

RIPLEY READS



Mortal Engines By Philip Reeve Recommended by Riccardo Macari

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Week Commencing 13 March

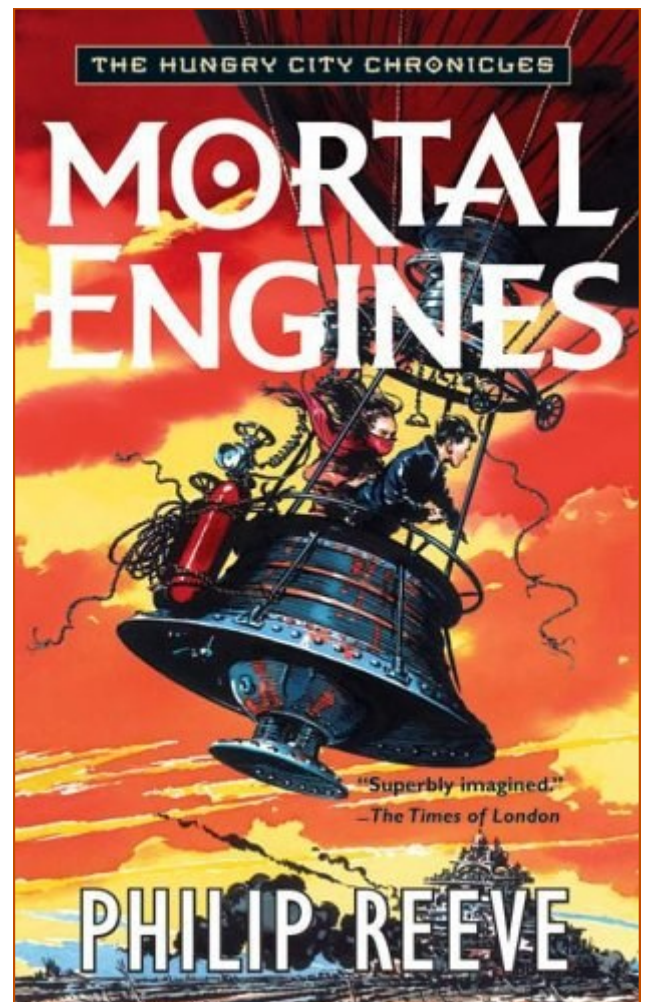
In a far-future age of traction cities that roll around a barren landscape, the mobile cities of Traction Era fight for survival with the static cities, which make up the Anti-Traction League.

The surface of Earth has been corrupted beyond all recognition, and cities have been forced to mount themselves in order to catch 'prey', (smaller, weaker cities), which they digest, to help them survive.

This is the backdrop against which young apprentice Tom Natsworthy and the disfigured assassin Hester Shaw, are flung from the fast-moving city of London into heart-stopping adventures in the wastelands of the great hunting ground of 'Bare Earth'. And when Hester tries to kill Thaddeas Valentine, Tom's hero, his world is turned on his head.

An action adventure set in a post-apocalyptic future where there are plenty of airships and crackly radio-beacons, and where young Tom has to learn to fight with swords, guns and rockets in order to survive.

This is the first book in The Hungry City Chronicles



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