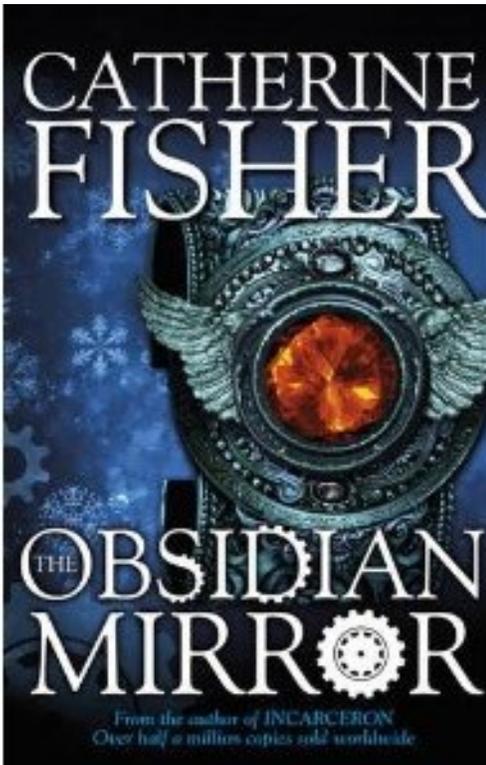


# The Obsidian Mirror

by Catherine Fisher



## Before Reading

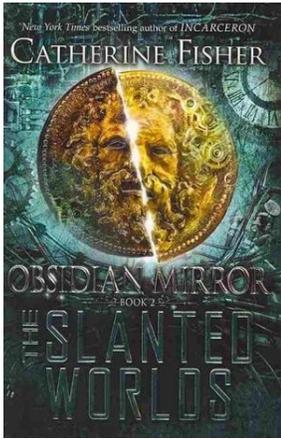
- What is obsidian?
- What can you predict the story will be about by looking at the front cover?
- If you had a magical object that could bring someone back from the dead, would you use it? Why or why not?
- If you could travel to the past or the future, which one would you choose? What would you do in the new time period? Give reasons to back up your answer.

## After Reading

- In the novel, *Obsidian Mirror*, Jake believes Venn has murdered his father. What would you do in order to confront the person you believed has hurt someone you love?
- Leah, Venn's wife, was killed in a car wreck. If you lost someone you love what would you do in order to bring them back? Would you be concerned with the repercussions of changing the past?
- Leah is Venn's true love. Should he sacrifice the chance of bringing her back in order to save the world from being destroyed by Janus? Would you sacrifice the one you love for the greater good?
- The Obsidian Mirror has had many owners during its lifetime. Who do you think is the rightful owner? Explain your reasoning.
- Do you think this book is adaptable to the movie screen? Why or why not?
- Who do you think is responsible for David's (Jake's father) disappearance?

## Poetry Activity:

Catherine Fisher, author of *The Obsidian Mirror* is also an acclaimed poet. After reading *The Obsidian Mirror*, write a poem inspired by the book. It can be about one of the characters, themes, or ideas from the book. Get creative!



Did you enjoy *The Obsidian Mirror*? Check out the sequel, *The Slanted Worlds*, where the fight between Jake, Sarah, and Oberon Venn will continue.

## *The Obsidian Mirror, Book Two* *The Slanted Worlds*

### About the Author:

Catherine Fisher was born in Newport, Wales. She graduated from the University of Wales with a degree in English and a fascination for myth and history. She has worked in education and archaeology and as a lecturer in creative writing at the University of Glamorgan. She is a Fellow of the Welsh Academy.

Catherine is an acclaimed poet and novelist, regularly lecturing and giving readings to groups of all ages. She leads sessions for teachers and librarians and is an experienced broadcaster and adjudicator. She lives in Newport, Gwent.

Catherine has won many awards and much critical acclaim for her work. Her poetry has appeared in leading periodicals and anthologies and her volume *Immrama* won the WAC Young Writers' Prize. She won the Cardiff International Poetry Competition in 1990.

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