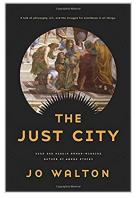
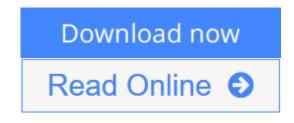
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Meanwhile, Apollo?stunned by the realization that there are things mortals understand better than he does?has arranged to live a human life, and has come to the City as one of the children. He knows his true identity, and conceals it from his peers. For this lifetime, he is prone to all the troubles of being human.

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