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She's sixteen. He's seventeen. They don't know each other...at least not yet.

She has a secret and her whole life revolves around keeping it. Every few months and with little warning, she simply disappears, pulled into the past for hours or even days. She's terrified it will happen in front of someone, changing her life forever. So far, the only witnesses have been her parents, and that didn't end well. She has no control over it and no idea why it happens to her.

She wants answers.

He has answers—at least he understands what's going on. He has a secret, too. He's part of an organization that goes back in time to rewrite reality. But he also has a problem. He broke the organization's number-one rule by altering his own timeline. As punishment, he's been blocked from time travel, which is most unfortunate. Because the changes he made to his timeline, accidentally resulted in disaster for his family. A disaster he's now prevented from repairing. No one can travel beneath the organization's radar except a Shadow. But they're rare, so rare he's never even met one.

Then he moves to her town.

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Rachael says

Great book--definitely worth the read. Great characters, and yes, it's about time travel--but such a fascinating, unique twist on it! Hope there's a sequel.

~ Rose ~ ?Desert Rose❁ says

The idea of time traveling is exciting, right? Only if you're controlling it...being unexpectedly yanked into the past against your will, that's just terrifying. That's what A.J. deals with, every few months. Except, the trips are happening more frequently...and she's staying in the past longer.

Hiding behind her walls of rules, shielding herself from people, she quietly deals with the guilt of her mother's death, and her father's depression. Living in her tree-house with her two best friends is her only source of happiness- without Lex and Ipod, she may not be able to handle her curse...

Constantine, on the other hand, loves traveling back in time. He does it on purpose, though, and is part of a guild who taught him to use his abilities. They also punished him when he abused his ability, leaving his brother paralyzed. When his parents move to a different state to start fresh, he desperately tries to cope with the guilt of his little brother's new hardship in life, while not losing his sanity being away from his tree.

His world flips upside down (again) when he meets this shy, quiet, remarkable girl, who has an effect on him he wasn't expecting- like someone from the guild...only, she's not registered. She's a shadow, and possibly the only hope for his family's happiness.

While A.J. usually tries to stay away from everyone at school, she can't get the new boy out of her mind. Or the weird effect he had on her- including her passing out, and she's sure it was because of something he did to her. Who is this new guy, and why is he so interested in her?

This book is full of secrets and exciting twists. Just when you think you know what'll happen next, everything shifts, leaving you on a new set of surprises. Each chapter switches between the points of view of A.J. and Constantine, giving the story a well rounded depth, not found in many series. With brilliant, natural writing, this book captures you from the first page, and doesn't let you go until the last word. Even then, it leaves you desperate for more!

The warm, deep characters quickly draw you in, and make you part of their world. The incredible message in this story, that family isn't always blood, is shown in one of the best stories ever created. With deep influences of music, nature and science, this is by far one of the best books you'll ever read, and should be on the shelf of every YA fan.

I LOVED this book!! Totally perfect, I couldn't have imagined anything better happening than what was written. I love the depth and the links to music and science, to nature and the strength of friendship, and the idea that family isn't always blood...I adore that theme...

For sure one of my favorite books now, and one I plan on reading many more times in the future. :)

Aria Grace says

Well written book about time travel with kick ass characters and a fascinating story. I can't wait to read more from J.H. Would love a sequel!

Michelle's Paranormal Vault of Books says

Wow, got to say I am stuck in this world, meaning the worst book hangover ever. I do not want to immerse myself in any other book, though I need to, but loved this book so much I just keep absorbing what I just read. Its longer than a lot of books I read, but I didn't care, I loved is all, and just wanted to devour it all. I could easily read this again, now, but won't, but know I will in the future. It's that good!!

Also, it's written so well, I mean, really, really well. I usually get a headache almost thinking of all the time travel stuff, but this is all explained and laid out for you so well, you just get it.

I loved these characters too. I was sucked into this world and fell in love with them all, I cared about them, and felt what they felt. I also really love the alternating points of view, it was consistently back and forth from the 2 main characters, A.J (Autumn) and Constantine, it was great being in both of their heads.

I found one part of the time traveling very interesting, intense, scary and funny too. Its when A.J. Accidentally gets sucked back to the olden days, as she called it, yeah, cowboys and Indians, those days, and one part when she sprayed one of them with her modern pepper spray to ward off his offensive attack was hilarious. Lol.

See A.J. doesn't know why she is like she is, she randomly gets pulled into the past, and has no control. She does not realize there are others like Constantine out there that are called Editors, who go into the past and rewrite small pieces on history to help the future.

Anyway she is a little different than they are, more powerful for starters, and she learns a lot about it when Constantine comes to her town. He helps her learn how to control it, and is also amazed at what she can do, like the healing others, that is special to her.

I found the part where Constantine first sees A.J. funny, he felt her energy and she feels his too but is not sure what it is. Here is a part of that, it's from Constantine's point of view:

The first girl was blonde, hot, and dressed to kill. I focused on the waves of energy radiating from her direction thinking this could be interesting. Then a smaller girl appeared from behind her and stopped short as if she'd hit a wall. Her book bag crashed to the floor. She clutched her chest and let out a gasp with her mouth in an O.

And the power practically lifted me out of my seat.

Every cell in my body electrified and stood at attention. It waved over me, sending synaptic brushfire through my nervous system. I was so startled; my own energy slipped a little—my bad—and probably slammed right into her.

She turned and tore out of the room.

Abruptly, the connection snapped like a rubber band. I slumped in my seat, gasping for air. Luckily, no one noticed, since everyone was focused on the fleeing girl. This all took place in the span of, say, five seconds. But it was one of those gonna-crash-my-car-slow-motion scenarios, where it seems like ten times as long. And to make things worse, I was almost certain I gave the kid a power-slam.

My bad, my frickin bad.

The blonde tossed her stuff on a desk and glanced at the teacher, who nodded. The blonde grabbed the fallen book bag and took off after the other girl.

I just sat there, stunned. I couldn't believe it! It was the little chick.

Here is the scene that I mentioned earlier, where she is in the past, the old west days, and the Indian who is with the cowboys (he is a guide) is protecting A.J. So when he falls asleep, they decide to have a little "fun" with her, if you catch my drift, so here is that scene, and it had the Indian laughing too, lol.

Joe toppled towards me, losing his hold. The next second, he was inches from my face, hands on either side of me against the tree. His breath was hot and disgusting. Those beady eyes looked straight into mine. He smirked. And then he whispered in my ear, "We're gonna have ourselves a little fun, Sweetheart."

I don't think so, I thought—not if I can help it.

I closed my eyes. I felt the tree behind me. Quickly, I sank into its vibration until I reached its core. I soaked up the power, pulling everything I could hold. I brought my legs in even tighter against my chest. Then, as hard as I could, I slammed my feet straight into Joe's stomach.

I heard a loud grunt and then a thump.

I opened my eyes to see Joe twenty feet across the campsite, crash landing on the log by the Indian.

The Indian was up in a flash, knife in hand, looking stunned to see Joe on the ground. The shock made Edgar loosen his grip enough for me to reach my pepper spray. I whipped it out and squirted it behind my head. The hand on my face dropped, as Edgar howled, clutching his eyes. I screamed and spit out the filthy taste.

And then somehow, I was up the tree in two seconds flat, watching the scene from above.

Joe lay moaning in the dirt. The Indian just stood there looking up at me with his mouth open. Edgar was screaming bloody murder and rolling on the ground.

High in the tree, my heart pounded like a hummingbird on speed. I looked down and realized that the lowest limb had to be...ten, maybe fifteen feet from the ground. The cottonwood had drawn me up like a Slurpee straw. One moment I was on land and the next I...and how had I kicked Joe clear across the campsite? I'd hoped for a little extra strength from using the tree power, but that had been cartoon kickboxing. I couldn't make sense of it.

Yes, this book is captivating for sure. Those scenes are just a very few of the awesomeness of this book. I do not want to say too much more. I want to keep this as spoiler free as I can. I really recommend you pick this book up. It made a huge impact on me, and I hope others get a chance to enjoy it as much as I did.

I give this 5 out of 5 huge mega sized stars. Its one of my favorite books now, and can't wait for the sequel. (no cliffhanger, so that's cool) I just love Constantine and need more of him!

I received this book from the author for my honest review.

I have an excerpt at my blog, of the first chapter, as well as this review.

Penelope Bartotto says

I was surprised to say the least with the raw talent that J.H. Walker brought to her story Rewrite Redemption. From the title alone you get a tiny sliver of an idea as to where the story could go, but that sliver is nothing compared to what is inside the cover.

I look for core parts of a story to stand out and make a point and paint a picture. Walker goes to the roots of story telling with her tale of mysterious time travel and the way it changes the lives of 5 teenagers and their families. Yes, that was a tiny spoiler, and I apologize for it.

At the heart of it all is a story that is grounded in a level of lore that I am not even sure the author intentionally knows she did. I hope she explores that conceptually in future books, and I hope that there are more in the series. This story is so solid, that it needs a good cast of characters to draw the reader past things that can sometimes turn people away. Enter science. This is a topic that can and does derail some stories, thankfully it is so well woven into the fabric of Walker's tale that the few times it seems out there, you can move past it. The characters are the centerpiece of this cosmic adventure, with crisp details that bring them to life. There is no blur between who is who, and why a person even has a place in the story. It all clicks, into a perfect harmonic tune.

All in all, I was thrilled with this book and am anticipating more from this rising star of an author.

Blureadergal H says

Book review posted at Me Myself Shelf and I Book Blog

Reading this book was quite an adventure! What grabbed me about this story was the fact of altering time. Anything to do with time travel seems to fascinate me so this book jumped out at me. The story was told from A.J.'s, who's name is Autumn and Constantine's POV. They are both rather unique characters. I enjoyed their POV since you could easily feel and understand what was going on with them. The chapters are short and keeps you wanting to read of what is going to happen next.

A.J.'s story is harrowing. She lost her mother at a young age and her father had to deal with her. On top of losing her mom, she shimmers and does not know why she does this. I can only imagine the emotional toll this takes on her. All she knows she is connected to her tree house which makes her feel better and calmer. She hides herself since she does not want the world to know that she shimmers. The only people know is her father and her two best friends, iPod and Lex. I love the connection A.J. has with her two friends. They really help each other out. It's all about being a family to me.

Things are all normal for A.J. until Constantine comes into the picture. There is a huge burst of energy that seems to hit A.J. and it is quite a handful for her handle at first. Once she adjusts, she's a tad curious where it came from. I love her curiosity and how her friends also jump on the bandwagon to help her as well. As you read more and more into this story, you'll like the adventure that A.J. goes on and she learns exactly what she is from Constantine.

Constantine enters the picture as he has his own tragedy to deal with in his family as his brother cannot walk. His brother takes it out on the family as it gets worse and worse. His parents try their best! Another emotional toll here. I love how to see people react to certain events. Everyone reacts differently. With the

emotional baggage Constantine has, he was caught off guard when finding about A.J. Once he realizes what she is, he thinks she could help him. A plan forms in his mind as at first I thought was kind of selfish to do but once he got to know A.J. and things, he changes his mind on a few things. Does his plan go the way he wants it to or no?

The attraction between Constantine and A.J. is kind of cool because it's a sweet romance. I think for A.J. it's nice to find someone else like her since she had no clue what she was. A.J. (Autumn) really connects with Constantine. Attraction can happen in all types of forms. So why not have them like each other a great deal? The way the author writes with these two is great!

There is loss, friendship, romance, high school drama, bullying and family issues through out this book with the fact there is supernatural element involved. That's quite a handful of things in this book. Each issue is handled differently. Some you can identify with and some you may not. If you like the way the issues was handled then great, if not, then that's how it goes in life. I think all the issues were handled nicely.

After I finished reading this book, I glanced at the cover more as it hit me and I saw the immediate connection! The cover really fits with this story and it is quite stunning. This story was quite an adventure to me. I loved it the connection with the trees! It was beautiful. If you are looking for something unique, then this book is for you! I look forward more from this author.

Kris says

Really interesting take on time travel. Well written and another great YA book to add to my collection. Definitely recommend and will look for more books by this author.

GW says

Absolutely loved this book! A definite favorite.
Thank you, J.H. Walker for writing this.

By the end of this story, I was seriously *mindblown*. This book gets so crazy by the end of it, but it's sooo good!!

I can't even begin to describe how incredible this book is. Time traveling is crazy - and the end of the book gives you this. The characters are all amazing as well, and this story is so well written. The story is told in alternating POV's with A.J. and Constantine. There's also Lex, Ipod, *Hosa*, Sam, and so many other people - but their characters and personalities are what make this story so fantastic. This book is also so creative, and I loved the nature/tree aspect.

The ending contained so many twists that I didn't see coming at all, and I usually am able to predict ending. My thoughts on what was going to happen and the ending in general (*spoilers!!*):(view spoiler)

Let's just say - expect the unexpected!

This book is definitely worth your while, and I recommend it to everyone! It's a superb YA story with time

traveling and adventure.

Can't wait to read more from J.H. Walker!

Oh, and even though Lex was the most hilarious, Hosa was by far my favorite character (even though he's somewhat a minor character--or is he?). Peace!

Katherine says

DISCLAIMER: I received a free copy of this book from the author (via the Shut Up & Read / Read It & Reap group) in exchange for an honest review.

Synopsis:

What if you had the ability to go back in time and change history? Would your life be better, or would your revision somehow make things even worse?

This is the choice that Constantine (an Editor) made, with devastating consequences to his family. Now, wracked with guilt and stripped of his ability to travel time from the Guild ("you violated the Prime Dictate" -- the rule which basically says you can't edit your own timeline), he needs to find some way to make amends for his foolish mistake.

Constantine's family relocates from Seattle to Boulder, in order to distance themselves from the events that paralyzed his younger brother, Devon, and left him angry, bitter, and abusive to both himself and the family that's desperately trying to help and heal him. On Constantine's first day at school, he senses that there is someone like him nearby, and realizes that this may be his chance at redemption. If only he can find that person and enlist their help.

A.J. comes with her own tragic family history, as well as a secret known only to a few. For some reason, she just disappears. Sometimes for a few seconds, sometimes for much longer. Unbeknownst to her, she is a Shadow (someone born with the abilities that Editors have, but untrained and off the Guild's radar).

Her best friends, Lex and Ipod are truly her family. They have her back, and do their best to help one another make it through each day. They live together in an awesome treehouse built in the trees next to her father's house. (Her dad still lives at home, but checked out emotionally after her mother's tragic death. The kids take care of him, from a distance.) The treehouse always makes her feel safe -- there's just something about it.

Of course, being unaware and untrained means she can't control her abilities, which frightens her, and causes her to make herself as invisible as possible. The last thing she needs is to disappear in front of strangers. Or even worse, at school. This all changes the day the New Guy shows up in her Spanish class.

My thoughts about the book:

I LOVED this book. I really did. I started reading it and had to force myself to put it down, due to my own personal reality timeline. (Sleep. Work. Responsibility. Ugh.) Otherwise, I would have read it in one sitting, it was that good.

There was considerable character development, especially of the main four (A.J., Constantine, Lex, and Ipod). Throughout the book, there was an undeniable attraction between A.J. and Constantine, and some interesting time travel events, including minor events and characters that we meet early on that reap huge

benefits later on. (Plus it gives a whole new meaning to the term "tree hugger"! And don't forget, "mighty oaks from little acorns grow".)

There were times where the pacing was a little slow, and others that happened very quickly. There were a few typos that the (other kind of) editors missed, but they really didn't detract from the total enjoyment of reading this book.

I'm a sucker for a happy ending, and was glad to see several storylines tied up quite nicely. I also like to see the bad guys get their come-uppance, and that happened several times to some characters that REALLY deserved it. (Heh heh.) In addition, doors were left open for a sequel. (I believe one is being written right now, as we speak. Yay! I can't wait!)

Just an afterthought:

It was a little weird reading a book set in Boulder, Colorado, considering the massive flooding they've been experiencing recently. My heart goes out to those good folks out there.

Valerie says

I always enjoy great characters that you can relate to and I loved everyone in this book. Lex is the best friend that anyone would be lucky to have and Ipod is the normality that grounds both AJ and Lex to reality. And despite the fact that it might be magical, the relationship between AJ and Constantine seem right out of the most romantic story and I was rooting for them from the beginning. This is a great read and I am looking forward to the sequel. Thank you J.H. Walker for a great book!

Tiny Reverse Vampire says

* Book received from the author for review

Rooting for Redemption

5 out of 5 tiara wearing bats

This is one of my favorite books that I have read in a while. I loved the characters, at first sight both of the main characters catch your interest. A.J.'s back story is so sad and yet awe inspiring. To have to live with losing her mother at such a young age and feeling responsible. And god having to live with never knowing what will happen next. At any moment to having to be ready to pretty much disappear, not knowing completely when or where she is going to end up.

Constantine's story pulls you in right away to the world of the editors. Letting you see even before you know the extent of their abilities that even the littlest mistakes can have the gravest effects.

The science of how everything works with the time travel is amazing. I love that it is all interlinked with the trees and the different rings. The guild is set up nicely, I enjoyed the forethought that went into how the editor genes are spread. Hard for the government to takeover when the traits literally are just who wins the genetic lottery.

Ever the non main characters are alive enough that they jump off the page. Lex is fantastic. One of my favorite scenes is when Lex takes on her mom.

This is one of my top five recommended to be read books. Short chapters and a good paced plot keep you reading as the story layers and loops upon itself with twists and turns that you may or may not see coming. Even if time travel normally isn't the type of thing that would get your attention I say give this book a try. It might surprise you.

I look forward to seeing what is next in the world of these books. And J.H. Walker I do hope you are serious about the next being on the way cause I am waiting.

Kassie says

I don't get all the glowing reviews

But more on that later, basically a short rant

This book has been executed very poorly, the premise was awesome---- bullshit ploy to get you to read the book. All glitter and mirrors no real substance. I had to force myself to get through it as I couldn't care enough about the characters and the ridiculous caricatures that kept popping up... Bratz doll? Really? The geeks and they wat they spend their time pathetically pining after BFF because ages really hot and nice to them? The mousy shy girl who gets a makeover? The insta love coupled with modern teen reader speak "if I was I vampire" it makes sense because vampire but this isn't a vampire book it's a alien pod plant time traveller book" wink wink... Urgh

And when are we going to be no longer bombarded by these unbelievable parental situations

A tree house? Really? Really? And no social services? I don't know about your country but in my adopted one these kids would be in foster care.

Oh their insta meld powers are creepy am automatically against anything that forces me into a connection with someone because DNA or fate or mystic plant powers f**k it.

2.5 stars because despite my rant am in a good mood and also she wrote a rather unique twist on time travel that one merits one star

Sally says

When I first downloaded this book I wasn't sure what to think. I had only downloaded it, because I had just finished a truly horrendous book and needed to read something good. I was so glad I took the chance with this book and downloaded it. Absolutely amazing book! It was exactly the kind of book I like, mysterious and suspenseful! J.H. Walker did an amazing job writing this and I can't wait for the sequel!

Michael says

Rewrite Redemption is the kind of story that stays with you. J.H. Walker has created a complex story about love and self-discovery, told with realistically earnest and self-conscious teenage voices, and filled with moments of poignancy and beauty. It is sad, and joyful, and tense, and soothing. It is a story about the importance of family, whatever form that family may take. It is a story about when to regret your mistakes, and when to forgive them. And it is a story of first love, and the emotional highs and lows, the hopes and the fears, of that tumultuous experience.

And there's also time travel. And mysterious technology. And some things that might be magic. Or maybe not.

So, no, this isn't your typical highschool romance. And yet, it kind of is. Many scenes in this book have elements of the paranormal or fantastic. And yet, they all feel like the kind of things you go through when you are navigating love, and when you are trying to become a responsible adult, and make sense of your choices. A lot of it is overwhelming, and scary, and achingly beautiful. Like life.

The people and relationships made this a human story, and a memorable one for me. I was honored to witness the strength of the characters, whose stories made me cry almost from the moment I learned about them. I was moved by their integrity and perseverance in the face of painful experiences, and in the face of self-doubts and growing pains. I was delighted and awed by the loyalty and trust displayed in many of the relationships, and how the histories were not just back-story, they were the foundations of the current relationships and how members interacted with one another.

Yes, this story is also about time travel, but the time travel is mostly a placeholder for conveying ideas about regret and redemption. Ultimately, it invites the reader to see human lives and relationships as an infinite palette of possibilities. Would I recommend it to people who like time travel? That's always a tricky question, because many fans of time travel have specific ideas of what time travel can and can't be. I will tell you that this book makes assumptions about time travel that were not intuitive to me, and that the science was vague enough that you could probably poke holes in it if you were persistent. I will admit that I was vaguely bothered by some internal inconsistencies in how time travel was utilized by the characters. However, if you are reading a book about time travel then I think you are probably prepared to accept a few inconsistencies. And perhaps to be confused more than once. Most of the assumptions were laid out during the story in such a way that you usually, though not always, knew what to expect of certain actions.

Additionally, this story has paranormal elements. They inspire awe, and yet they also represent aspects of character's personalities and identities. They are part of the context of the character's experiences, and we witness their reactions: sometimes fear, sometimes acceptance, sometimes a surge of glorious integration. The paranormal elements enhance how characters relate to the world, and we see them explore and struggle with this throughout the book.

I was really overwhelmed by the feelings evoked in this story, and at the ethical questions that were raised. I was very engaged in the outcome, and if I were allowed one complaint about this book, it would be that I felt that the main characters were let off too easy at the end. The core themes to me were about taking responsibility for your actions, surviving adversity, and learning when to trust others. I felt these struggles were handled realistically and believably for most of the book, but then the ending counterminded much of this, and the lessons seemed to get lost in the shuffle. It was a disappointment, but the story remains meaningful to me nonetheless.

So if you are interested in stories about discovery, and coming of age, and the possibility of love; if you like your books to have rich characters and a deep emotional storyline; if you are drawn to elements of science fiction and paranormal and the possibilities they evoke, then I would highly recommend this wonderful first book by J.H. Walker.

Shambhawi P. says

I was confused as to whether to give this book 3 stars or 4 stars. I thoroughly enjoyed reading this but I realized I had a few issues with this book that I just couldn't get past.

Mainly, the insta-love.

One may argue that the love is not really insta and it takes almost 50% of the book for feelings deeper than attraction (which, I concede CAN be insta) to be mentioned. Yes - but exactly how many meaningful conversations did the two MCs have with each other before falling in love?

For the guy - ZERO

For the gal - ONE.

Point = made

And Constantine's stupidity and jumping into wrong conclusions. And being an idiot.

Me whipping out Harry Potter gifs is self-explanatory to how big of an idiot.

And the ending - it was such a cacophony of confusions that I had to read the entire last chapter twice to understand how every tiny side-plot came around together. ~~I don't have anything against happy endings but too happy? LIKE IMPOSSIBLY SUDDENLY EVERYTHING IS RIGHT IN THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD HAPPY? Yup, those I have something against. It's called Logic.~~

And - thazzit.

Now that the rants are out let me say what I exactly liked about the book.

That little key or clock-hands above each chapter number that showed whose PoV the chapter is gonna be in. Cute, really. ~~Though it did take me a while to figure out what Con's little figure actually meant.~~

Ipod's nickname.

AJ-Lex-Ipod's super gang. They r-u-l-e-d.

Lex's I-iz-God attitude. And snark. That girl was supercool. I almost had a little girl-crush on her. Almost.

Con's first '*sight*' of AJ. Super corny, maybe, and super cheesy too but you hafta give it to the guy for making it seem so romantic.

And also - the teenagers? Yep, they actually **talk like teenagers**. Not conversing by using plethora of SAT worthy words in their scintillating dialogues. No whippin' out wild lingos to make them cool either. They talked like normal, REAL teenagers. Super Yay for that.

But most of all I L-O-V-E-D the concept of the story.

Time-travelling by mapping time matrices through trees? Super tiny alien genes working hidden within us? Super Duper secret organization twisting the past to smooth the working of the world for the future?

Whoda thunk, right?

I loved the way everything was chalked up to science rather than magick and even though string theory does not really work that way, it did make for a cool explanation. I felt like Ipod in Geekland. Oh, the possibilities...

I liked the conversations between Con and AJ... as few and far between that they were. There was a definite chemistry there and obvious interest on both sides ~~and how both of them missed it I HAZ no clue~~. Though, as I've already mentioned I would have liked this a hell lot better if the author had given a chance for the love to grow slowly with real not-best-friend-as-a-messenger interactions between the love-birds.

And also there was no BEST FRIEND/PARENTS DISAPPEARING SYNDROME in this book like in so

many YA books. Kudos to that. ~~And thank God too. I would've missed Liz terribly.~~

And the time manipulation - it rocked. Usually in some books (*ahem*Old Magic *ahem* Hourglass *ahem*) all the consequences the change of past would have in the future are not considered. The result: HELLO LOOPHOLES. But not here. The time travel was mostly loophole free ~~except for that exceedingly happy ending.~~ The consequences and results of tampering with one's timeline as well as others' was shown nicely and I could ~~almost always~~ believe it.

But I do wish the Guild would have had more to contribute in the story. A super-secret organization with alien technology that can change past events deserves a heckuva lot more featuring than as a sidenote to the plot. ~~And a convenience for the super happy ending - which I still disapprove of.~~

This was a nice, cool read. It was a fresh take on the Time-travelling theme and I must say aliens and trees were a nice touch. An overall good read - and if not for the *minor* issues I mentioned earlier would've been a great one.

3.5 Stars

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