why does Titania not defend her throne more forcefully against Kelindria and her allies?

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7. After discovering that the Abbot is keeping the Prophet prisoner and making money from him, Will comments that this is not fair. In response, Corrigan tells him that “it’s dangerous walking around with that kind of attitude.” (pg. 229) What do you think Corrigan means when he says “that kind of attitude”? Do you think he is right?
8. Emily is surprised to hear Jack mention his mother when she thought he was an orphan. If he is not an orphan, what other reasons might he have for not mentioning his family to her earlier?
9. Why does Nimue sacrifice herself to the Slaugh?
10. What do you think the Morrgain means when she says that Emily is “pushed by destiny”?
11. On page 344, Black Annis tells Kelindria that, “it is not wise to turn your back on those who helped you into power. Loyalty is a coin that should be collected and held close.” What do you think will happen to Kelindria now that she has betrayed those who helped her in her quest for Titania’s throne?
12. Katrina accepted the power of the Pendragon even though she knew it would kill her. Why? What would you have done in her place?

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