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The stunningly poignant and life-affirming debut novel by A.J. Compton

Imagine if we could see how long everyone around us had left to live. But we weren't allowed to know our own numbers...

Trying to make sense of life after the death of her beloved father, free spirit Matilda Evans meets Tristan Isaacs and discovers a marrow-deep connection with him.

No stranger to grief himself, lonely artist Tristan is in awe of Matilda's fun and philosophical approach to life. With every second spent in her presence, he finds his views on life and loss changing, and begins to embrace the beauty of being alive.

As their friendship turns into something deeper, lessons are learned, memories are made, and legacies are created.

But with both of them knowing how long their soulmate has left in this lifetime, important questions have to be asked and tough decisions have to be made before time runs out.

The Counting-Downers is an inspiring story about life, loss, love, and making the most of every moment.

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Mg ♥ The Bookishmedialite says

4 "T.I.M.E" STARS.

POETIC, THOUGHT PROVOKING AND SWEET.

First off, I have to say that I'm very impressed with AJ's writing. Given the fact that this was her debut novel makes it even more special.

So, something funny or weird, I do not know how to explain it, happened to me with this book. I really loved the story line and what the author tried to express with it, however, I was having issues connecting emotionally with the actual characters.

Don't get me wrong I liked Matilda and Tristan, it was just that I got more trapped in the writing style of the author rather than the characters themselves. A little weird, right? It is the first time that this happened to me.

Matilda and Tristan live in a world where they know how much time the people around them have left to live. How do they live this way? I have no idea. I admire the way Matilda and Tristan handle it, because I'm not sure I could do it myself.

Why did I continue reading if I did not feel the characters? Simply, because the writing was EVERYTHING! I fell deeply in love with it. The way she put the words together and came up with sentences that made my heart clench and my head think and think and think about the way I am living my life, was amazing. I felt that she was speaking directly to me. I simply got lost in her words. That was the problem, I forgot about the characters, I just focused on her words but I did not related them with Matilda or Tristan, I related those words with me. When I finish the book I was like: "Damn, I need to be friends with this author, I want to ask her for advice or just talk with her about life...".

Why I rate the book 4 stars? As I said before, the issue with connecting with the characters was the major reason. Just because I did not relate with them does not mean you are not going to feel them. Quoting Tristan: "The timing was not right" it is what I think it happend with me.

This book was a total legacy and I'm really glad to have read it, because she got the effect she wanted with me, you need to read it to know what I am talking about, so do not hesitate and read it. I'm definitely looking forward to reading more of this author's work.

Yashira says

What a beautiful story! From the very start I was captivated and very curious. This book was just wow.. So beautifully written! Beware because I will be using the word beautiful a lot. It's the only way I can describe things.

Let me start of by saying I LOVED THIS BOOK. LOVED. L. O. V. E. D. Imagine living In a world where you knew how much time someone had left except your own. Would that stop you from doing something?

Matilda didn't let anything stop her. In fact, she lived life to the fullest. I loved Matilda and how free she was. She was true to herself and never planned on changing for anyone. Tristan, sigh, where to start with him? I fell in love with him the moment he first popped up in the book. He was just so romantic and the way he spoke was so poetic it was beautiful. I loved them together, they were wise, smart, and free. They knew how valuable time was so enjoyed every minute of their time together. They had fun and made many positive decision. Even though Tristan was more of a thinker and Matilda more of a just "let it out" person, they had this deep connection. It was beautiful watching it grow and turn into more. They got each other like no other.

Oh, I also loved their legacy list!

This book reminds us that one day we will be gone and wether we have 10 days or 10 years we should live life to the fullest. Live today like it's your last and do everything you want to do in life. Don't stop, time is precious we must value it. Time can either hurt us or help us, it's something we cannot change but what we can do is use to our advantage.

- "Pressing and pulling we pause the moment with our hearts instead of our minds. As time ticks on."

Beautiful friendship, beautiful romance, beautiful story. Deep message. I'm completely in awe with A.J. Compton's debut. I'm looking forward to future books from her.

Arabella ~?AB?~ says

★★★ 3 Stars ★★★

**"It always comes back to T.I.M.E.
Make it yours. Make it count."**

This book was very different to what I would normally read, and a stort that conveyed a very important message to live each day like it's your last. It was beautifully written and poetic, and I thought the concept was brilliant and had so much potential.

The book is set in a world where everybody has a ticking clock displayed above their heads, counting down to the time of their death. Everyone can see each others clocks, but not their own. No-one is allowed to tell you the time left on your clock, otherwise this is called 'lovers suicide' (although what if someone told you in spite, I am not sure how that worked?)

Matilda is a nineteen year old Californian free spirit, and with her father's death looming, she is trying to prepare for a life without her first love and soulmate. Her father, who is sensing his upcoming departure, is doing everything he can to leave his daughter and young son with good advise and memories.

At her father's funeral, she meets Tristan, a loner and old soul ,they have an instant connection. but their time is not now and so it's not until a couple of years later that they meet again and form a friendship.

They become best friends, and decide that they want to leave a legacy behind after they die and decide to make a list of things they can do to achieve this and then proceed to go about fulfilling it.

"Live true. Live deep. Live free."

For me, this book's main focus wasn't on the romance between Matilda and Tristan, nothing really develops romantically between them until well into the second half of the book. The main message here, and it is emphasised many times, is to live life fully, make the most of the time you have left because you never know when your last day on earth will come. If you knew how much time a loved one had left, would you endeavour to treat them better? It was very philosophical and thought provoking.

Personally, I wanted more story and I have quite a few unanswered questions. For example, although they didn't know it, Matilda and Tristan had exactly the same amount of time on their clocks, with a death date in their late forties, but because the story was told in Matilda's POV (a few chapters from Tristan) we don't know what their friends and family thought about this and how it affected their perception of the couple, especially when they first became friends.

Also, because the story was very wordy and philosophical, I didn't get to feel the connection between them. A few times I felt a butterfly or two when Tristan was doing sweet things for Matilda, but I never felt how Matilda felt about him. She seemed to go from having asexual feelings towards him to feeling like she was in love with him, there was no real progression from friends to lovers, and that is what was missing for me.

Overall, it was a great debut novel and I feel this author will do well because the talent is so obviously there. As a sucker for a romance, this book didn't quite hit the mark for me, but it was very close.

This is a standalone novel, told mainly in Matilda's POV.

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Martha Sweeney says

If I read this book when I was twelve, around the time when I watch my own father die, while I was a scared and upset over what was happening to him, this book would have a significantly different meaning to me than it does now as an adult. I can see this book being very helpful to those who have recently had a loss, but for me, I'm in a completely different place in my life which I will not go into with a lengthy explanation. To understand my thoughts better, if you'd like, read *Ask and It Is Given: Learning to Manifest Your Desires*.

This story has some beauty to it, but there never seemed to be growth for the main female character. She clings to death and dying even though she is a carefree spirit which are opposites to me.

The main character chooses to focus on death which hindered her for enjoying the life that was around her at many times throughout her life. It is okay to question things, but to allow those questions to prohibit you from living, to me, is not living at all. In fact, it's the exact opposite.

I do not see death as an end all be all, and I believe that we all come into this life to experience 'it' -- the ups and downs which allow us to appreciate it more and decide on what experiences we wish to continue to have. One of my favorite quotes is "What you think about, you bring about." If you focus on death, then that is all you will see and get. If you focus on love and beauty, then that is what you will get. It is a choice, there is a choice with how you choose to see things.

Desiree Gorman - A Love Affair With Books says

5+++++++ hearts!

"I read once that the Japanese believe you have three faces:
The first, you show to the world.
The second, to your close friends and family.
The third, you never show anyone and its the truest reflection of yourself."

How to write a review for a book that has had you a sobbing mess for the last 3-4 hours? Even more, how to write a review for a book that touched you so deeply, it's like your whole outlook on life literally changed in that same time frame?

"And life is different when you have company. Now, I've slowed my movements. I walk, instead of run, no longer keen or uncaring about reaching my destination but dreading it."

"And fighting with the people you love over petty things is a colossal and pitiful waste of time. No, we're all too aware of the importance of time, so we hold each other close and keep each other safe, choosing our words and actions with care, and treating each kiss and embrace as if they may be the last. Because they may."

I have to admit that I have been in the worst book slump of my life. Its been dragging on for months. I truly believe I had lost my love of reading. Sure, I was reading great books by some of my favorite authors but nothing seemed to be touching me truly at the base of my soul. Then I started reading AJ Compton's debut novel "The Counting-Downers."

I signed up for the blog tour because the premise of the story sounded different. It was a debut novel and I love reading new authors. I had faith it would be good at least. But it is so much more than that. I could google every adjective under the sun and still never come up with enough words to describe how this book as touched me in the span of just a few hours. Maybe its because I connected to Matilda in a personal way. This book is a huge journey in her ability to live life with the loss of her dad, her person.

"I would never leave my dad behind because he was always with me.
Even if he isn't constantly in my mind, he's forever in my heart."

In "The Counting-Downers," AJ created a world where everyone walks around with a digital clock of sorts above their head announcing the exact moment they will die. You can see everyone else's clock but your

own. People are forbidden to share the truth of your clock with you without dire consequences for both themselves and you.

On the exact day she says her final goodbye to her father, Matilda's life changes again when she meets Tristan. Like her, he has dealt with death in his own family. But time plays a huge part in their story and Compton truly takes her time in telling it to us.

"The time would come when I'd forget the words he'd said, the moments we'd shared, the laughs we'd had, the memories we'd made, and the life we'd lived together as a family."

"The Counting-Downers" is the emotional, beautiful and poignant tale of Matilda Evans and Tristan Isaacs. The story of how their souls seek each other out and a remarkable friendship turns into a love so strong that not even time can stop it.

"True love is not two half-lives joining to form a perfect circle. It's two people who were whole to begin with. Their individual circles join and overlap like a Venn diagram where their souls sit in-between, sharing the space instead of competing for it."

Personally, losing my father and finding my true soulmate all within the last three years had this story hitting very close to home for me. I feel my father with me in every step.

"I realize that the random flashback is a perfect example of how he lives on. He's the voice inside my head, and the emotions in my heart. And he lives."

I question the time we all have in this world. I have learned to value every single second I am given with my son and the man I love. So when I say this book is more than just a work of fiction, it is a self-help guide on how to appreciate life, how to look at every single moment as a gift. AJ Compton's writing is a gift and this story is one I will read often and keep with me.

"Time comes and goes as it pleases and yet with perfect rhythm. Like the moving of the tide or the rising of the setting sun."

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Celesha Carillo says

ARC Given in exchange for an honest review.

Okay I'll start by saying Aj Compton is a stunning, beautiful writer I'll even go as far as saying her writing is poetic, her words flow off each page and wrap around your heart and soul, it's like each paragraph had you thinking.

The storyline I've never read anything like it.

It was different, again it made you think, what if life was like that. What if everything and everyone was surrounding by TIME.

What if you knew that one person that was your soul, your life your world had a ticking clock above their head and knew the exact moment when they would die.

How would you cope, I know I couldn't.

I would commit lovers suicide straight away.

Which brings me to Matilda and Tristan they loved each other from their first meeting, but the timing wasn't right, you could just see that, but when Fate played into their hands they were inseparable, Tristan loved Matilda with all he had it was so beautiful to read.

He didn't care about anything apart from loving that woman until his last breath.

Matilda was just free, truly deeply freely. And I can honestly say I loved her, there is nothing negative I can say about her, her pain I understood to a certain degree and it was beautiful just seeing her fall in love with Tristan and take a chance on T.I.M.E.

When I finished and even as I'm writing this review I'm still deciding how I want to rate this book, only for the fact even though Aj Compton's writing is beautiful and stunning the book is VERY wordy too wordy In fact, there was times I felt myself getting bored,

I feel certain situations certain quotes even didn't need to be described in 5/10 different ways it came to a point where I thought hmm I get it already your just killing me here.

I think romance wise I would of liked more from the start, nothing really happened for 60% of the book I don't feel this is romance story as much as it is about life and how to handle life and situations that come with life.

One thing Aj has some real inspirational quotes the whole book is filled up with them from the first page right until the very last page. Yes the nearly the whole book is highlighted because of that fact.

For me I feel the story was too focused on her dad, which for me took away the full beauty of Tristan and Matilda. Some can argue and say well that was what made her who she was, yes I agree but I don't feel like

the whole story needed to focus on that.
All in all I enjoyed this book,

It makes you think about what is in front of you and basically to take a chance on anything no matter how much TIME is on your hands.

Tikaa says

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I received a review copy courtesy of the author/publisher. This does not affect my opinion or views regarding the book whatsoever.

It's been a very, very long time since I've read a book that has forced me to not only THINK, but to FEEL on this type of level. It's been an even longer time since I've read a new adult novel that packed so much meaning, so many powerful messages that can be used outside of our fictional lives. Learn to appreciate the people around you, cherish the time you have on this earth, and always remember that time waits for no one, no matter how long you try to grasp each second.

27 Years, 8 Months, 16 days, 17 hours, 34 Minutes, 59 Seconds

Can you imagine living in a world where you know the lifespan of everyone around you? Can you sit across from your mother or father, best friend or husband, and know that in days, months, or even years, they'll no longer be on this earth with you? I thought long and hard about this while I was reading, and while it would be . . . cool? Okay no that's not fitting . . . informative maybe, to see exactly when someone's going to pass away, it's also terrifying as hell. What's even more jarring, is that while there's a digital clock floating over your head, it's visible to everyone with the exception of you. So no, you don't know when you're going to die, you can't tell anyone when they'll go, and no one is allowed to tell you . . .

Siobhan Davis says

This is an exceptional debut novel by a very talented author. I will even go as far as saying it is one of the best books I have ever read. It has touched me on a cellular level and I'm still trying to compose myself after finishing it. It's both hugely entertaining and deeply profound. Wow.

The Counting-Downers is a thought-provoking book about life and death, love and loss, fear and bravery. Matilda lives in a world where everyone has a ticking clock over their head confirming when they will die. They don't know how they will die and individuals aren't aware or allowed to be told of their own date of demise. Imagine living with the very real shadow of death always hanging over you in such a transparent way? I absolutely loved this premise and the way the author dealt with it. People often flippantly throw out comments like 'life is too short' and 'live life in the moment' without properly thinking of the meaning behind the words. This book really raised a lot of inner questions and I've been in such a reflective/philosophical mood since I finished reading it.

The story is also a beautiful love story and it highlights the importance of family and friendship. Matilda meets Tristan the day of her father's funeral and they form an instant connection. Unbeknownst to them, they both have the same date of death. That was never explained, but I took it to mean they were true soulmates who would not only share the joy of life together but die together. After their initial meeting, they don't meet again for two years, but once they do they start spending a lot of time together and very soon realize that they are meant for each other. Their relationship is quite deep and spiritual at times, but also juvenile and funny at others. The dialogue between them is snappy and witty and there were plenty of LOL moments. Matilda is a real free spirit and she helps Tristan overcome the pain of his past. It was a joy to read and I really loved both characters.

The writing in this book is OUTSTANDING. It was so poetic, eloquent and downright beautiful. Award worthy in my opinion. I cannot believe how young this author is because she writes like a seasoned professional, and with such insight. If this is what she is bringing to the table as her debut novel then she is definitely an author to follow.

In a note at the back, A.J states how she wants every page to resonate with the reader. Well, she definitely achieved that in my case. Every word was imprinted on my heart and my mind. Here are a couple of quotes I liked:

"Love is giving someone the power to destroy you and trusting that they won't."

"Nobody sees me like you do, and without you, I'd be invisible. I exist because you see me."

I am highly recommending this book. It is different, original, thought-provoking, and beautifully written. I hope it's a huge success for the author because it's an exceptional piece of writing.

Thank you to the Author and Inkslinger PR for providing a copy of this book in exchange for my honest review. This review will feature on my blog on 16th September. <http://myyanabookobsession.com>

Pearl Angeli says

(Book review and Author Interview also posted on my blog: <https://bibliopearl.wordpress.com/201...>)

"For all the heartache, pain, and suffering. The grief and the torture. The hatred and depravity. The abuse and the isolation. For all the negativity and darkness this cruel world has to offer. Sometimes, just sometimes, the clouds part, the sun shines, and life reminds you why it's good to be alive."

What if you have the ability to see how long everyone around you had left to live? What are the things you will do in order to make someone's life meaningful? What are you going to change to make someone happy and feel loved?

This book has brought me such a wonderful and life-changing journey. There is something magical and absolutely captivating about it. Every single word hits home and it just simply manipulates my emotions. I love the concept the author put into this book: the importance of **TIME** and how seeing the ticking clock above everyone's head and realizing how much time they have left to live greatly affects your relationship with them.

I had a lot of realizations after reading this book. It was so enthralling! The flawless and poetic writing style of the author also made the book even more beautiful.

I also found myself strongly connected with the main characters-- **Matilda Evans** and **Tristan Isaac**. Their first meeting and the way their relationship progressed-- from friendship to romance, were unforgettable.

There were also a lot of quotable lines in this book that touched me deeply. I could highlight everything!

I definitely recommend this book if you're into stories with real emotional depth. This book is one that you can easily become invested in.

P.S. Isn't the cover so beautiful? :)

Rating: 5 Stars

(A digital Advance Reading Copy was provided by the author A.J. Compton in exchange for an honest review. This does not influence my rating and review) :)

Yvette (Booksandbandanas) says

Beautifully poetic.Arc Provided. review to come.

Sam says

Where do I even start with this review? This book, it is completely unique to any romance novel I have read. The synopsis of this story made me all kinds of curious, and I just needed to know what it meant. The cover is an absolute work of art and I cannot wait to have it sitting beautifully on my book shelf. But overall, I sit here, my mind going over and over the life messages behind this story, wanting to make each and every second of my life count!

Can you imagine living in a world and being able to see just how many years, days, hours, minutes and seconds each person has left to live? No? Neither could I! But.... This story actually brings that thought to life!

This outstanding debut novel by A.J Compton is written with such beautiful depth, unforgettable characters and a soul touching storyline. From the first page, I was blown away by this authors creativity and writing talent, I highlighted something on every page, and connected to this story on a deeper level than I thought I would.

You know when you read a book, and you can literally feel the connection between two characters and it gives you butterflies, makes you giddy, makes you smile, those are the feelings I experienced when Matilda and Tristan met. They make you believe in the saying "everything happens for a reason". The build up to the initial introduction between these two is something that needs to be experienced by each and every reader. I FELT IT and I actually GET IT!

It is a story full of hope, dreams, love and LIVING.

Matilda is a breath of fresh air. She is full of life and freedom, she holds so much strength, she is thoughtful and is like an old soul on young shoulders. Her thoughts on life made me want to chase my own dreams and

I understood everything about her character! A.J Compton has done a truly incredible job on Matilda's character.

Tristan, I swear, this guy is one of the most BEAUTIFUL male lead characters I have ever had the privilege of reading. He is just EVERYTHING. He knows sadness. He knows suffering. And he knows loss. And it was so refreshing to read. His character progression was stunning.

But these two characters together, they are like kindred spirits. On their own they are awesome, as friends they are beautiful, but together, THEY ARE EVERYTHING.

I won't tell you anything else, because this story truly deserves to be felt personally by every reader.

If you want something different, if you want something that is written with such outstanding depth and a beautiful style, this book will absolutely blow your mind.

I know for a fact that I will return to this book when I need a boost for life, love and freedom from my darker days. This author has been blessed with a beautiful talent and the whole world needs to know about her and this stunning novel!

(Read and Reviewed for FMR Book Grind)

Paula says

There are books that entertain the reader. Books that take us on a journey, take us away from daily life. And then there are the books that do all of the above but also touch something within us. They speak to our soul, resonate with us on a level that's hard to put into words.

"The Counting-Downers" by A.J. Compton was such a book for me. It touched me deeply, made me think and feel so incredibly much. There was so much power and beauty in Compton's words, that I wept throughout most of the book. And it was worth every single one of my tears.

In my adult life, I've read many self-help books about seizing the moment, about living in the now. None of them were as on point as this book, despite the fact that "The Counting-Downers" is a romance, fiction. Yet it's thought-provoking and full of life-lessons. It's the type of book that made me feel like the author could look straight into my mind and heart and see the things that occupy my thoughts. She's given answers to questions she doesn't even know I asked. Advice to things I've lately have been thinking about a lot.

But "The Counting-Downers" is so much more than that. It is a story about being true to yourself and about growing. It's a story about love and passion. A story about letting go and facing your fears. And it's a story about two people who are imperfectly perfect-individually and as a couple.

It's the story of Matilda and Tristan-two halves of one soul.

They live in a world where everyone can see a countdown above every person's head-telling them how long that person has left to live. They know when everyone they care about will die, but they aren't allowed to know their own number.

After Matilda loses her father, she struggles to put all his teachings into practice and to enjoy and cherish every moment. But she's hell-bent on doing so; on living her life with no regrets. Tristan quickly becomes a vital part of that life. Their first meeting left a lasting impression on them both and when they meet again, it's clear they belong together - as friends, lovers and soulmates. And it's through Tristan that she learns how to enjoy every moment, while he learns to love and be loved. He learns to live and to dream.

They both bring the best out in each other and their love runs deep. Too deep to not fear losing the one person who is your world. Matilda and Tristan need to figure out if they can conquer the fear, allow themselves to love despite knowing when they will lose what matters the most.

The love between Matilda and Tristan was extraordinary. It was more than attraction, more than lust or

desire. It was the type of love everyone would like to achieve and only few really do. And even as the reader it is hard not to love both the characters. They are truly special and unique.

Matilda is the type of girl I'd love to be friends with. She's true to herself-always, not allowing others to make her question who she is or what she does. Despite loss and fears, she lives her life to the fullest. She's philosophical and insightful, caring and loving. Her style is endearing and her hippie attitude absolutely lovable. She might be beautiful on the outside, but her real beauty is in her heart and soul. Her views on life are mind-blowing and her happiness contagious. So in the moments when she's sad or melancholic, it hit me even harder. Matilda absolutely rocks.

And so does Tristan. He's beautiful inside and out. He's a bit lost, a bit broken by losses he experienced, yet he's full of love and hope. Despite the tragedies he isn't closed off, isn't hiding his emotions. Instead, he's sweet and romantic. And I mean not the cheesy type of romantic but the kind that makes your heart stop, makes tear run down your face and takes your breath away. He's not hiding behind his pain, but learning to live through it and embrace life to the fullest. His outlook on things is truly incredible. I wanted to hug him, hold him and then possibly lick him. Cause if I lick him, he's mine, right?

This book is deep and profound. It's sweet and tender. It's captivating in its beauty and poetry. It's the type of book I know I have to have as a printed copy to carry with me, to highlight the quotes that mean so much to me (which would be most of the book) and be able to pull it out, show it to people and read it to them. Share the beauty within those pages.

It takes tremendous skill to write a book like this and I'm in awe of A.J. Compton's talent. This being a debut, I'm excited for the things yet to come from this talented author.

If you want to be riveted, to be touched and to have your heart stolen by a book and its characters, give this one a chance.

6 time-well-spent stars.

Cynthia Rodriguez says

If you're looking for instant gratification, this is *not* the book for you.

Compton's debut novel is beautiful. This is the only word I can think of when trying to describe *The Counting-Downers* using only one word. I highlighted so much of the text, my kindle copy looks more yellow than white.

Readers, I know--I KNOW--we love to fall fast and hard. But sometimes a slow climb into someone's heart is just as good. You will find a deep connection between Tristan and Matilda and their love will give you hope. You will find hope when there is nothing surrounding them but despair. When the ticking of the clock is drowning out their hushed words of love and adoration, you will wonder what the hell you've been reading all along. You will question, if you are a writer, how the F*CK you'll find the courage to even attempt such beauty. And you will love and hate time. Because it never really is on our side.

I was graciously provided an ARC. I didn't have to review it. That wasn't really our deal when swapping novels. But how could I not when I loved it so much?!

July 24th, be prepared to fall alllllll the way into love.

Pavlina Read more sleep less blog♥♥ says

ARC PROVIDED FOR AN HONEST REVIEW

Courtney Pedigo says

ARC provided by the Author in favor of an honest review.

Wow. Okay, I know I said I wasn't going to upload my review until July 24th when it released, but I couldn't help it!

Time waits for no man, and answers to no one. Time is kind of an asshole.

There are so many thoughts and emotions swarming through my mind right now and so much I want to say, but most of that would be spoiling you of this lovely novel.

You can tell a lot about a person by how they choose to spend their time.

This novel is about Time. A world where everyone has a ticking clock above their heads signifying the amount of time they have left in the world. You can't see the clocks until you turn 18. The only thing, no one can see ever see their own clock. Even in their own reflections, it's just emptiness above their head. As well as no one is allowed to tell someone how much longer they have left, if so... Well, you'll find out what happens if they do. In *The Counting-Downers* you will get to live through Matilda Evans and Tristan Isaacs story from when they first met to seven years later. Through loss, a new friendship turning into something deeper, lessons learned, memories made, legacies created, and lives being lived.

I really adore Matilda's character, I actually want to be her now. She is so strong, open minded, alive and free, spiritual, creative, gorgeous, and lucky to have found her soulmate.

From what I can tell, there are two types of women. The ones who wait to recover flowers and the ones who out and pick them. The first type are the ones who prefer diamond around their neck to flowers in their hair.

I want a Tristan Isaacs in my life. He is such a precious soul. In his first chapter POV in Part 1, I cried. He's alone in the world taking care of a grandfather who doesn't remember him. Who barely remembers himself. Within the time he has met Matilda, two years later, he changes so much. He becomes open and affectionate. He comes to look at life differently and live it to the fullest and one goal set to mind. Spend it with her. With the girl he knew he would marry from day one they met.

And there are three types of men. Ones who do nothing, ones who buy you flowers from a store, and the ones who plant a field for the women they love.

Their budding friendship to an inspiring relationship, they have created so many memories and I absolutely adore them. This is definitely the kind of relationship that people strive for. I love how so alike they are, yet they have so many differences! They're nicknames are adorable, as is their teasing towards one another. It's so cute! I love how they each have a watch, gifted from the other, and *pause* the moments they want to remember forever.

I'm not sure I could handle knowing how long my soulmate lives, I wouldn't want to know. What if I fall in love with someone who's clock only has a few years left, what if my clock is close to ticking its last days, and they have so many years of life left?

Yet we try, as you must always try, to capture, to freeze, to absorb, to feel, to live in the moment as much as we can, for as long as we can. Pressing and pulling, we pause the moment with our hearts instead of mind. As time ticks on.

Though the idea of this story is amazing, if we were able to see everyone's clock but our own, we would be persuaded to live life freely and as our own. No regrets. We'll be trying to live every second and every moment to the best we can.

The writing was really easy to read to, there was a lot of inspirational thinking throughout the book, and I loved how it was about time, living life, freely. I loved how it had their time at the beginning of every chapter... I quickly caught on to the similarities.. **winky face** If this novel doesn't inspire you to live life freely, then you must have read it wrong.

I definitely recommend if you're interested in an interesting romance, check out Matilda and Tristan's story in The Counting-Downers. Watch ***this video*** , and surely you'll be inspired to read it then!

I choose to live like we have forever.

He chooses to live like there is no tomorrow.

We choose to live together for as long as we can.

and;

Because a love like ours is worth fighting for, and more than that, it's worth living for.

This is an amazing YA/NA Contemporary Romance that I will definitely recommend to anyone! There are endless inspirational quotes, and a heart-warming story that grows withing time, because when they first met, It wasn't their time, not yet. Please go check this novel out! You won't regret it.

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