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