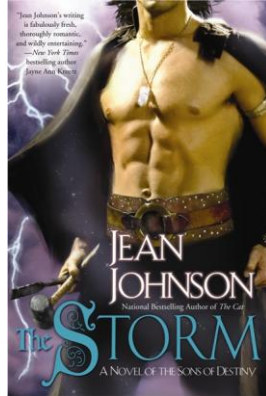


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Review by Debbie

Rating: 5 clovers



Rydan has dreaded his prophecy. How could he ever give up his reign as the prophecy foretells? Worse yet, he fears that Rora of the Shifterai isn't for him at all! Rora sees beneath Rydan's prickly exterior to the man inside. Does Rora have the solution to Rydan's problem? And what about Rora's own secret? Things are about to heat up in Nightfall!

Rydan's story is the one I've been waiting for and Jean Johnson did not disappoint! As noted in the beginning of both *THE STORM* and the previous book, *THE CAT*, the events in the two books occur concurrently but from different perspectives. Don't think this means the reader will have to sort through all the same events in mindless boredom, however. No, Ms. Johnson makes all the events seem new and fresh as told from an entirely different perspective. In fact, the story is richer and fuller for the added depth of seeing the story occur from varying viewpoints. And oh, the ending! What an ending!

THE STORM is the sixth book in a series but can be read as a stand alone. However, nuances of the characters and the beauty of seeing Rydan's character in particular throughout the earlier books practically demands that one read the series in order. *THE STORM* is more than worth the wait!

Rydan is the sort of hero you can't help but love. On the surface, he seems almost brusque but one can see glimpses of another side. Rora is the perfect bride for Rydan. Her calm and soothing personality provides a balm to Rydan's wounded soul and in turn helps them both find happiness. *THE STORM* is both a fantastic fantasy story and a beautiful love story. Highly recommended!