

Jasper Fforde

- Born 1961 in London
- Worked for 19 years in the film industry
- He started writing in 1990, and finally got *The Eyre Affair* published in 2001



- Five novels in the Thursday Next series
- He also has a *Nursery Crime* series, and has written 9 books so far
- Fforde decided to use *Jane Eyre* as the main novel in his novel not only because he loves it, but also because he doesn't want classics to become purely for educational purposes

- Inspired by Lewis Carrols *Alice in Wonderland*
- Loved how the novel was playful and mixed highbrow characters with playful ones
- Fforde has no plans to have *The Eyre Affair* or any other of his books made into a movie

- Bowden Cable
 - Brake cable
- Acheron Hades
 - “It's one of the rivers that flow to the underworld...”
- Braxton Hicks
 - Pregnancy Contractions
- Spike Stoker
 - Bram Stoker
- Landen Parke-Laine
 - Monopoly
- Mycroft Next
 - Sherlock Holmes reference
- Pickwick
 - Dickens reference

- Thursday Next and Jane Eyre

- Both aware of their plain looks
- Independent and strong women
 - Still deal with matters of the heart
- Similar love lives
 - Fall for men who are their superiors
 - Suffer from betrayal at one point in relationship
 - Both books end with a happy marriage

Landen and Mr. Rochester

Both handicapped

Wedding fraud

Betray their love interests

Not necessarily at fault

Separated and reunited

Themes

- Reordering of history
- Crimean War lasts 132 years instead of 3
- Wales has become separate from Great Britain

- Timeline of the story changes and even stops
- Young Thursday's first visit into The original text of Jane Eyre.
- Time can be stopped by spec ops 12 (aka Chronoguard)

- Story full of nostalgia for Romantic and Gothic period
- Hades' henchman named Felix Tabula Rossa
- Polly gets trapped in Wordsworth's "I wandered Lonely as a Cloud"
- Werewolves and Vampires exist with a spec ops division devoted to neutralizing them