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Bledsoe, Alex. *The Sword-Edged Blonde*

Eddie LaCrosse is a self-described "sword jockey," a private investigator for hire in a world of kings, queens, missing princesses, murder most foul, and magic of all stripes. He's initially hired to find a missing princess, but along the way finds himself enlisted to solve the case of a particularly heinous murder and prove the Queen accused of the crime innocent. Unfortunately for Eddie, the King who's hired him is Eddie's long-lost best friend and part of a past Eddie's been running from for most of his life. The solution to the mystery, too, lies in a part of Eddie's past he'd rather forget. But circumstances force him to confront the tragedies he's been hiding and come to grips with his own guilty conscience.

A spirited blend of sword-and-sorcery fantasy with hard-boiled-noir, *The Sword-Edged Blonde* is a fast-paced, one-liner-littered delight. It's only the first in a series featuring the wise cracking sword jockey Eddie LaCrosse, so look out for *Burn Me Deadly*, the second Eddie adventure.

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