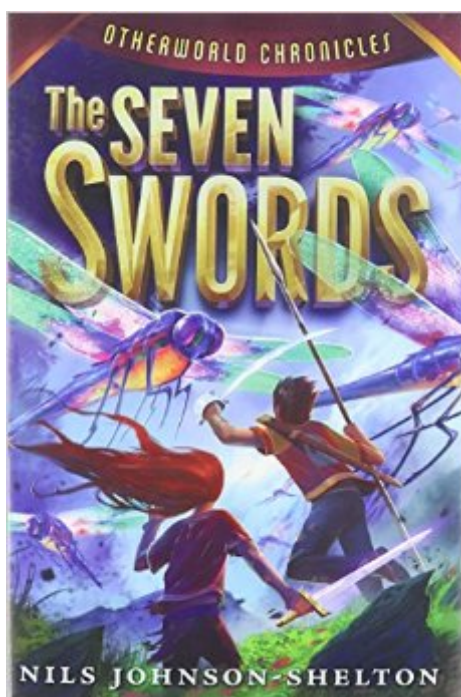


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Synopsis

The thrilling, action-packed sequel to *The Invisible Tower*, which *School Library Journal* called "a surefire hit with the legions of Rick Riordan fans." Spending the summer fighting dragons, rescuing wizards, and leaping through portals into the Otherworld was just the start of Artie Kingfisher's quest to claim his throne as King Arthur reborn. Now, Artie and his sister, Kay, must gather a team of knights to recover the legendary Seven Swords or face defeat at the hands of the evil Lordess Morgaine. *The Seven Swords* is filled with epic battles, unexpected enemies, and life-changing adventures. Rich in mythology and bursting with twenty-first-century fun, this high-spirited spin on Arthurian legend is perfect for middle grade fans of *Percy Jackson*, the *Alex Rider Chronicles*, and *House of Secrets*.

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Customer Reviews

Going from a gamer to a legendary king-in-the-making could have been a lot to handle for Artie Kingfisher. Instead, he traveled with ease back and forth between this world and the Otherworld all while retrieving Excalibur, setting Merlin free, ticking off Lordess Morgaine and inching one step closer to returning to Avalon. Of course, Artie also failed to save his friend Qwon from being captured, kind of lost the blade to Excalibur and isn't exactly sure what to do next. Nobody said becoming King Arthur was going to be a walk in the park. This much is true: Artie and his growing

number of knights have less than 10 days to open the King's Gate at Avalon in order to completely reunite the two different worlds. If they fail, Artie will not become king, Lordess Morgaine will gain unspeakable power and Qwon could be lost forever. The only problem is that the only way to get to Avalon is to retrieve the Seven Swords, the seven most magical blades of the Dark Ages. And these swords can only be retrieved by their rightful owners. Oh, and Excalibur is currently in Lordess Morgaine's clutches. Ten days may not be enough time! With no time to waste, Artie, his sister Kay, and the rest of the knights set off to retrieve the swords. Along the way, they'll have to kidnap a future knight, travel to Sweden, France, and Japan and naturally, battle supernatural creatures that want to kill them. There's a reason the Seven Swords have remained hidden for so long, and it's not because no one has ever thought to go looking for them. One thing is for sure, Artie is going to have earn his crown the hard way. The original King Arthur would certainly approve. For her part, Qwon has tried to be a good prisoner.

The Seven Swords is a fun follow-up to The Invisible Tower. Artie and his knights are looking for seven swords so they can reach Avalon and Artie can become King. The Good Artie is a teenager that loves video games who found out in the first book that he is the reincarnation of King Arthur. His sister Kay is one of his knights as well as a group of other friends they made in the first book. I really enjoyed the parts with Qwon where she was being held by Dred along with the fairy Shallot. The fairies in this story expel scents that have different effects on their victims. Shallot has an incredibly sweet scent that renders people stupified. Dred appears to have a crush on Qwon so he doesn't make the best kidnapper. Given that he's doing it at his mother's insistence doesn't really help matters either. Dred's mother is the evil witch Morgaine. She is their nemesis and is trying to have Qwon killed so she can get Artie there and retrieve his swords. I love Dred's growth in this book as he goes from just doing what he is told in the beginning to really questioning morals and who he should be by the end. Artie, Kay, and the group are still a lot of fun and the action starts early in the book. Johnson-Shelton is great at making me laugh aloud while reading. Also, there is a mysteriousness surrounding Merlin that adds layers to an already known character which I really enjoyed. I also loved the chapter titles which normally I do not even pay attention to! A couple of examples include: Chapter 1 In Which Qwon Thinks She is in Canada and Chapter 13 Concerning a Bunch of Stuff Including a Surprise for Kynder. The Bad I wasn't really a fan of how this one ended.

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