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Review for [Sword, The](#)  
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**Reviewer Comments:** *The Sword* by Jean Johnson is the first in an intriguing new fantasy romance series about the Sons of Destiny. Readers of fantasy romance have very few selections now to read and this addition by Jean Johnson is a welcome addition to the genre. The story focuses on 4 sets of twins all with magic powers and abilities living in an alternate reality in the Kingdom of Katan. The brothers, feared for their magical abilities and focus on the number eight, have been exiled to live alone on the Isle of Nightfall. They are to have no contact with women and their contact with the outside world is limited to trade.

**Ratings**  
Overall: 8  
Sensuality: 6  
Time Travel  
Element: 10



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The first brother, Saber welds the sword and it is his destiny that when he falls in love disaster shall come at her heel. Saber believes that as long as they don't come in contact with any female, they can continue to live safely. The youngest and most powerful of the brothers, Morganen, seems to see beyond the knowledge of his older brothers and he rescues a woman from the 21st century that he believes is a suitable mate for his oldest brother, Saber. Falling into Morganen's plan, Saber takes over the care of this woman.

One minute Kelly Doyle is suffering near death in a fire and next she is being healed by Mages in a far-away world. Kelly sees this as an opportunity to live for in her world she was ridiculed and treated unfairly, she now has a home where she is loved and wanted by most everyone. The exception is Saber, he wants her, but he is fighting against his attraction to save disaster that will fall upon the land. It doesn't take Kelly long to wear him down and soon they set out to face the disaster together.

*The Sword* is a unique combination of magic, time-travel, and fantasy that will have readers looking toward the next book. Johnson gives a new story with a group of Mages each with different powers. Only one Mage is all-powerful and he is the youngest, according to the prophecy he will be the last to find a wife. Think *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers* but add one more and give them magic, with curses and fantasy thrown in for fun.

While giving readers a great introductions to all the brothers, *The Sword*, focuses on the first brother, Saber and his intended wife. Readers are brought into a land where strange magical creatures fight the brothers and Johnson uses these magical creatures as a means to bring Saber and Kelly together. Really cunning are the small creative touches

Johnson uses in giving magical gifts to Kelly, which bring the couple together. The brothers each will have their story and lovers of magic and fantasy will enjoy this fun, fresh, and very romantic offering.