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Katelyn Michaels plans on hating every moment of her visit to Mont Saint Michel with her father's new French wife. Once there, she is confused when she experiences sensations of déjà vu as she and her younger brother explore the medieval village and abbey. She is even more disturbed when she is confronted by two unusual young men, one who insists she has a sacred mission, and the other who will stop at nothing, even murder, to prevent her from fulfilling her destiny.

When the oddly-dressed but alluring Nicolas slips Katelyn a strange medallion, she is whisked back through time where her Watchmen hosts tell her she is the only hope to save Mont Saint Michel. Even worse, she learns that those trying to destroy the mount are led by a fallen angel intent on learning the mount's closely-guarded secret.

Katelyn is torn by feelings of anger at being taken back in time, inadequacy at finding a modern solution for a medieval problem, and responsibility for the mount's starving inhabitants. She is also perturbed by her surprising attraction to the ill-tempered Nicolas. Will she stay to learn why she was chosen by the Archangel Michael and find a way to save his mount?

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Maureen says

When I started reading 'The Keys of The Watchmen', I didn't really knew what to expect. From the very beginning I loved Kathleen C. Perrin's writing style, it is fun to read and there is a lot of humor to her writing. But when the story began going about Katelyn's deja-vu moments, and an Archangel who was talking to her, I became a little worried. I'm not a religious person, and I was afraid this book would be more about religion and the bible. But because the writing was so fun, I kept reading. And I'm so glad I did, because this book was amazing. There are some religious aspects about this book, but not so much it bothered me or that I didn't understand it. Most of all this book is about the history of Mont Saint Michel and the fight to keep it from English hands back in the hundred year war, and about a girl who feels ordinary but has much more inside of her than she realizes.

This book was a fun read, but it was also very interesting because of the history. Although, to some people history sounds boring, Kathleen C. Perrin made it really fun to read and it never became boring. Most things are based upon the actual history of Mont Saint Michel, and some of it is fiction, but most of all it really made me want to visit the place. I definitely fell in love with the people of Mont Saint Michel in this book, and the rich history this place seems to have.

The characters in this book, were amazing to get to know. I especially really love Nicolas. He was just so passionate about what he believed in, and when this strange girl from the future came he really didn't get her at all. But he tried, and most of all he tried to look at things from her perspective.

Kathleen C. Perrin did an amazing job with this book, and I can't wait to read more about the Watchmen. When you start reading this book, be prepared to do nothing more than read. And get your tissues ready, because I cried my eyes out at the end.

Great job, Kathleen C. Perrin!!

Melinda says

I absolutely adored this book, a gem offering more than I bargained for. Where do I begin to list the merits of the author and her vision.

From the first sentence you'll find yourself swept away, caught in the mystique unable to put the book down.

Perrin provides descriptive writing furthering the intrigue of the narrative and its historical focal point. If you're unfamiliar with Mont Saint Michel you won't be after reading this book, I'm sure you'll want to voyage to this landmark island in the very near future or revisit if you've been before.

Perrin's ability to provide an in depth history lesson in painstaking detail without the reader feeling as if they are in a classroom or lecture environment is quite impressive. Comprehensive, well presented, minutely researched. You will know all there is to know regarding Mont Saint Michel, for those already knowledgeable you'll appreciate the historical references even more.

I'm not a huge fan of time travel, I feel it's overdone, often poorly executed but Perrin manages to weave time travel with ease, so well done. The disparity between the 15th and 21st century was comedic and

enjoyable – not overdone and well paced, extremely clever too. A wonderful example of how time travel works without the monotony along with the heaviness of alternating centuries. Truly the merging of past and present at its finest.

The faith references peppered throughout the book are provoking and dimensional. Good and evil displayed, our main protagonist possessing a spiritual connection enhancing her role.

Katie starts off questionable, as the story unravels she blossoms by stepping up to the plate. Her actions admirable, her strength combined with her courage surprises you earning your respect. Nicolas evolves and becomes endearing, Jean a man with compassion, memorable as his painful past is shared.

Perrin undoubtedly creates a very enjoyable read full of suspense all ages will appreciate. The information regarding Mont Saint Michel is outstanding. Fans of historical suspense set in Medieval France will relish Perrin's amazing debut work. I cannot wait for the sequel.

Charlene says

Time Travel, but in an intelligent way.

A 21st century teenage girl and her brother are exploring Mont St Michel when they become embroiled in a good vs evil struggle. The younger brother is left with a bloody chin, but the sister finds herself in the 15th century when the English are about to attack the medieval island after a starvation blockade.

She finds that she is a Watchman when her guidance comes from St Michael himself, although he is never seen. A lot of history and fifteenth century life are crammed in this book, all in an educational and entertaining way. I was constantly wondering whether my teenage granddaughter would enjoy reading this. There are references to late 20th century culture that appeal to adult readers. There is a romantic interest, all chaste, since the Watchmen must attempt to save the monastery and islanders, not to mention all the illuminated manuscripts stored there.

I must note that the author needs to have had a good proofreader, to eliminate mistakes, such as water being "waste deep," and course in place of coarse, and T'is instead of 'tis, which occurs several times.

Gabi says

Oh my

I freaking loved this book soo much

Probably my favorite historical fiction EVER

characters were just amazing

OTP for life

Amazing is the only word that I can use for this book

Can NOT wait for the next book :) I need more Katelyn+nickolas

Emma says

VERDICT: I highly recommend The Keys of the Watchmen to all lovers of historical suspense and Medieval France. It is funny, very smartly thought out, and packed with great information on Mont Saint Michel. Grab your key and follow Katie right now: time travel at its best on one of France most unique islands!

this way to my ecstatic review:

<http://wordsandpeace.com/2015/03/09/b...>

Chrissy (The Every Free Chance Reader) says

Did I enjoy this book: Well, seeing as I read this book in five days, I would say the answer is yes. However, I will say it wasn't love at first chapter. It took me a good twenty-five percent of the book before I embraced Nicolas and Katelyn as decent and believable characters. I knew going into Perrin's book that this would be YA, but it was a bit too angsty and whiny at the start. I nearly had some wine to mute the whining.

It was when Jean's character fully came into the story that I took a step back and began enjoying the book. Jean helped Nicolas and Katelyn focus on the task at hand and soothe their teenage pubescent emotions. He is a father figure, which makes him one of my favorite characters. I think everyone needs guidance in his or her lives, even if that person is flawed. No one is perfect and this book reflects a lot on religion, God vs. Satan, hatred vs. forgiveness, and acceptance. Jean's character is well-written, and he helps the main characters transition.

I also appreciate the development of the relationship between Katelyn and Nicolas. It isn't rushed, but it is full of all the things that make up first love. I even found myself crushing on Nicolas and hoping that Katelyn would open her eyes to the possibility of falling for him. Team Nicolas!!

Would I recommend it: I would definitely recommend this book to anyone who enjoys historical fiction with a twist of time travel.

As reviewed by Gina at Every Free Chance Books.

Disclosure: I received a complimentary copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

<http://everyfreechance.com/2015/03/bl...>

Anne says

"The Keys of the Watchmen" drew me in from the beginning prologue. The characters were dynamic and evolved throughout the story. The writing was descriptive and beautifully conveyed emotion and setting.

Overall, this was a great, clean (PG rated) read. I would recommend this to any age 14 and up, and am looking forward to the next book.

Rosalee says

My mom got me this book, So I wanted to give it a good try. Generally, my rule is to give a book 50 pages or 5 chapters to grab me. Though some books have a slow start, I feel like that is enough for me to get a feel for if I would like the book or not.

Well, I finished over 11 chapters and 90 pages and was *very* not interested. Sorry, mom.

I had a number of problems getting through this book. First off, whats with the changing tense? One chapter will be in past tense, the next in present, and the next in past... *for no apparent reason*. This happens three or four times in less than 100 pages. I generally prefer past tense, but present tense can be done well... but you need to be consistent, and if you do change tense, there needs to be a clear reason or readers will get confused. Jumping back and forth from chapter to chapter for no reason is just poor writing.

This next one has a lot to do with my personal preferences--I almost always go for a character driven plot, rather than a plot driven character. And this book is certainly the latter.

One example--there were a lot of "somethings" and "some reasons" pushing the plot forward, at the expence of the character having, well... character. "For some strange reason, I also threw in my travel kit..." "There was something drawing me up to the abbey" "For some reason, I felt protective" "Somehow, I felt I could trust him." Those are just a few I grabbed from the first couple chapters--there are plenty of other "somethings" later on. I get that we don't always understand why we're doing things. But usually we give ourselves an explanation. Other than, "Well, I just feel like the plot needs me to. Or something."

Also, if the narrator apparently doesn't speak or understand French, why are longer sentences in French written out in full? Wouldn't it mostly sound like gibberish to the narrator?

Also, the classic writing advice: Show don't tell. I'll say it again. SHOW DON'T TELL. There was *so much* telling going on, with only smatterings of showing. I got so bogged down in all the telling that sometimes I forgot what was actually happening in the story.

So 90 pages in, I'm putting this book down for good.

Lakin says

I am so glad I accepted this book for review! I don't normally read NA novels, but this one sounded really, really good, and when the author contacted me I couldn't resist that summary and the good things that I had read about it! I mean Mont Saint Michel, history, archangels, a sacred mission, a medallion, and an alluring man named Nicolas? I just had to find out for myself, and you should too, because I'm really glad I did!

I was afraid that I wouldn't like the main character, Katelyn, because the summary said that she was determined to hate every moment of her visit to Mont Saint Michel. I mean, I've read a book or two where the characters complained about everything and that gets annoying. I was relieved to find out that this would most definitely not be the case! Katelyn was smart, savvy, and very sarcastic! Her feelings toward her step

mother were understandable, and she did enjoy her enjoy her adventures on the mount with her brother, who she was a really good sister to. I admired her love and loyalty toward her family (and later on, the people of the mount). I found her sarcasm funny, and it made for a really entertaining narrative. I really related well to that and her feeling of inadequacy.

Put in the dangerous situations she was placed in, she proved her determination, ability, and worth. With the help of God, she just might be able to save Mont Saint Michel after all. Though she might not be as much of a history guru as her younger brother, something about Katelyn will make her perfect for the mission she had been given.

Then there was her super smart brother, Jackson, who was into history and gave us all lessons about the Mount that were really interesting and quite essential to Katelyn's success. I appreciated how the author pulled it all together, making all of the details significant, and using history to do so!

And of course Jean and Nicolas! Jean was very kind and grandfatherly. He played such an important role in this story from tutor and mentor, to understanding friend. Nicolas?! He was pretty awesome too! From the moment Katelyn and Nicolas laid eyes on each other, Katelyn knew she could trust him with her life (and it's a good thing too). Then, when she travels back in time and meets him again, they don't exactly get off on the right feet. At all! Which made for some humorous situations that had me laughing so hard! And then there was a fantastic twist that actually made me laugh at its brilliancy! For a while I was beginning to wonder if they would ever come to the realization of how perfect they were for each other. And if they do, will it be to late?

My words can not explain enough without spoiling anything about the plot, so you need to know that it is brilliant, and everything fits together so perfectly. The characters were relateable and strong, the descriptions breath taking, the history interesting, the plot perfect, the action heart pounding, and the plan impeccable! Pleas read this book, trust me, you won't regret it!

It also kind of ends on a cliff hanger, so I can't wait for the next book in the Watchmen Saga to come out!

I received a free copy of this book in exchange of an honest review. This in no way affected my opinions, and all thoughts and opinions are solely my own.

Lane Vance says

Engaging Writing, Immense Insights, Unique Perspectives

I rarely read fiction, but I was drawn to read this book! Thank you Kathleen for your engaging writing and your immense insight into this amazing site along with your unique perspectives. I enjoyed your believable touch connecting your characters: Katelyn and her brother Jackson on the front end; Katelyn with her father and his new French wife; and my favorite - Katelyn with Jean and Nicolas working together in the heart of the matter. You wove the threads of a 21st century young woman and some intriguing French history (the 100 Years War) and the particulars of Mont Saint Michele and details about 15th century life during the conflict - along with time travel, discerning evil, and making solid right choices - into a beautiful tapestry. Thank you for sharing your perspective into how the people of Europe and the French specifically view Mont Saint Michele - legend and history and faith and powerful Michael the Archangel. I appreciated the pace of the last half of the book - I could not put it down. While the book is certainly appropriate for youth (thanks for no vampires or werewolves), I would recommend it for youth and adults. Congratulations and

much success!

Magdalena aka A Bookaholic Swede says

This book was really good. I was a bit afraid it would be a bit preachy in the beginning when they started talking about the Bible and fallen angels. Nothing wrong with that, but I have kind of read a little too much theology that I need a break from it. But after a while my worry about it just melted away and I found myself really enjoying the story.

Katelyn Michaels is a wonderful character. She isn't perfect; she had problems adjusting to having travelled in time like any seventeen year old girl would have. Heck I would have had problems with that. But after a while she slowly starts to adapt, to mature and while she is stuck in the past trying to save Mont Saint Michel she also learns to forgive her father. In many ways, this trip to the past teaches this modern girl how to become a better person, less egocentric. It was interesting to read how Katelyn, Jean (the old Watchman, Nicholas teacher) and Nicholas worked together to save Mont Saint Michel, things that we take for granted, modern inventions can be really terrifying for people in the year 1424.

I was a bit torn about the Nicolas and Katelyns relationship. It started with loathing and ending with them falling in love. Not instalove perhaps, but it went very quickly. But even I'm, the world pickiest person when it comes to romance liked the couple towards the end.

I would have loved to know more about the medallion, how it came to be able to make someone travel in time. I wonder how it came to be for instance and have it ever been used before and why. Hopefully the next book will explain more about the origin of the medallion.

Kathleen C. Perrin has written a very wonderful book about a young girl whose destiny is so much grander than she ever could expect and I look forward to reading the next book in the series.

I received a copy from the publisher and france book tours in return for an honest review!

Review also posted on [And Now for Something Completely Different](#) and [It's a Mad Mad World](#)

Nikita (NjKinny's World of Books & Stuff) says

<http://www.njkinnysblog.com/2015/05/b...>

The Keys of the Watchmen by Kathleen C. Perrin came as a surprise to me. When I agreed to review it I wasn't expecting the book to be so unique and fantastic. The cover is intriguing and mysterious and caught my attention right from the start and when you add the unconventional title, I knew I had to check it out. The blurb is okay but after reading the book, I feel that it could have been made more appealing.

Kathleen's writing style is simple, engrossing and she manages to mystify the reader right from the start. She creates a seamless flow of events in the story and kept me interested right till the end and then eager to read the next book.

Time travel is a subject that has been used so many times and very rarely is it executed so as to make the story memorable. The author in this book manages to balance the present and the past beautifully in this

story. The variations are developed expertly and I could visualize the eras which was very enjoyable.

The characterization is well done and characters come alive right before the readers' eyes. I questioned the existence and the motivations of several characters in this book but then was impressed as they slowly developed and played their roles.

All in all, The Keys of the Watchmen by Kathleen C. Perrin is a different book and a unique experience that I enjoyed and recommend to historical and paranormal lovers. **4 out of 5** to it and I hope to read more from Kathleen in the future.

I received the book from the author and the tour organizers and I am very thankful to them. The above review is my honest and unbiased opinion and in no way influenced.

Maria Rodriguez says

I love the story. I am fascinated by Mount Saint Michel. I want to see this place in person. I want to know what happens next with Katelyn and Nicolas when they find each other again. I am looking forward to reading Book 2. I can't wait to read it. What's the publication release date?

Becky says

Great read! I really enjoyed this story, and I loved learning about the history of Mont St. Michel. Now I need to visit France! I devoured the last half of this book, I couldn't put it down (which resulted in a couple of very late nights)! It's a great story, it's very well written, and I can't wait for #2!

Kenzee says

A bit of romance, lots of action/adventure, plenty of historical background... all the makings of my kind of book. I like how the characters actually evolved. I will be looking forward to book #2.
