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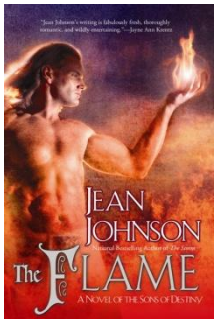
The Flame



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Rating: 4 clovers

Poor Koranen! Fated, or cursed, as a Pyromancer, his mere touch can burn. An ancient prophecy has haunted the eight *Sons of Destiny* and the kingdom of Nightfall is now taking shape as a result with each brother finding happiness at his appointed time. Koranen is fated to meet a woman who can control THE FLAME and he suspects it is an Aquamancer. Four Aquamancers have arrived at Nightfall. Which one is his destined mate?

Jean Johnson weaves together a magical and surprisingly complex fantasy romance. THE FLAME is the seventh book in the series and I would highly recommend reading the *Sons of Destiny* series in order. Each book builds upon the last and all the characters reappear in the various tales. Some of the nuances of the story may be lost by reading this series out of order.

Koranen's story is a heartbreaking one. His destined mate is a perfect match for him as they complement each other perfectly. Seeing Koranen's loneliness throughout the series makes this particular happily-ever-after especially enjoyable.

Jean Johnson does a beautiful job at showing the creation of a new civilization. She incorporates all the basic foundations, from the governing bodies, to the religion, to the culture of a new society. The sheer depth of the world building is impressive as Jean Johnson makes the society of Nightfall believable. The various myths and legends she weaves into the plot only enhance the overall story arc as THE FLAME is easily recommended!