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Valdemar, an artless grape grower in search of the perfect woman, is led by Wayfinder, Sword of Wisdom--one of the Twelve Swords of Power--into a battle against the world's most infamous wizard. Reprint.

## **The Seventh Book of Lost Swords: Wayfinder's Story Details**

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## **From Reader Review The Seventh Book of Lost Swords: Wayfinder's Story for online ebook**

### **Don says**

Totally enjoyed the entire series. Classic Fantasy!

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### **Mariana says**

the author avoided the confrontation between Wood and Mark. Hopefully the last book will be better.

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### **Todd says**

Continuing the Saberhagen nostalgia reading. Books 7&8 were more highly rated on Amazon so I finished with those. Book 7 was fun like the original trilogy. Fast moving, lots happening. The characters are simple and the endings are happy but it's a fun journey.

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### **Jefferson Coombs says**

I was glad when I started this project to find that more Sword books were written. I remember after finishing the 6th Book of Lost Swords that a conclusion had not been reached. This book is very light reading but I found it to be fun and a good escape from reality.

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### **D says**

Metric system - Those are my personal opinions, you may discord, my final rating of the book is not necessarily linked to this system and may diverge from it.

#### Book Storyline

- Originality: 4/5 stars
- Development: 3/5 stars
- Enjoyment: 5/5 stars
- Writing stile: 2/5 stars
- Funnyness: 2/5 stars
- Epicness: 2/5 stars
- Scaryness: 1/5 stars
- Smartness: 2/5 stars
- Addictiveness: 1/5 stars
- Plot twists: 3/5 stars
- Pace: 2/5 stars
- Storyline planning: 1/5 stars OR /5 negative stars

- Ending: 2/5 stars OR /5 negative stars
- Holes: 1/5 negative stars
- Impact on series storyline: 4/5 stars
- Self contained (Y/N): Y
- Cliffhanger (Y/N): N
- Adult (Y/N): N
- Violence level: War
- Tech level: Basically undermedieval
- Religion level: Fictional cults and deities
- Main genre: Fantasy
- Subgenre: Quest, Adventure, somewhat fairytale
- Point of view: narration
- Aftertaste: better than most in the series
- Quote: *Why is it necessary for me to be something other than what I am?*

#### Series Storyline

- Originality: 5/5 stars
- Development: 2/5 stars
- Enjoyment: 4/5 stars
- Writing stile: 2/5 stars
- Funnyness: 1/5 stars
- Epicness: 1/5 stars
- Scaryness: 1/5 stars
- Smartness: 2/5 stars
- Addictiveness: 1/5 stars
- Plot twists: 2/5 stars
- Pace: 2/5 stars
- Storyline planning: 1/5 stars OR /5 negative stars
- Holes: 1/5 negative stars

#### World

- Originality: 2/5 stars
- Variety: 1/5 stars
- Consistency: 4/5 stars
- Impact on the story: 2/5 stars
- Maps: -/5 stars
- Real world (Y/N): N
- Fantasy based on real world (Y/N): Y
- Journey (Y/N): N
- Main scenario: military camp

#### Characters Quantity

- Total amount: ~15
- Points of view: a lot
- Main characters: none
- Secondary: hard to say
- Ordinary: ~15

#### Characters Quality

- Overall: 3/5 stars
- Main: -/5 stars
- Secondary: -/5 stars
- Consistency: 4/5 stars

- Connection: 1/5 stars
- Underworld Crew (Y/N): N
- Training (Y/N): N
- Notable best characters: The Emperor
- Notable worse characters: all the rest

#### Rules

- Devised system: 5/5 stars
- System complexity: 4/5 stars
- System explanation: 3/5 stars
- Impact on storyline: 5/5 stars
- Rulebreaker (Y/N): N
- Type of Rule: Godforged swords and magic

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Finally going somewhere, maybe...

As chaotic as the coinspinner's book, this one is much better than most of the lost swords books, but still very far from the fantastic Empire of the East trilogy.

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### **Alex says**

see first book of swords for my review of the series. Its been a while so I may blunder but I seem to recall there weren't any exceptions to the awesomeness outside of the fact that the first three were a little slower than the rest.

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### **Justin Salisbury says**

This is a rather odd fantasy setting, but I really enjoy these books.

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### **Patricia Hamill says**

As usual, Fred Saberhagen really delivers with The Seventh Book of Lost Swords: Wayfinder's Story.

This story follows Wayfinder, a god-forged sword with the power to lead its holder to his or her most cherished goal. This story takes a lot of unexpected twists and turns as the sword switches hands from the lonely vineyard farmer, Valdemar, who wants to find a wife, to Yambu and Zoltan, to Ben, to the persistent Blue Temple, and finally to Tigris, the dread Wizard Wood's sadistic right-hand woman.

Will Valdemar find the perfect wife? Will Ben find Woundhealer to save the ailing Princess Kristen? Will Yambu and Zoltan find the truth they so desperately desire? Will Tigris achieve her own surprising goal (not here revealed due to spoilers)?

Interesting in this story is the way the Sword of Wisdom tends to take the goals of its previous wielders into account. The result is a fantastic web of people, adventure and achievements with unexpected consequences.

