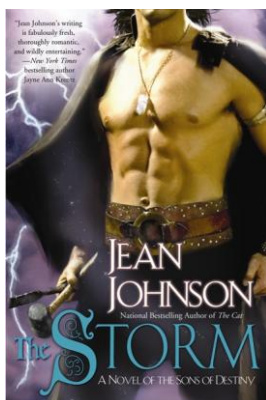




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Blue Ribbon Rating 5 out of 5



Long ago, the Seer Draganna foretold of eight brothers, born in four sets of twins, two years apart to the day. Five brothers have already met their prophesied mates and together they are happily establishing a new country on the island of Nightfall. Sixth born Rydan has dreaded the day that it would be his turn to embrace destiny.

When Rydan's heavily guarded refuge is accidentally breached by an exasperating, yet intriguing, woman, he is determined to resist falling under her spell. From the moment Rora unintentionally stumbles into Rydan's hidden sanctuary, she is intrigued by the darkly brooding man. Yet, no matter how prickly and unfriendly he is toward her, she is still drawn to him. Rora recognizes the torment that drives Rydan to seek solitude and hopes to help him overcome the problem. Rydan knows he is about as appealing as a thicket full of thorns to be around and is surprised that she still seeks his aggravating company. Why then does Rora persist? Even more perplexing, why does Rydan not ask her to leave?

However, Rora is not ordinary. She can see the secret of what drives Rydan into his solitary lifestyle and she is the only one who can help him fix the problem before it destroys him. Rora has a secret of her own—one of such immense power that other mages have killed in order to acquire it. This secret drove Rora and her sister into exile from their homeland. In the wrong hands, the power she possesses could obliterate their world. However, in the right hands, it could forever alter her and Rydan's fate.

Rydan is an enigma wrapped in a brooding, daylight-shunning blanket of mystery. He rarely interacts with his brothers, and when he does, he limits himself to short sentences and grunts. Rora is the light to Rydan's darkness. Her positive attitude in the face of great danger has helped her to face exile from family and friends, kidnapping and violence. Drawn to this dark man, Rora wonders whether she can help him overcome the torment she knows he suffers. Is her love enough to draw the loner out of his self-imposed isolation? Will Rydan accept the help and affection Rora offers? When a crisis threatens the entire family, can Rydan let go of the thing he holds most dear to take a chance on salvation?

THE STORM is book six in Jean Johnson's absolutely enchanting series about eight brothers banished from their homeland because of an ancient prophecy. Rydan of Nightfall has intrigued me from the very first book and I have been anxiously awaiting his story. I have wanted to unravel the mystery of this dark, enigmatic hero from the very beginning of this incredible series. THE STORM exceeds all of my expectations. The chemistry between Rydan and Rora is amazing and well worth the wait. Johnson skillfully combines the overall plot surrounding the island of Darkfall, the multiple prophecies, the eight brothers, with tales of love and passion into an enthralling and exhilarating series filled with action and adventure that should not be missed! Johnson has earned a place on my must buy list and her latest, THE STORM, is a definite keeper!