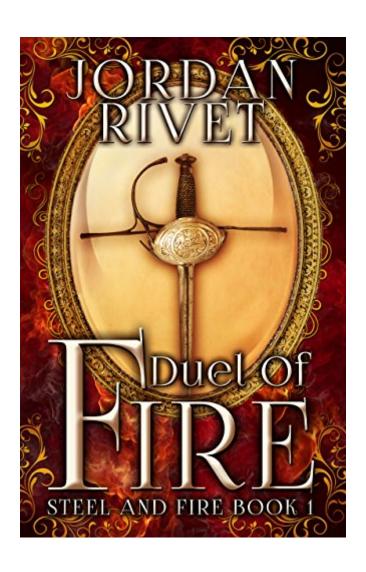
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Synopsis

Dara Ruminor is a serious young duelist in the mountaintop kingdom of Vertigon, a land of dramatic cliffs and misty peaks where mysterious Fire magic runs through the stones like blood. The secluded kingdom has been peaceful for a hundred years. Swords are used for sport, and successful athletes live like kings as long as the crowds love them. Eighteen-year-old Dara needs to find a wealthy patron in order to duel professionally and avoid a lifetime working in her parentsâ TM Fire Lantern shop. Her efforts are disrupted when her coach asks her to train with Prince Siv, an infuriatingâ "if handsomeâ "young man who refuses to take the sport as seriously as she does. But the princeâ TMs life may be in danger, and soon Dara will discover that Vertigon isnâ TMt as peaceful as she thought. As threats emerge from the shadows, Dara will have to raise her sword to protect Sivâ "if he doesnâ TMt irritate her so much that she decides to run him through herself. From the author of the Seabound Chronicles comes a new fantasy series about sword fighting, cur-dragons, molten Fire magic, and one young womanâ TMs effort to prove herself.

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I found Jordan and her books as I was searching for new and upcoming writers like myself. Jordan

is from Arizona like me and, so after reading the synopsis behind her book and the reviews of her previous works, I decided to read her book . I am glad I did.Duel of Fire is not your typical, quest or voyage and return fantasy. It takes place entirely in the kingdom and city of Vertigon, which is situated among three tall mountain peaks and connected by a series of bridges. The story begins with a young duelist (fencing athlete) named Dara. Dara is aspiring to be sponsored by some noble as she climbs the athletic ladder and makes a name for herself (as well as a living) as one of the greatest female duelist, or possibly any duelist, ever. In very typical fashion, her familyâ "who are Fireworkersâ "do not support her pursuits, but she doesnâ TMt care. She is eventually approached by her coach who wants her to work with the Prince of Vertigon, fearing for the young manâ TMs safety. A series of somewhat predictable events unfold as a plot to kill the King of a rather peaceful Vertigon unfolds and Dara learns some very deep and dark secrets about her own family. There were a couple refreshing things about this story. Firstly, like I said before, this is not your typical hero goes on a journey fantasy. It centered around an athlete-coach relationship, which I could relate to since I am also a coach. The conflict between Dara and her family was somewhat predictable, but it was well written and left the reader empathizing with Dara.

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