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## Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Grade 7–10—The final installment in the series continues the clever premise and breakneck pace established by the first three volumes. This story begins six months after the action in *Infernal Devices* (HarperCollins, 2006). A tentative peace seems likely to end years of warfare between gigantic traction cities that grind across the landscape consuming everything in their paths and stationary communities that denounce their destruction of nature. Then dissenting members of both sides sabotage the truce, and Theo Ngoni, Wren Natsworthy, and Wren's parents are drawn into the resulting mayhem. To complicate matters further, the Stalker Fang, a terrifying amalgam of killer robot and human corpse, has survived her presumed destruction and is intent on eradicating all human life so that Earth can recover from human depredation. Separate, interweaving story lines follow the principal characters as they encounter dozens of others from the earlier books while traversing the former Europe and Asia at top speed by airship, sand ship, traction city, and predator suburb. While readers new to the series will enjoy the hairbreadth escapes, humor, and romance, they may get lost in the complicated politics of the Traktionstadtsgesellschaft, the Anti-Tractionist League, the Green Storm, townies, mossies, etc., making the book more satisfying for readers already familiar with the impressive future revealed in the previous books. With its popular appeal and increasingly relevant theme of global-environmental conflict, this is a worthy conclusion to a series that ranks among the best science fiction for young people in recent years.—*Beth Wright, Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, VT*  
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From [Booklist](#)

The fourth book in The Hungry City Chronicles, which began with *Mortal Engines* (2003), is a rousing wrap-up for the series. The Green Storm forces are struggling to establish new static settlements and reclaim farmland, but the voracious and now unified Traction Cities are determined to pursue Municipal Darwinism, with cities hunting towns and towns hunting villages. Meanwhile, the Stalker Fang, thought dead, but actually resurrected, has her own macabre plans to cleanse Earth of human beings. There is plenty of violence and intrigue involved in the exploits of the well-limned principal characters, building up to a humdinger of a finale that will rivet readers. Estes, Sally

Review

### Praise for *A Darkling Plain*

"A bold, sprawling conclusion that befits a bold, sprawling series." -*Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*, starred review

"An explosive finish. All stops are pulled out." -*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

"A remarkable body of work. Complex, intelligent, and rewarding, Reeve's world is truly one to get lost in." -*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

### Praise for the *Mortal Engines* Quartet

"Reeve's [Mortal Engines Quartet] remains a landmark of visionary... imagination." - *School Library Journal*, starred review (from review of *Fever Crumb*)

### Praise for *Fever Crumb*

\*"Reeve's captivating flights of imagination play as vital a role in the story as his endearing heroine, his worthy villains, and nifty array of supporting characters." - *Booklist*, starred review

\*"Beautifully written, grippingly paced, and filled with eccentric characters and bizarre inventions... this is a novel guaranteed to please Reeve's fans-and very likely broaden their ranks." - *Publishers Weekly*, starred review

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