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Maddox's life changed the day she read her real birthdate: May 17, 1820. Not 1990, like she'd been told all along. Sure, there had been clues: her mother's old-fashioned style, the fact that her parents refuse to talk about her grandparents, but she never could have guessed they were actually from the past. And if that wasn't enough, now she has to go back in time to live for good. She has descendants living now, and if she doesn't go back their lives will never be.

Once she figures out how to go back in time, she struggles with the impending change her life is about to take, and her relationship with shy, unassuming Henry Yancey: the man she is supposed to marry. But if the decision to go back isn't hard enough, she soon finds out there is someone who will stop at nothing to keep her from going back, and he's running out of time. Will Maddie fall for Henry, and will she be able to make it back in time before the portal closes?

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Melina says

This was a great book. I don't usually read time travel books, but this one was intriguing. It got really good towards the end, so I would recommend reading it to find out what happens. Katie did a great job with this book.

Maddie never realized that her family was any different than anyone else's till she went to school. Her family was old fashioned and they never told her or her sister's anything about thier family. When she went to school, she got curious. Then when she went to college whe found out the truth, they were from the past. And her and her sister have to go back, but there is someone trying to stop them. Again, this was a very well written story and it changed my mind about time travel novels.

Kimberly Tate says

Rating: 3.5 stars!

This was a very fun book to read, and I enjoyed it a lot, staying up late last night to finish it. I wasn't quite sure what to expect from it at first- I suppose I thought that it was about a girl who finds out that she's from another time, goes back, and has to get accustomed to life in that time. The real storyline, though, is so much more interesting and original! *Going Over Home* is the story of a 21st century girl who finds out that her family time traveled from the 1800s over the course of many years, which the book tracks and I found fascinating. When she goes to college, she finds a cemetery with the graves of her family members' names, including her own, and realizes that in the past, she was supposed to get married and have children. She figures out how to go back in time and knows that she has to, or else her descendants won't exist. She hops back and forth between the two centuries for a while, trying to get up the courage to go back for good, but there's a man who will stop at nothing to keep her in the present.

So this book was not about Maddie getting used to living in a different century, but rather about her unraveling the mystery of where her family came from and living a dual life for a while, trying to make up her mind to do what is right and having difficulties doing so. And I particularly liked this internal conflict and the sense of mystery.

I also liked the emphasis on family and knowing where you come from. My dad's half of the family is from Indiana, and I'd kind of thought of it as a boring place with not way too much going on (except at my grandparents' house.) But reading this book, I found it really interesting to see a glimpse of the history of Indiana and through that, a glimpse of where I came from. It was almost a reflection of what Maddie thought!

One thing that wasn't my favorite about this book was the way character dialogue was written sometimes. I understand why the author chose to write certain words certain ways- the g's would be left off at the ends of words, so "fixing" and "going" would be written "fixin'" and goin'". But the use of that was relatively inconsistent- I don't remember any characters having accents until after Maddie met Olive, and then suddenly they all did. I found it a little bit distracting as well. I could understand what it meant when "you" was written "ya" or "yew" in dialogue, but it was kind of difficult to read. But of course, that's a relatively small detail, and it didn't detract too much from my overall enjoyment of the book! This was pretty much my only complaint!

Going Over Home was a fun story and well-written, especially by a first-time author! I liked the sweet romance between Maddie and Henry; I liked the confusion and questions that Maddie had, because she felt very relatable. I certainly wasn't expecting there to be so much action in the book, but especially at the end it got very fast-paced! I enjoyed this book and I'm excited for the sequel!

Shelley says

I really enjoyed this book. I wish it was a lot longer. I would love to have the opportunity which Maddox had, to go back in time and meet the people I descended from. This is a subject that has fascinated me my entire life. I hope that there will be more books about this subject, and about this family I want to know how she manages her old new life and how any changes she makes affect the future.

Pamela says

This was just an ok book for me. I really liked the premise, but, for me, it just didn't flow and the ending was a bit hectic. I could really tell it was a "first-time" author. Hopefully, she got better for her subsequent book(s). A little disappointed, because I was looking forward to this book. Not sure if I would try anymore of her books.

Alyssa says

This book is fantastic. The author is very talented and as a young and advanced reader I'm always looking for books that are at my level and that I enjoy. This book exceeds my expectations and will exceed yours as well. Whether you like historical fiction, modern fiction, time travel, or even romance this book is for you. It includes an element for everyone and gives you an enjoyable and engaging read. You will fall in love with this family and never know what is coming next. I can't wait to read the rest of the series!

Cris says

The book started a little slow and clunky, but when the author really got comfortable with her characters and story in the last 2/3 of it the story really took off. After realizing this was her first book I have to give her a lot of credit. It is well written and edited. Look forward to more by this author and spending more time with these characters.

Rita Myers says

This is an incredible adventure! Couldn't stop reading once I started. Can't wait for the next book to come out!

Erin Cataldi says

Fans of genealogy, time travel, and romance will eat up this quick read. Maddox never thought her life was strange until she started comparing herself to their neighbors; their families had grandparents, didn't toil all day in the garden and kitchen, and had electronics in the house. At first she didn't pay it any mind but when she was digging around in the crawlspace she found an old family Bible and her birth date wasn't listed as 1990, instead it was 1820. At first she thinks it is a mistake, but the more she thinks about it, it all adds up. When she goes to college she discovers that her roommate Olive is actually a descendant of hers. That means that she has to figure out a way to go back in time and marry a man name Henry or she'll end up killing off all her descendants! With a lot of sleuthing she finally is able to find the portal that can take her back in time to where her grandmother and future husband live, but will she be able to make the sacrifice? No more cars, TV, fast food or air conditioning, and what about her parents and sisters?!?! She has to make her mind up quick, but it is anything but an easy decision. Perfect for teens and adult, and chock full of great Indiana history.

Melissa Smith says

This was a beautiful story about a young girl who wants to find out more about where she came from. It was a quick, light read and I think all ages could enjoy it.

I give it 4 out of 5 stars because I believe the book could have benefited from more length and more detail.

Definitely worth a read!

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Lori says

Maddox Fox had a quiet childhood. A very quiet one. She has no clue about her parents past. Doesn't remember her grandparents and knows nothing about them. In grade school she gets a bit of information but not enough and her parents clam up. As she gets older her past becomes more and more of a mystery until one day she stumbles upon the truth. She was born more than 170 years ago and was brought into the future for various reasons. Some good and some bad. Now she must make a life changing descion. To stay or go back?

The Good:

There are absolutely ZERO zombies in this book. And I still gave it 4 stars!! I KNOW AMAZING right?!? Well let me enlighten you to a little known fact about myself (expect if you happen to stalk my books on goodreads! And, good god, why would you do that?) I've read every single one of the "Little House on the Prairie" books. I was obsessed with pioneer life as a child and would pretend for hours that I was a pioneer girl!!!

This book took me back to some of those childhood memories. I relished every minute I spent reading about Maddie's travels back and forth. I loved her Grandma. I LOVED Henry. We all know how much I love to swoon...well let me tell you Henry is swoon worthy.

Maddie is a tough but sweet girl. She's not mouthy or disrespectful. She's not acting tough and trying to rebel. She is just trying to be happy and do the right thing. Does that get her down? Well wouldn't you be a

little down if you found out your whole life was a lie?

I loved the genealogy. Katie Andrews Potter has spent a great deal of time researching genealogy and I would happen to guess that it is a hobby of hers from the care and love that she gives to it in this book. The writing. I felt like I was there. I loved it. What a fantastic ride she takes the reader on. The back and forth between the two time periods never gets manic. It's very fluid. It's beautiful take-me-away writing. This was one of those books that I didn't have to think about where the author was taking me. I just said "Ok, you got me at hello. Let's get on with this joy ride".

The mystery element was woven in just right. Sometimes in books the thriller aspect can feel forced and tacked on. That was definately not the case here. Honestly my poor writing skills cannot and are not even doing justice to how great this book is!!!

This book can be read by all ages. I am 28 and it made me feel like I was a little girl again. (In a good way). My 59 year old mother will enjoy reading this when it comes out. So will my 12 year old niece...well maybe if I can convince her that "those vampires" are not the be all and end all of literature. The love story between Maddie and Henry is sweet. It definately is one of the more tame YA books I have read in awhile. Guess what? I still got those same OMG he is soo hunky/OMG please just get together butterflies without all the bare skin and innuendo.

The not so good: (I don't want to. You can't make me!)

To be fair and balanced in my review I will mention that there were maybe 2 typos (Ms. Andrews Potter please don't ask me to remember them. I don't). I rarely dock review points for grammer/spelling/punctuation errors. I refuse to here. It's not necessary. If I can't remember them now then they really are very minor. However, I know there are some people that cannot stand errors in books so I need to mention that I noticed some.

The characters needed flushed out more. This book is fairly short. We are given a ton of information (about characters, time periods, family backgrounds etc) within these pages. I loved each and every one of these details but I finished the book wanting more!!! MORE! I feel like I was just getting to the good stuff and all of sudden I was at 100%. I would have loved to see more of Henry and Maddie's love story. However, that is not what this book is about. It is about the journey to bring them together. Is this a fault in the writing of the book? Not at all. It's just what I, the reader, wanted to see more of.

*Katie Andrews Potter is writing a whole series of books about the sisters in this story. I will be reading each and everyone one of them. AND I AM BEGGING HER PLEASE REVISIT MADDIE AND HENRY!!!

There is so much more to tell.

*Also if I was a fan-fic writer I think I could do amazing things with this story + zombies. LOL. Just kidding.

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<http://lorimariaparker.blogspot.com>

Debi Murray says

Read this for book club. Not wild about the huge plot holes. Seems to be a book for teenagers. Good thing I got it for .99 in Kindle! Unfortunately, I also bought the second book in the series and will feel obligated to read it too. It is fine if you are seeking a light-reading escape.

Kim says

The author weaves a beautiful tale full of beloved characters, an original storyline and a historical

perspective. At times I felt as though I were reading poetry. I haven't read a lot of historical fiction, but this story definitely ranks with the Newberry Award winners I have read. I enjoyed the cross over to the past and present, the glimpse into history and the perspective of a Godly family struggling to keep their values in present day society. I read this book in two days and couldn't put it down until I was finished. I can't wait to read more by this talented author!

Katie Andrews Potter says

First review of this book:

"As a lover of historical fiction, I was delighted to find a new author in this genre. Katie Andrews Potter has crafted an engaging and gripping tale traversing 2 centuries that gives the reader a glimpse into life in Indiana during the 1800's. The quality of the work is as good as that of Louis L'Amour and other highly respected writers of historical fiction. I look forward to the release of the rest of the books in this series by this talented author." - John Etchberger

Auntmeme421 says

Great read!

Love the combination of history and genealogy. Great job describing the settings of Indiana in the past and present. And giving us characters that you want to root for all the way to the end. I would recommend this to anyone who likes history or genealogy.

Karen Cunningham says

For her introductory novel, this is fabulous! The beginning is a little rough, but then the plot takes off and I was hooked! I am looking forward to more from Katie and so is my daughter. Great themes to the book, loyalty, friendship, forgiveness and faith.
