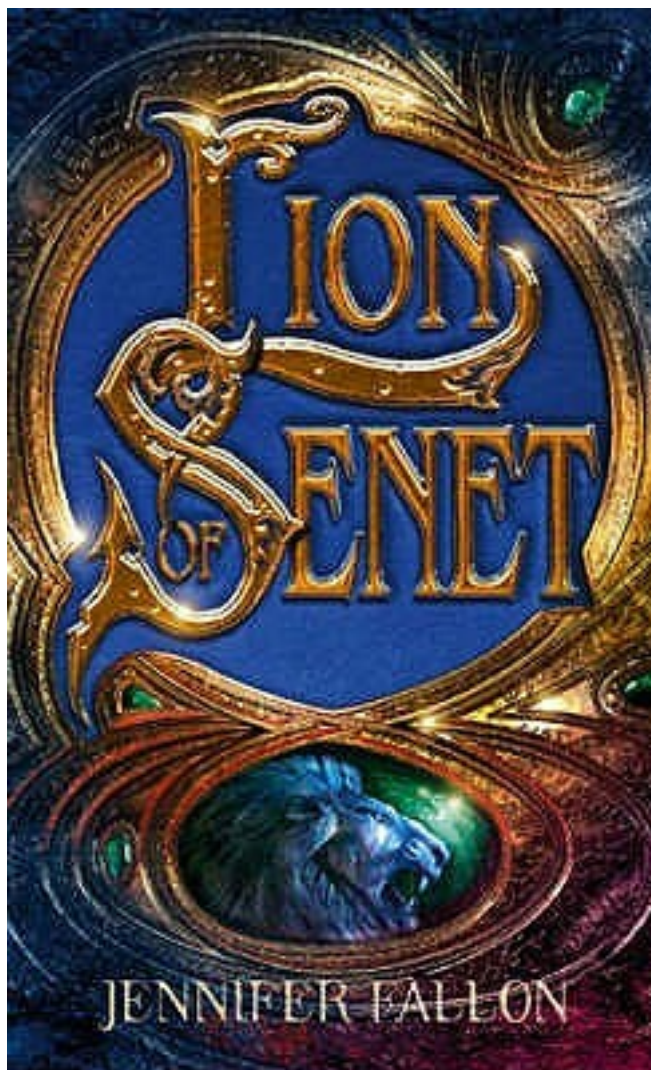


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**Jennifer Fallon**

**Lion of Senet (Second Sons Trilogy #1)**



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## Description

A volcanic eruption divides the seas between the kingdoms of Senet and Dhevyn, and an ill-omened sailor is thrown onto the island of Elcast. His arrival is a catalyst - baring old hatreds and secrets best left hidden.

## Insightful reviews

Lukas Lovas: So....this book....it hooked me pretty soon, which surprised me considering how many POV characters there are. And it hooked me enough to enjoy it and look forward to reading it. But it wasn't quite perfect.

The story is good, the political machinations complex, but not hard to keep track of and I liked the characters. However, the conflicts among them seemed a bit too artificial at times...the emotions were too strong. She loves him too much, he is smitten by someone else to the point of idiocy, she hates him with passion for no good reason....and most of the conflicts between them could be ended by a simple "give me five minutes to explain." However, they say just enough to "make an effort" at defence, but not enough to make it count. That was borderline idiotic, and it made me roll my eyes and lose the resonance of the story. Other than this flaw however, the book was truly good and I enjoyed it a lot.

Candice: [Details at my blog](#)

A brilliant mathematician calculated when the second sun would disappear, vital information for keeping the religious establishment in power. In the midst of war, he vanished without telling anyone when the Age of Darkness would begin. But High Priestess Belagren has found another gifted mathematician in seventeen-year-old Dirk Provin, and even though his mother is a political dissident who hates the High Priestess and everything she represents, Belagren's determined to have him.

This is probably my favorite fantasy of all time. It influenced my tastes so strongly that I no longer feel magic is a necessary element in fantasy, while I'm less likely to pick up a fantasy novel if it doesn't contain intrigue at high levels (politics or religion).

Dirk is just fascinating. If I recall correctly, Jennifer Fallon's premise for him was "How many bad things can a character do and still be sympathetic?" That surprised me, because even though he's thinking ten times faster than everyone around him, there's obvious logic in all his decisions and I was rooting for him the whole time. Dirk is my favorite male character under 30.

He's also surrounded by a slew of strong personalities, each with their own agendas and secrets. All of Jennifer Fallon's books are like that, and even though they're all very well-done in terms of plotting and characterization, something keeps drawing me back to this book. I think I've read this book about once a year for almost ten years now.

Lis: I'm really rather puzzled why this book didn't grab me; from the reviews it seemed like exactly my sort of fantasy. I didn't hate it, but when I saw that I'd reached 176 pages with only

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mild curiosity and no real desire to find out what happens, I decided it was time to stop. It's a case of too many books, too little time, and not enough bloody interest.

James: this is often the most effective myth sequence that i've got ever read. i presumed - and will swear that I did - write a overview for either this and the second one within the series. But, for a few reason, they are not there. whilst I re-read this again, i'm going to write a re-view useful of this sort of nice piece of fiction: simply learn my overview for 3rd one to be able to see how a lot if effected me. till then, simply are aware of it is without doubt one of the top books during this genre.

Zoe: i am not a typical critic or anything, I simply loved this sequence a lot I needed to depart a comment. I randomly picked up the second one ebook during this trilogy "The Eye of the Labyrinth" regularly simply because i used to be getting it at a cut price price. the writer does an awesome activity of pulling you into the story. i did not quite recognize what was once occurring (because I hadn't learn the 1st book) yet that did not subject as the tale and how it was once instructed was once really compelling for me. The suspense stored you on edge. even if i did not be aware of Dirk so good i used to be presently intrigued by way of his character. I went again and browse the 1st and final books and every thing fell into position very neatly. I even enjoyed the finishing that's beautiful infrequent for me. i have never learn a chain in decades that saved me wide awake throughout the evening yet this one certainly did. there's lots intelligence within the plot it truly is amazing. in the event you like witty characters and a narrative that retains you in your ft this sequence is well worthy a read. :)

Megan: (Re-posted from <http://theturnedbrain.blogspot.com>)It pleases me to work out that Australian writer Jennifer Fallon is slowly commencing to obtain a few good deserved overseas attention. Her contemporary 'Tide Lords' quartet garnered a few optimistic reviews, and I've noticeable a few blogs posting approximately her most modern sequence 'The Undivided.'But i would like to speak now approximately certainly one of her older, much less known, set of books; the second one Sons trilogy, comprising of 'The Lion of Senet,' 'Eye of the Labyrinth,' and 'Lord of the Shadows.' It's a disgrace that those books haven't acquired much more attention, simply because they're relatively lovely great.The identify "Second Sons" is a shrewdpermanent little play on words. The trilogy issues it self with the second one sons of 2 robust families, however the plot additionally hinges at the moment sunlight within the world's sky. Ranadon has suns you see, a wide one that units like ours, and a moment one that by no means sets. apart from this one time whilst it did. A iteration or so in the past the second one solar set, ushering in a disastrous darkish age. And here's the place issues get interesting. an excellent genius dude used to be capable of expect whilst the darkish age may finish (with the ability of maths!), and he informed his priestess friend. She makes use of this knowledge to persuade the large ruler dude, aka The Lion of Senet, to sacrifice his son to finish the darkish age, and since she is aware the time it is going to finish it seems that the goddess was once speaking via her.But (the plot thickens) the large genius dude didn't simply expect while the darkish age could end, he envisioned whilst the following one may start. And priestess girl, who's now insanely strong excessive priestess lady, type of wishes that details to take care of her credibility. (It will be undesirable for her health and wellbeing if the ruler discovered he sacrificed his first born for nothing...) Too undesirable large genius man hasn't been noticeable in decades.But! there's one other younger lad with the brainpower to determine it out. this can

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be Dirk, one of many "second sons" within the title. He and the Lion of Senet's son Kirsh are the most tagonists of the books. now not a typo. Tagonsts. it is a be aware I simply made up. they don't seem to be protagonists (good guys), they are not antagonists (bad guys), they're simply people. They do strong things, they do shitty things, and think me whilst I say they will holiday your heart. This precise for many of the characters within the trilogy. there isn't any black and white here, belief me. The Lion of Senet, in particular, is especially good done. it is going to were effortless to make him a directly up villain, what with him killing his personal son and all. yet Fallon makes him a much more advanced personality than that. He's fanatical in his his non secular views, and many the plot is pushed by means of this. yet what selection does the man have? to confess that his faith may not be all-knowing will be to confess that he sacrificed his son for nothing. It makes for compelling analyzing allow me inform you. And the ending. Ah, the ending. It's a type of ends that hits you're keen on a punch to the gut, that remains with you for months or years or hell, most likely the remainder of your life. Years later and that i locate myself deliberating those books at bizarre times, operating over in my brain the process occasions that made issues within the ultimate quantity play out the way in which they did. there's not anything so awesome as a e-book drawing to an ideal and inevitable close, with all of the small items set in position over the 3 books resulting in one really good finale. They're no longer perfect, i will admit that. those have been written early in Fallon's profession while she used to be nonetheless smoothing out her prose a little. She will get a piece heavy with the adverbs (he stated sadly, she yelled angrily, he sighed ecstatically, and so on) yet it really is simple task no longer adequate to smash the joy of the story.

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