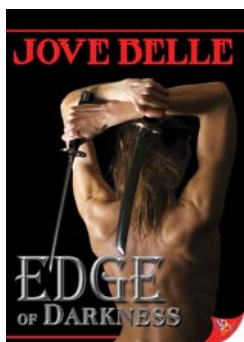


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When a gold katana worth \$800K is stolen and used to kill its wealthy, philanthropic owner, Diana Collins is on the case. Charged with recovering the missing sword, the recently promoted senior insurance fraud investigator finds herself delving into the dark underbelly of a world she moves through with ballsy confidence. The search for the missing blade leads Collins to a series of similar murders and the battered and sexually abused women these dead men left behind. Is this a case of victimized women wreaking bloody vengeance against their abusers? Or is there a serial killer on the loose?...

.... this story wins points for its well-rounded and developed main character and its breezy, light writing style, making it a fun read...The plotline has its share of twists, turns and revelations,...First time author Jove Belle manages to keep up the dramatic tension...for a first effort, it's a promising start. As her craft matures, I look forward to reading more from Jove Belle.

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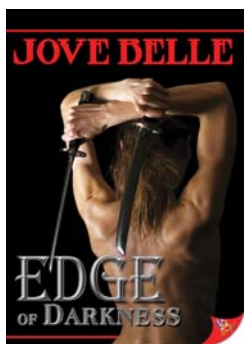
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Jove Belle has skillfully woven the lightness of romance with the darkness of violence against women. Her protagonist, Diana Colins, is a senior investigator for a high-end insurance company. Her company insured an extremely valuable and rare sword, which is now missing. Diana and her mentor, Braxton, are given the task of finding the missing sword, thus saving the insurance company a great deal of money.

The missing sword may have been used to kill Charles Stewart, a prominent member of Chicago society. His murder may have been done by a serial killer. As Diana and Braxton investigate and try to find the sword, they are drawn deeper and deeper into the lives of women who have sought help at the South Lake Domestic Violence Shelter. The horror of these women's lives makes Diana begin to question whether or not Stewart and the others deserved to die.

Juxtapositioned against the search for the sword is Diana and Cami's budding relationship. Cami is a kindergarten teacher with sunny curls and a warm laugh. She makes Diana start to believe in white picket fences and forever after. With the warmth is the uncertainty, "Did she feel the way Diana did, that love was precious and rare? A prize worth fighting for and protecting at all cost?"

Also in the mix is Ali, a survivor from Columbia who runs the South Lake Shelter. Ali is tough and strong . . . "her heart simply wouldn't release the pain long enough for her to mourn her lost childhood. If she did let down the walls, she feared that she would never regain control."

Edge of Darkness is a very well written book. It has sympathetic characters, an exciting story, hot sex, and a wonderful cliff hanger ending. This is a book that makes the reader forget everything but turning the next page.

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