

The Lord of Opium (Matteo Alacran, #2) By Nancy Farmer **The lord of opium ebook download**

The Lord of Opium (Matteo Alacran #2) Nancy was born in 1941 in Phoenix and grew up in a hotel on the Arizona Mexico border where she worked the switchboard at the age of nine. **The lord of opium book free** When she returned she moved into a commune in Berkeley sold newspapers on the street for a while then got a job in the Entomology department at UC Berkeley and also took courses in Chemistry there. **The lord of opium book** She and a friend tried to hitchhike by boat but the ship theyd selected turned out Nancy was born in 1941 in Phoenix and grew up in a hotel on the Arizona Mexico border where she worked the switchboard at the age of nine. **The lord of opium book free** When she returned she moved into a commune in Berkeley sold newspapers on the street for a while then got a job in the Entomology department at UC Berkeley and also took courses in Chemistry there. **The lord of opium book free** Nancy's honors include the National Book Award for The House of the Scorpion and Newbery Honors for The Ear the Eye and The Arm A Girl Named Disaster and The House of the Scorpion. **The lord of opium read online** After the dramatic events that ended The House of the Scorpion we find 14yo Matteo suddenly thrust into the role of El Patron of Opium the largest territory in the Dope Confederacy. **The lord of opium summary** It has to be Matt - he is the original's clone and the entire organization is hardwired to respond to only him: everything from the slaves who are microchipped to mindlessly farm the drug to the systems that control the compound to the orbiting satellite called the Scorpion Star. **The lord of opium comprehension questions** Can he be trusted? This was so good and I haven't even written anything about Marisol or Listen! The Lord of Opium is a surprisingly quiet book that invites you to ponder what constitutes being human vs. **The lord of opium book free** I love books like this where the author isn't shouting YOU WILL UNDERSTAND MY MESSAGE BECAUSE I WILL SPELL IT OUT TO YOU and instead tells a really good multilayered story and trusts the reader. **The lord of opium book free** He longs to undo the damage to the "eejits" - the servants and laborers who had microchips put in their brains to make them more docile and willing to perform mind-numbing jobs. **The lord of opium read online** But he is still only a boy and the longer he tries to figure out what to do the more he realizes that the line between good and evil is not so bright as he had supposed. **The lord of opium book free** This might have been a calculation of the author's to keep this book on the school assignment list but it doesn't quite fit with the situation of a globe full of people on drugs and docile women who will do whatever you tell them. **The lord of opium read online free** [After Marisol is taken out of the picture Matt experiences no enlightenment about his desire to have a meek and childlike female at his beck and call who makes him her "sun" instead of having her own mind or life. **The lord of opium comprehension questions** Matteo's purpose was to reanimate the eejits and get rid of opium farming but Matteo just seemed to be going around Opium exploring Paradise and the Biosphere and back to El Patron's mansion. **The lord of opium book** The whole concept of the eejits (humans microchipped so they're basically zombies) continued to fascinate me and I loved the little bits where Mirasol the eejit also known as Waitress would show some lucidity. **The lord of opium sequel** Will he end up ruling with fear and brutality like his original copy or will he try to make changes? Will he try to do right? As you can see this one is just as dark and heavy as part one but the focus shifts just like Matt's character shifts roles. **The lord of opium book free** The topics it covers should be discussed in every classroom: Can a ruler save people without having to kill others (yes this exact question is pretty much the premise in the second book) is it possible? When cloning any entity what treatment should be given? Humane. **The lord of opium pdf** Should we harvest another being just to prolong our own life? Outside of physical appearance what remains cloned? Are clones carbon copies down to our decision making and experiences? Or does nature vs nurture come into play just like it would with any other living being? It's a lot to digest. **The lord of opium read online free** I have a vivid memory of being excited for standardized testing because it meant I had time to read (I liked standardized testing when I was younger because I've always been a fast test-taker which meant at least half an hour of reading time for me). **The lord of opium book** What is the relationship of a clone to the original? How much of a clone is their own--their body their thoughts their personality their instincts? When does a human being stop being a person if ever?

None of these things are easy to answer. **The lord of opium pdf** Sequel? WHAT THE HOLY FREAKING I CAN'T EVEN HANDLE THIS HOLY MOTHER OF SLEIPNIR I CAN'T THINK RIGHT NOW ASD;LKFJA;LEFJ;ALKGI have been waiting for this since fifth grade!My brain right now:Now I'm going to have to go reread The House of the Scorpion. **The lord of opium book** Farmer introduces some interesting ideas such as the possibility that poisoned soil can be healed with the use of fungi or her further explorations of the potential benefits and disasters associated with cloning but it's overly cerebral. **The lord of opium book** See The House of the Scorpion is praised as one of the best dystopian novels and I do agree that might be true as it does focus on world building (not a claim many YA dystopians can make). **The lord of opium pdf free** If The House of the Scorpion was your jam I don't think The Lord of Opium will taint your opinion of the previous book except maybe the romance arc I'll talk about later. **The lord of opium book free** The whole economy of the country will have to be restructured to do this not to mention the scientific work that will need to be done to remove the microchips from the workers. **The lord of opium book free** Plus other countries will not be thrilled to hear that Matt doesn't wish to export opium anymore most especially Africa run by the super creepy Glass Eye Dabengwa who's a lot like El Patrón was. **The lord of opium comprehension questions** The straw that pushed The Lord of Opium from being a book about which I felt relatively ambivalent to one I didn't particularly care for was the romance especially that very last page. **The lord of opium book** Generally I do not care for the portrayal of women with most of them being entirely undeveloped and shunted into homemaker-y roles and the one powerful woman María's mother is depicted as entirely unfeeling. **The lord of opium book** Like any woman in politics Esperanza is judged more for her horrible parenting than her political stances which so far as I can tell mostly involve trying to help the environment recover from what humans have done to it. **The lord of opium pdf free** But hey conveniently Mirasol dies closing off that love triangle and leaving Matt free to marry María at fifteen because hey he's the Patrón and he can do whatever the fuck he wants. **The lord of opium book** Matteo is totally wooden in this version; I was sympathetic to him in the earlier novel but in this one he is a very unlikeable kid and I stopped reading because I stopped caring what happened to him:

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How can I help? How do we reach those kids? That is the question I kept taking from this book among many others. **The lord of opium read online** She creates a perfect balance of how 5-15 year olds think and responds to situations mixed with enough (in the writing) to make it intriguing for all age groups: **The lord of opium comprehension questions** Through her.

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The new book continues the story of Matt the boy who was cloned from evil drug lord El Patrón in The House of the Scorpion, **The lord of opium book free** Now 14 years old Matt rules his own country the Land of Opium the only thriving place in a world ravaged by ecological disaster: **The lord of opium book free** Though he knows that the cure for ending the suffering is hidden in Opium Matt faces obstacles and enemies at every turn when he tries to use his power to help. **The lord of opium book** She also found time to hang out in the old state prison and the hobo jungle along the banks of the Colorado River. **The lord of opium pdf** She attended Reed College in Portland Oregon earning her BA in 1963: **The lord of opium comprehension questions** Instead of taking a regular job she joined the Peace Corps and was sent to India (1963 1965). **The lord of opium summary** She also found time to hang out in the old state prison and the hobo jungle along the banks of the Colorado River, **The lord of opium book free** She attended Reed College in Portland Oregon earning her BA in 1963, **The lord of opium book free** Instead of taking a regular job she joined the Peace Corps and was sent to India (1963 1965), **The lord of opium ebook download** She and a friend tried to hitchhike by boat but the ship they'd selected turned out to be

stolen and was boarded by the Coast Guard just outside the Golden Gate Bridge. **The lord of opium read online** She spent than a year on Lake Cabora Bassa in Mozambique monitoring water weeds. **The lord of opium book** Next she was hired to help control tsetse fly in the dense bush on the banks of the Zambezi in Zimbabwe: **The lord of opium book free** Part of the time she spent in the capital Harare and was introduced to her soon to be husband by his soon to be ex girlfriend, **The lord of opium book free** Harold and Nancy now live in the Chiricahua Mountains of Arizona on a major drug route for the Sinaloa Cartel: **The lord of opium book** She is the author of nine novels three picture books and a number of short stories, **The lord of opium book free** {site_link} This was terrific! My only complaint is the tidy ending. **The lord of opium pdf** By the time THotS ended and Matteo discovered how ruthless El Patron could really be his biggest fear is turning out just like the original: **The lord of opium comprehension questions** A few people care for him as the little boy who grew up at the compound but there's also the Farm Patrol whose evil reputation keeps Matteo cautious. **The lord of opium pdf** Their leader a dark-hearted man called Cienfuegos asserts himself as Matt's right-hand man. **The lord of opium book** I love her clear engrossing writing and her futureworld that's real enough to arrive tomorrow. **The lord of opium summary** Read this duology and anything else Nancy Farmer has written, **The lord of opium ebook download** English Note: There are no spoilers for this book but there will be spoilers for Book One: **The lord of opium comprehension questions** More than ten years after the first book in this series The House of The Scorpion Farmer picks up where she left off - in fact immediately after the end of Book One: **The lord of opium book free** The year is 2136 and the whole world has been divided into drug empires following ecological devastation: **The lord of opium comprehension questions** It has been three months since the death of El Patrón the ruler of Opium a dedicated drug-crop country between Mexico (now called Aztlán) and the United States. **The lord of opium book** The world is in political chaos since at the funeral of El Patrón most of the other drug lords were killed by drinking poison wine. **The lord of opium book** Their governments collapsed and their countries are engaged in vicious wars for control. **The lord of opium pdf** Matt the fourteen-year-old clone of El Patrón is now the new Lord of Opium: **The lord of opium book** But finding his place in the world's power structure is only one of his problems. **The lord of opium book** In addition Matt is confronted with a number of serious moral dilemmas. **The lord of opium book** He wants to stop the system of cloning whereby human doubles are grown as "repositories" of organs to be harvested when the original needs something replaced: **The lord of opium comprehension questions** He would like to stop the drug trade and help fix the environmental devastation, **The lord of opium book free** In theory he has the power and money to work on all of these issues. **The lord of opium book** Discussion: There are a couple of new appealing characters in this sequel including the farm chief Cienfuegos and a seven-year-old extremely precocious girl clone named "Listen, **The lord of opium book free** " I enjoyed those characters (although Listen was a little too smart I thought to be believable) but it was difficult for me to warm up to Matt, **The lord of opium ebook download** I think that is intentional however; he is after all the clone of "the vampire" El Patrón. **The lord of opium pdf** Although Matt tries to call upon his better nature as instilled by his caregivers he still has El Patrón inside him in more ways than one, **The lord of opium book free** And he is after all pretty much just a kid having had not much opportunity to learn how to interact with others, **The lord of opium ebook download** Matt's caretaker Celia is saintly and savvy although we really don't know much about her except for her love of Matt and of God: **The lord of opium read online free** The other adult women - save for a very God-devoted nun are all cardboard evil characters including Rosa and Felicia in the first book and Fiona and Esperanza in the second. **The lord of opium book** There seems to be a message that you are either devoted to God or you are a raving witch, **The lord of opium book free** As for the younger women Matt's friend and later girlfriend Maria acts bipolar but nobody seems to notice or care: **The lord of opium book free** And then there is Marisol the beautiful eejit waitress for whom Matt develops an attachment, **The lord of opium sequel** He likes her in part because she is so much more subservient and devoted to him than the non-microchipped Maria: **The lord of opium comprehension questions** He feeds Marisol dances with her and kisses

her when she passes out. **The lord of opium pdf** It sounds kind of creepy but it could have been worse: another odd aspect to this book is that there is no sex and practically no sexual innuendo at all: **The lord of opium pdf free** One can only be thankful the author decided to remove Marisol before the situation got even dicier: **The lord of opium book**]Evaluation: The focus of this book is on ethical quandaries and emotional growth. **The lord of opium book** I got the perhaps unfair impression it was written with possible inclusion in a high school curriculum in mind, **The lord of opium book free** On a positive note in spite of being a "sequel" the author fills in the background right away so you can read this book without having read the previous one. **The lord of opium book** 5/5 English I read Book 1 The House of the Scorpion last semester for a college literature class, **The lord of opium ebook download** I loved Book 1 so I was curious enough to read Book 2: **The lord of opium pdf free** This book went in the total opposite direction I expected it would go, **The lord of opium book free** I wish I had read Book 2 sooner after Book 1 but I still understood this book enough, **The lord of opium sequel** I seriously thought they were going to have to go up into space and blast the Scorpion star, **The lord of opium book free** The ending was also confusing and I totally understand other people in the reviews saying they had to reread it. **The lord of opium book** Too bad she died before Matt woke all the eejits up: **The lord of opium book free** I am wondering why the author waited so long to write the sequel, **The lord of opium book free** English To start I gave this one 4 stars because while this was a great book I still liked the first one a lot more: **The lord of opium book** Something about the development of Matt's character and his POV was more interesting in House of Scorpion. **The lord of opium book** Due to the countries laws of clones Matt is now a human and ruler of Opium. **The lord of opium pdf** We follow his journey into this new role that comes with some serious danger: **The lord of opium pdf free** Especially when you put this responsibility and peril in the hands of a 15 year old. **The lord of opium pdf** In my opinion if you are in the education world in any way you should read this series, **The lord of opium book free** By the end of each book if you aren't at least thinking about these things then I would go back and reread. **The lord of opium book** This quote reflects more of what happens in the second book: **The lord of opium comprehension questions** Education/ learning plays a bigger role as Matt wants to help his friends. **The lord of opium read online** He spends a good majority of the book figuring out how he can help each friend learn and fine-tune their interests/gifts, **The lord of opium ebook download** And I couldn't help but think Man I wish a teacher had taken some time with me like that. **The lord of opium read online** I realize teachers in a perfect world would love to have the capability to be one on one with every student, **The lord of opium book free** But I would have given anything to have just one teacher sit down and say You seem to be struggling with this subject Farmer is able to pose questions regarding nature vs. **The lord of opium book** I highly recommend this book especially if you have read the first one: **The lord of opium comprehension questions** However if it has been more than 6-8 years since you have read the first one, **The lord of opium book free** Do yourself a favor and reread it or at least refresh your memory with a heavily spoiled review: **The lord of opium book** As always happy reading! English Very solid and just as good as the original: **The lord of opium book** Of course people won't get that same feeling when the major twist of the first book happened but I definitely recommend it to anybody who loved the first: **The lord of opium read online free** Delves more into the world of Gods Ashtray and how different Opium is from the rest of the world, **The lord of opium ebook download** English I read The House of the Scorpion in fifth or sixth grade and I loved it: **The lord of opium comprehension questions** I remember sitting in a desk that I'd shoved into a corner of the room being absolutely enthralled by the book, **The lord of opium book free** I remember how it made me think and I remember vague plot points but other details escape me: **The lord of opium comprehension questions** Still I've counted it as being among my favorite books for years. **The lord of opium summary** So naturally I assumed I would also love The Lord of Opium, **The lord of opium ebook download** If I went and reread The House of the Scorpion now I don't think I would be as impressed by it, **The lord of opium sequel** The Lord of Opium won't leave the same impact on my mind, **The lord of opium ebook download** Yes it's thought-provoking but these ideas are never fully explored

and it's too weighed down by other plot and narration issues: **The lord of opium comprehension questions** It has a clear focus--Matt wants to re-humanize the eejits and eliminate the opium farms altogether, **The lord of opium book free** (Ambitious goals but he's a socially isolated fourteen-year-old who has suddenly become a drug lord. **The lord of opium book** Matt goes to visit people talks to scientists and Cienfuegos tries to connect with Mirasol (an eejit) mopes around: **The lord of opium book** Little of this is exciting and it gets old pretty fast, **The lord of opium book free** Even though Matt is fourteen years old the narration reads like that of a twelve-year-old. **The lord of opium book** Sentences tend to be short which makes everything seem choppy, **The lord of opium book free** It doesn't fit with the tone of the book or the intended audience. **The lord of opium book** Again I understand that Matt is socially and in some ways developmentally stunted but his actions and words were more mature than the narration made him seem, **The lord of opium book free** If the narration had matched this the entire book would have flowed better, **The lord of opium book free** Matt himself is an interesting character--I could see the struggle between his own thoughts and what he felt were the intrusion of El Patrón's: **The lord of opium book** He has a fascinating yet sad backstory and it gave him an interesting personality. **The lord of opium book** The side characters however weren't anywhere near as interesting. **The lord of opium summary** Some of the kids (like Listen) acted too old for their age some too young (like María), **The lord of opium ebook download** None of them ever grabbed my attention and sometimes it felt like there were too many characters for the story, **The lord of opium ebook download** All that being said this book has some truly thought-provoking ideas and asks some difficult and relevant questions, **The lord of opium ebook download** Nancy Farmer explores them through Matt's complicated relationship with El Patrón (before and after his death) his attempted connection with Mirasol and his new role as drug lord: **The lord of opium book free** Like I mentioned earlier these things weren't discussed quite thoroughly enough for my liking but they helped slightly redeem the book for me. **The lord of opium book** The premise and its ideas are fascinating but the plot is slow, **The lord of opium book free** The narration is simplistic and choppy and there are so many flat side characters. **The lord of opium read online** It's probably worth a read if you enjoyed The House of the Scorpion but I'm a bit disappointed with it. **The lord of opium read online** Similar Books: It deals with questions of personhood for lack of a better term like Unwind. **The lord of opium book** It presents a bleak dystopian future like Ship Breaker The Knife of Never Letting Go and Blood Red Road, **The lord of opium book free** I was highly impressed by THE HOUSE OF THE SCORPION and very excited to be able to read an ARC of the sequel: **The lord of opium book** Alas so much of what I admired in the first book is absent from the second: **The lord of opium read online free** While reading SCORPION I was swept up into Matt's experiences his gradual understanding of the dystopia he inhabits and his highly unsettling place within it: **The lord of opium book free** And of course there was considerable tension arising from his struggle to survive and keep his friends safe. **The lord of opium read online** In reading OPIUM I felt too distanced from Matt's experiences to be emotionally engaged: **The lord of opium pdf free** It feels like a rushed guided tour where the guide won't let you linger in the really interesting places to soak up the atmosphere. **The lord of opium book** It may be that Farmer set the bar so high with SCORPION that I couldn't help being let down by OPIUM. **The lord of opium book** English There's some pretty harsh reviews for Lord of Opium but I don't understand why, **The lord of opium book free** This follow up to The House of the Scorpion was very very good! English This is one of those cases where I think memory did me a disservice. **The lord of opium pdf** However when I read it The House of the Scorpion was in the 3-3: **The lord of opium read online free** Despite that I was convinced that younger me missed something and that I would enjoy the series more now: **The lord of opium comprehension questions** From what I can recall I think The Lord of Opium is a good sequel but it was a bit slow for me, **The lord of opium sequel** Before launching into The Lord of Opium I read a synopsis of The House of the Scorpion because I remembered very little, **The lord of opium sequel** Sometimes sequels ruin the original especially when the sequel may not have initially been planned. **The lord of opium book** The House of the Scorpion came to a nice conclusion but it didn't wrap things up in

a neat bow and Farmer had lots of questions to really dig into with another book: **The lord of opium book free** The parts of the book I enjoyed were the political and psychological angles. **The lord of opium pdf** El Patrón and his heirs died leaving a power vacuum in one of the most powerful drug kingdoms, **The lord of opium book free** With El Patrón dead Matt becomes the new Patrón and legally a human being no longer a clone. **The lord of opium book** Though legally accepted as human and ruler others are not necessarily eager to show deference to a fifteen-year-old clone: **The lord of opium book** On top of that Matt wants to make huge changes to Opium namely stopping the production of opium and curing the eejits microchipped workers. **The lord of opium book** Basically all of the leaders of the world are super reminiscent of tyrants of the past and just yikes, **The lord of opium book free** Another powerful element was Matt's internal struggle with El Patrón who's sort of inhabiting his mind: **The lord of opium read online free** There's really a question of whether some element of Patrón lives inside of him or if this is something he's imagining as he cracks under the pressure of his new position, **The lord of opium sequel** Matt was very unlike El Patrón in the first book but shades of the person he could become begin to appear now. **The lord of opium summary** Absolute power corrupts absolutely as they say and Farmer really delves into the way dark impulses can sneak through when you have complete control, **The lord of opium ebook download** Though I liked all of those things the book just went on forever and I slogged through it: **The lord of opium book free** Farmer's more about the world building and plot and the only truly well-developed characters are Matt and Cienfuegos: **The lord of opium book** Without more powerful characters I wasn't invested enough for all of those pages to not be a chore: **The lord of opium book free** Sometimes the length is necessary but I feel like there was room for quite a bit of trimming: **The lord of opium pdf free** I'm also left with myriad questions about the world building but the biggest issue for me personally was a lack of caring: **The lord of opium pdf free** Warning: SPOILERS in this paragraph: Oh right I was talking about the romance. **The lord of opium read online** They're a little couple but her mom doesn't approve and is keeping her apart, **The lord of opium sequel** Meanwhile he becomes obsessed with his waitress an eejit he dubs Mirasol even though she only responds to Waitress: **The lord of opium comprehension questions** He tells her not to worry but continues spending a lot of time with Mirasol trying to save her and the other eejits. **The lord of opium book** He figures out he can wake her up a bit bring out her personality from within in the mindless zombie persona if he plays a certain song: **The lord of opium comprehension questions** This is wrong and creepy on so many levels since she can't consent because she's unconscious AND because she's brainwashed: **The lord of opium book free** Also he's supposedly in a loving committed relationship with María, **The lord of opium book free** Romance ladies and gentlemen! Though I don't think The Lord of Opium is entirely without merit it really is not a book for me, **The lord of opium book free** I suspect those who really loved The House of the Scorpion will enjoy this but I make no promises since I do not remember that book well: **The lord of opium pdf free** English I abandoned this about 2/3 of the way through and should have done it sooner: **The lord of opium comprehension questions** I absolutely loved The House of the Scorpion and was so excited about this sequel, **The lord of opium sequel** There are many opportunities for action and tense moments all of which are ignored, **The lord of opium book free** Every other drug lord in the world should have been immediately moving in on the territory but no they just supposedly complain about their drug shipments that's all: **The lord of opium comprehension questions** Far too much describing of stuff instead of showing or acting on it, **The lord of opium ebook download** One minute he is totally concerned with the have nots and the next he's screaming like a dictator, **The lord of opium book free** I took that as Farmer's way of showing that as a clone he could never be his own person that he was just a younger El Patron, **The lord of opium book free** But I think there could have been a better way to show it: **The lord of opium book free** It was so long since the first novel that a lot of recap had to occur and I think Farmer did a good job of weaving that in. **The lord of opium book** House of the Scorpion was so much better and Farmer should have stopped there. What's the answer? I don't know if there is one. Farmer is a master of writing this age group too. She doesn't dumb it down to simple thoughts. That takes skill

and she has it. But she takes that one step further in the second book. There is a character you will meet named Listen. She is quite possibly my favorite. Restless again she decided to visit Africa. Restless again she decided to visit Africa. Nancy eventually got to Africa on a legal ship. He proposed a week later. This is the setting for *The Lord of Opium*. They have a son Daniel who is in the U.S. navy. Her books have been translated into 26 languages. being property. And btw Nancy Farmer - I love her. There is a somewhat bizarre treatment of women in the series. Rating: 2. There just didn't seem to be much of a plot. Also the ending just seemed a little anti-climatic. This book picks up right where the other one left us. Luckily Farmer doesn't bombard you with all of this. The secret of successful education . Is finding out how a particular person learns. Especially when it came to math and science. It's just not that easy. Our population is bigger and so are our classrooms. nurture. Then she couples those questions with a character aged 6. It was quite impressive to me. It will make the world of difference. Now I don't remember that much of it. My biggest problem was that the plot hardly goes anywhere. I'll give him a break.) Still things happen at an annoyingly slow rate. It's overly simplistic. Overall I have mixed feelings about this. Read more of my reviews at <http://anniesepicblog.blogspot.com>. Pre-review: There. Is. A. Because you know haven't read that beauty since fifth grade. English I am so disappointed. Sigh. 5 range for me. Sadly this didn't turn out to be the case. Based on that refresher *The Lord of Opium* is legit. Politically *Opium's* a mess. Anyway Matt has this thing with María also fifteen. María finds out about this and is jealous. She will dance and then pass out. While she's passed out he kisses her. The problem: Nothing happens. But it didn't make up for all of the weaknesses. English

