

## **Iron Cast**

**Destiny Soria**

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*Iron Cast*, written by Destiny Soria, is set in the early 1900s, where racism and prejudice are like a thick blanket that encompasses the entire city of Boston where Ada and Corinne live. Skin color is not the only thing that people are looked down at for though; hemopaths are at even more danger of being persecuted for who they are. There are very few safe places for hemopaths (humans that develop powers later in their life) in the city: The Cast Iron where Ada and Corinne live, and the Red Cat and the Witchers (the rival hemopath clubs). The scarce havens for hemopaths are extra cause for concern when suddenly hemopaths are being picked off from each of the clubs.

Johnny Dervish, owner of the Cast Iron and faithful leader of Corinne and Ada's group, runs off into the night upon hearing that some of his other members have been killed. While Corinne and Ada worry through the night, Dervish is found dead by the next morning. The pair knows that Johnny had been the only one holding the Cast Iron together; they become even more desperate to find out who's responsible for killing the other hemopaths and tearing apart the only place they've ever called home.

The plot of *Iron Cast* is quite possibly one of the hardest I have had to compress into two paragraphs. There were a lot of well thought out plot twists and details that I couldn't fit into the summary. I loved this book for its correlation to modern-day racism and how well it touches on it. Outside of the powers hemopaths had, I think the book was quite realistic. I recommend reading this book for children ages 12 and up.

### **Recommended Titles:**

City of Bones, Cassandra Clare

Wonder, R.J. Palacio

Small Island, Andrea Le