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The Sons of Destiny series continues in this breathtaking romantic fantasy from a fresh new voice. Eight brothers, born in four sets of twins, two years apart to the day—they fulfill the Curse of Eight Prophecy. To avoid tempting their destiny, the brothers are exiled to Nightfall Island, where women are forbidden. When a childhood friend seeks refuge among the brothers, it triggers a confrontation with their mysterious enemy. Alys arrives desperate and afraid, but welcomed by Wolfer, the second-born brother who harbors deep feelings for Alys. But she harbors a secret: her own uncle is tormenting the exiled brothers, and seeks to kill them to secure their ancestral inheritance for himself. Confessing her uncle's plan to the brothers puts them at even greater risk, for their resistance against the evil mage has stirred his wrath. Alys fears her uncle is determined this time to exterminate the brothers once and for all—destroying the star-crossed lovers as well.

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Nisha says

To me, this book was filler. I made myself read it because I wanted to read Dominor's story. The premise of the book should have been the type I like, since they were childhood sweethearts and all. Why did I not like it? The Sex. There was too much of it and so little plot. The problem was, the sex was the most interesting part of the book, because there was some obvious skimping on the other cute interactions (with the other brothers and all). Alys, obviously, got the short end of the stick when she was absent for all the inside jokes they shared. No one bothered to make up new ones. They do try to fill her in. The antagonist, the Uncle, whatever his name was, was a pretty intense villain. Great things could have happened, but he was killed way too quickly. It wasn't bad, just too short.

Basically, the story got a little too hung up on the sex, and skimped on tension and dialogue. A little disappointing considering all that could have been done. Still, it's a prerequisite to read the next book with Dominor, which I am looking forward for.

Annette says

Not the best writing, but at this point I just need to see what happens...on to the next one!

Christel says

"The second son shall know his fate:
He who hunts is not alone
When claw would strike and cut to bone
A Chain of silk shall bind his hand
So Wolf is caught in marriage-band."

This is the second book in the Son's of Destiny series and I am throughly enjoying this series of stories about the Son's of Destiny.

Wolf is the second oldest, twin of Sabar. Alys and Wolf were chillhood friends, Alys in love with Wolf ever since she can remember. Alys has a evil Uncle who has tormented the brothers from afar. Alys escapes from her Uncle and makes her way to Nighthall Island. Wolf is very, very protective of Alys, always has been and always will be.

To me this one was not as good as the first but I still enjoyed reading it. Just another series for my to keep bokshelves that are getting fuller and fuller.

Coral says

Plot: 3/5 (dull plot saved by the showdown ending)

Characterisation: 3/5

Prose: 4/5

How much I enjoyed it: 3/5

Stasha says

Okay really having trouble getting through this book. From the picture in the back, I assume the author is over 17 and has had sex with a man at least once in her life. Maybe she wrote this when she was younger and a virgin and never really re-edited?

The feminist diatribes really don't add to the story. I'm at least halfway through it, I should be able to finish it. Definitely not up to the standards of the first. Hopefully the 3rd will be better?

Did actually finish it, the fight scene was worth slogging through the rest of it.

Gwen (The Gwendolyn Reading Method) says

The first book was cute, even if it was rather strange. This second book though just dragged.

Danielle says

I thought whole series idea would be so good, but as I keep reading it just got more and more and more in the sex instead of a love story. I really don't like it when the author turns to the I can't keep my hand off of each other even to handle a normal conversation instead of writing a great story. So I ended up skipping most of the book. I was disappointed. It could have been so good.

Joyce says

I remember liking this one more than the first one.

Gardavson says

AAAARRRR! Ok. 3.5 stars. If Kelly would have gotten killed, it would have been a 10. Let me say this. I HATE KELLY!!! I hate her I hate her I hate her. She is my least favorite character of all time, all genre's, all age groups. Was this even Kelly's book? No. But I almost quit reading it because Kelly was in it enough and I couldn't stand her anymore. This is Wolfer and Alys' story. I liked both characters. Wolfer is full of untapped potential. He could have been the sexiest of the brothers, but Johnson really didn't develop that much with him. Bummer.

I love the brothers. They are fun and their interactions are entertaining. Kelly is the only fly in the soup. Just in case I haven't made it clear, I HATE HER.

The book, well, it was enjoyable with the Kelly exception. It was a bit lacking in plot. Alys and Wolfer were slated for each other right off the bat and there really wasn't anything to their romance. The plot worked around the brothers' uncle, but that really didn't pick up till the end. The beginning of the book was a bunch of unnecessary sexual ennuendo that added nothing to the book. I rate it as a fair, enjoyable read, but not great. The brothers as a whole is what saved the book.

I'm hoping the next in the series is better. I'm really looking forward to the next and to Rydan's book.

I hate Kelly.

I had to come back and add this. Bareback riding is not erotic. I don't know what makes people think it is, other than that it is done with your legs apart. As an avid horsewoman, I have to say that it would take a GREAT deal of effort and concentration to find your release from riding bareback. Straddle a wobbly wooden kitchen chair backwards. Yep, that's it.

Still hate Kelly

Miranda says

Having a hard time with this series. It's really out there. The author has a great imagination but I feel like the heroine and the one before (book one) are a tad bit immature. That or I'm just having a hard time connecting with the whole series at all.

jD says

This lovestory was a little boring but it was still a good book. The story of the eight brothers is facinating. I like the fact that she continues to write about the antics of the other siblings alongside the main characters. The battle at the end of this book is very important and won't make sense without investing in the rest of the book. I suspect it will be the one I least enjoy but it was stil worth my reading time.

Maggie says

Reread. I will read anything this author writes.

Aurian Booklover says

Alys of Devries has been in love with Wolfer ever since she was three and he nine years old. Her parents were visiting his parents for some business, and she was playing in the court yard. When she skinned her knee, he found her crying and dried her tears, and played with her. After that, she pestered her parents to bring her as often as possible. She was not a courageous little girl, but to be with Wolfer, she would climb trees and whatever the boys would be doing.

But then her parents died in an accident, and she had to go live with her Uncle Broger. And her life turned miserable. He treated her as an unpaid servant, slapping her around and starving her when he had a mind to do so. He even would have taken her to his bed like his other servant girls, if she had not swayed his mind by telling him, he could get more for her if she was still a virgin. Broger is a truly evil Dark Mage, he has stolen the Brothers Dukedom by killing their other uncle, who was Duke until the brothers could return home. He has put many spells on Alys to make her obedient and unable to fight him or run away. He even can take her life force and magic. The only magic he teaches her, is what is useful for her to know to be able to care for the illegal and deadly animals he is breeding. Animals she helps him send to Nightfall Island...

The only good thing in Alys life is Morganen, who is secretly helping her and teaching her when ever he can through the mirror. But she will have to find a way to thwart her uncles' magic herself. And so when Morganen finally tells her it is time for her to come to Nightfall Island, it is just in time, as her Uncle tells her, he has sold her to another Count, a lecherous old man with awful hygiene, and she is to leave the same day. Alys has just perfected the magic she needs to set her own death in scene, making her uncle give her up ad death, or he will get her back. So one night, when the soldiers escorting her to her bridegroom, are getting a bit lax in their surveillance, Alys takes the opportunity to create a diversion of herself being taken away by some deathly Pookrah. She then melts a silver amulet into her skin, to sever all the spells her Uncle has laid on her. And when that is successful (this could not be practiced!) she sets out for Nightfall Island.

Taking a Gate to the coast, she almost runs into her other Uncle in the village. The only way to stay unseen is to enter a bar/brothel and to hide in one of the rooms when her Uncle also enters the establishment. After witnessing one of the whores and a client doing their thing, Alys gets a lovely education by the woman in question. She sure wants to try some of this out on Wolfer! Alys is also a shape shifter mage, like Wolfer, and she uses that to reach the Island, where she is found on the beach by Wolfer. At first he does not recognize her, as she did not have those curves when last he saw her, but he is certainly overjoyed that she is here. He never did forget her either. The enchanted lock of her hair around his wrist has managed to stay his temper more than once.

Wolfer is the second brother, a shapeshifter mage, but the wolf is not his only shape. He can also be a stallion and a raptor. When Alys arrives, he knows pretty soon that he wants to marry her, that she is his Destiny. And he sets out to court her, as Kelly has informed him of the hardships Alys had to endure at her uncles hands. But Alys does not want to take it slow, she just wants Wolfer in her bed (and out of it). And when it is found out that Alys took care of the deadly beasts they were plagued with, the brothers are not at all happy. But Morganen knew all about it, and he tells them more of her back ground. So now they know who their enemy is, and they can plan to destroy him.

If Uncle Broger does not visit Nightfall Isle first to fight them directly with his Dark magic...

Being independent from Katan also means that they own the desalination plant, the salt and algae blocks it produces. They will no longer allow the merchants to take it for free, as they have been doing for decades, the merchants will have to pay for it. Of course the merchants are not happy with that, but fighting some of the most powerful mages of Katan is not an option.

I enjoyed Alys, she is half timid and shy, and half courageous and brazen. Of course she drives Wolfer crazy. Kelly sets out to teach her kung fu, so she can defend herself against her Uncle when necessary. And the brothers plan to teach her more about her magic, as she never did get an education while living with her uncle. But first they have to make some magical mirrors to scry for Dominor, who was abducted in the last book, and to fight her uncle.

And what to say about Wolfer? He is fierce, and protective, and he will do everything for his Alys. As long as she agrees to wed him over the eight altars. He is so angry with Broger for treating Alys like that, and he can't attack the man without the magic slapping back at him a hundred fold. He is a bit jealous of the bond between Morganen and Alys, and enjoys slapping Morganen around a bit on the training grounds.

Alys also wants to work to earn some money, as she has brought nothing with her. She would like to take care of the animals, as that is what she is good in, and Kelly is all too happy to give the care of the vicious citizen-chickens over to Alys. Alys would also love some cows and a bull to have fresh milk and cheese, and perhaps some sheep for their wool. But for now, she will share Wolfer's chores with him.

Stay tuned for more enthusiastic reviews about this series, as I do love those books. Jean Johnson's writing voice is just right for me, her sense of humor, the characters she creates and especially the neat world building. I would love to visit Nightfall Island. Lots of action, magic, and hot love scenes in this second book in the series.

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9 stars.

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Melissa Levine says

This one was really hard to finish unlike the first book. Kelly was just way too much for me in this one. I couldn't handle being around someone that was that bossy/nosy. A few things that I question are:

1. Why is it when Alys first arrives on the island, she never really gets a chance to rest? Kelly is talking and talking about anything and everything she can come up with when Alys first gets there, even while she's trying to bathe. Then it seems right afterwards, Kelly is trying to show her how to do kung foo. Really? How long did it take Alys to get to the island?
2. I get Kelly has been wanting another female on the island basically since she first arrived. Why is it though when she's talking to Alys about Sabers Verse, the part about the 'sword in the sheath,' was it just me or did she seem to spend a little too much time on that line? I mean Alys just got there! I get shes a female but seriously, you just met her and you're already talking about sex?
3. Have I mentioned that I am not a fan of Kelly? The first book was alright in regards to how Kelly was

towards everyone else. But this one....when Alys was trying to relax and clean herself in the bath and Kelly tells her it's time to get out? Seriously? And the whole "young lady" thing she does with Alys. I don't get it? Alys is only 3 years younger than Kelly, yet Kelly treats her like a child a lot of the time.

4. Kelly is really too nosy when Wolfer and Alys finally get together. When they're basically making out in his room and she's banging on the door telling Wolfer to leave Alys alone? TOO MUCH!

5. My last complaint or whatever you want to call it is in regards to the sex. Prior to reading this book I read through some of the reviews and the 'too much sex' that was mentioned quite a bit. Now I have no problem reading books with lots of sex but at the same time I want something more to actually be going on, plot wise. Something to keep the story going and keep my attention. When it's just Wolfer and Alys having sex and Kelly bossing everyone around 2/3 of the book, it's boring. I had a hard time getting myself to continue reading. There were a lot of times where I would just be skimming the pages looking for something more than what I listed above to happen. It's not till the very end, like the last few pages when something finally does.

In the end, I have the next book willing and waiting for me to read. Not really looking forward to it but considering it involves Dominor who isn't even on the island, I'll take that as something good right there. That means less Kelly.

Steph says

I couldn't take this book seriously.

Why, you ask?

Well, there's this part in the beginning where Wolfer (fyi, the name makes me think of a car for some reason) shifts into a horse to carry Alys to the castle. She gets on his back; he gets an erection.

Horse. Erection.

Was I the only one who paused for a moment and turned away from the book to try and scrub the idea of horse penises from my mind? I hope not, otherwise I am one disturbed individual.

Moving on.

The book was a light read, kind of a filler, since you don't get the feeling that anything important happens. Sure, the diabolical Uncle whats-his-face is finally defeated, but it is done so quickly it doesn't seem to have much significance. There is heaps, HEAPS, of sex that, personally, to me didn't seem very steamy. Just kind of bland, and repetitive as the same moves were pulled and so forth.

Another thing; it irked me how everyone reacted to Alys' 'betrayal'. This is mainly because it was pretty obvious from the start, and then Rydan was the only one to see it before she confessed didn't say much for the other characters' intelligence. Their subsequent suspicion of her, while short-lasting, was kind of unnecessary since it was kind of obvious Alys was only helping her Uncle to survive the years she lived with

him, and was too in love with Wolfer to betray him and his family.

The world also wasn't as interesting here as it was in 'The Sword', so it was hard for me to find many enjoyable things about this read. Queen Kelly didn't help. She is a bitch. And I hate her. Infinitely and irrevocably.

To conclude, this book wasn't very good, but its short length managed to keep me from getting bored. I give it 2 stars.
