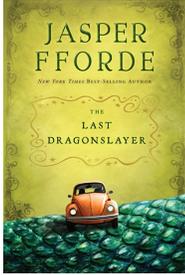


Books by the Stack



The Last Dragonslayer (The Last Dragonslayer Bk. 1) by Jasper Fforde

In the good old days, magic was indispensable. But now magic is fading: Drain cleaner is cheaper than a spell, and magic carpets are used for pizza delivery. Fifteen-year-old Jennifer Strange runs Kazam, an employment agency for magicians—but it's hard to stay in business when magic is drying up. And then the visions start, predicting the death of the world's last dragon at the hands of an unnamed Dragonslayer. If the visions are true, everything will change for Kazam—and for Jennifer.

Why you'll like it: Magic & Dragons. Off-beat Characters. Hilarious.

About the Author: Jasper Fforde, *New York Times* best-selling author of the Thursday Next mysteries and the Nursery Crime books, has a devoted worldwide following for his highly entertaining and original novels. He lives with his family in Wales.

Questions for Discussion

1. As orphans, Jennifer Strange and Tiger Prawn take a lot of pride in their names. Why do you think names mean so much to them? Do you think each character's name is appropriate for him or her? Why or why not?
2. Moobin, Full Price, and Lady Mawgon were once considered great wizards and could perform magnificent feats of magic. Now they work for Kazam and are relegated to menial tasks such as unclogging drains for a fee. How has this affected them? Does it justify their attitudes and sense of self?
3. How do you think that Jennifer handled the news that she was the Last Dragonslayer? If you were in Jennifer's position, would you have handled it differently? If so, how?
4. How do Mr. Zambini's disappearance and the fact that Jennifer is an orphan prepare her for her duties as the Dragonslayer?
5. Tiger put himself in danger by alerting all of the Kingdom of Hereford to the time and date of the Dragondeath. Do you think this was a smart move? Why or why not? Do you think that he had a right to do this?
6. Brian Spalding spent years waiting for the next Dragonslayer to find him and relieve him of his position. How do you think he felt when the Last Dragonslayer was an almost-sixteen-year-old girl?
7. Mother Zenobia told Jennifer that "the Mighty Shandar was the most powerful magician the planet had ever known." How is this statement both true and false?

8. Even though everyone in the Kingdom of Hereford wanted to know about the events in the Dragonlands, the press often hindered Jennifer's work. Do you think that the press had the right to hound Jennifer and follow her every move? Why or why not?

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