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THE WOLF
The Sons of Destiny Series
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Imagine being banished with your seven brothers, abandoned by your community to live on an island, isolated, and forbidden to meet women/marry. With their birth, the eight boys fulfill the main requisite of The Curse of Eight prophecy, so they are sent to exile on Nightfall Isle. In the first book THE SWORD, we meet the eldest brother Saber and his bride to be Kelly. In THE WOLF, we meet Wolfer and Alys and learn their story and place in the prophecy.

Wolfer and Alys have known each other for most of their lives. Until the brothers were exiled three years ago, they grew up together. Alys has been virtually imprisoned by her uncle and forced into the life of a servant. That would not have been so bad, if he was not cruel and abusive too. On top of all of that, he conspires with dark magic to kill the eight brothers of the prophecy for his own nefarious ends.

When Alys washes up on their island, Wolfer is quick to protect and claim her as his own. This book is an interesting link in this series. The premise of these stories are imaginative and fresh, even if they lack some of the more in depth writing I enjoy in paranormal and science fiction world building. It is obvious that all eight brothers are going to have their own book, culminating with an end to the prophecy. While normally this type of predestined writing bores me, Ms. Johnson keeps my interest peaked throughout this book.

One facet of this story that I really enjoyed was the genuine feeling of the relationship between Alys and Wolfer and the realistic tidbits injected into the story. Their lovemaking is interspersed with awkward moments of passion, not just perfect sex. Small attention to details like Alys's desire for woman's items since she escaped with nothing but what was on her back, to an island that is not supposed to have any women. Fun and gripping reading if you like the paranormal genre and are interested in starting a series, THE WOLF is a good book.

Reviewed by Sarah Silversmith
Rating 4