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Twenty tales of swashbuckling adventure and passionate romance from some of the most exciting names in romance fiction, including Margo Maguire, Autumn Daw, Sandy Blair, Michele Maddox, Patti O'Shea, Holly Lisle, Kimberly Raye, and Madeline Baker.

Join the heroines in this delightful anthology as they step backwards—or forwards—in time, transported to the Scottish Highlands or yesteryear, the Wild West, or the distant future. Propelled through time into situations rich with possibility and fraught with danger, these sexy, sassy heroines each seek their dreamed of happy ending.

Will souls separated by time be reunited—or kept apart—forever?

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From Reader Review The Mammoth Book of Time Travel Romance for online ebook

holly quigley says

Since this is an anthology, I figure I'll start my review now.

The Key To Happiness, by Gwyn Cready

Really sweet little story. So many Time Travel romances I've read are just kind of happenstance stories, whereas this one is very specifically about a character trying to go back and change something. I really liked it, although I think the short story format is about the only place that kind of arc would work that easily.

MacDuff's Secret by Sandy Blair

Tolerable, barely. Good thing it was a short story, since I couldn't have dealt with a novel in Scottish brogue for half the narration. Plus the 'falling-in-love' was too fast and easy and it felt like it only worked because the heroine had nothing better to do with her life.

Lost and Found by Maureen McGowan

Really original take on the TT-romance. Not sure how well it worked in a short format, but I also can't see how it would work in a novel format, either.

Okay, I'm giving up trying to review all of these, because frankly most of them after this point were kind of a disappointment. I think it's because the genre doesn't really fit well into the format. You need more buildup and plot to make a Time Travel Romance really *work*.

Meh.

Bea Charmed says

The usual anthology mix of good, bad, and meh. No real standouts but no real clunkers either. One thing that annoyed me was the frequent mixup of American and British terms. Most of the stories take place in the US with American characters but many, or maybe all, of the authors are British. So you'd get American characters talking about tyres and kerbs or using British expressions. It was jarring. That was careless editing.

Michelle Tempted By Books says

Half of these were good stories that were too short and half were just oddly creepy, plain old boring, or just didn't make any sense.

Robin Van Der Maat says

ANother mammoth mess of some good, some awful time travel romances.

Happily, this contained quite a few unique (to me at least) perspectives on time travel storyline which I found to be more interesting than the S-steamy romances. Since I didn't expect much I did not take note of the actual good contributors. This one gets a recommendation if you like reading unique takes on time travel.

Lauren says

The Key To Happiness by Gwyn Cready.

MacDuff's Secrety by Sandy Blair

Lost and Found by Maureen McGowan

Stepping Back by Sarah Mackenzie

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Future Date by AJ Menden.

Maureen McGowan says

I'm biased, because I did write one of the 20 stories in this anthology, but there's a fabulous variety of fun voices in this book.

Lexie says

For the record I've read 8 of the authors listed above previously. In the introduction by Telep she mentions how time travel romance flourished in the 90's and early new millennium, but how paranormal romance has sort of shoved it away. I tried to remember the last *new* time travel romance I had read and I believe it would be Gwyn Cready's *Tumbling Through Time*, which I only liked so-so. I know that Brenda Joyce had several with her *Time Guardians* series--which was also a so-so series in my opinion. If you count e-books, then Emma Lai's *Mates of the Guardians* stories are also time travel (the Guardians protect time and such), both of which I enjoyed quite a bit.

So if you're like me you're wondering why I would buy a book about Time Travel Romance (when I should have bought the *Vampire Romance* anthology, or the second *Paranormal Romance* anthology) and the truth is that I want to like Time Travel Romances. I was unfortunately tainted by all the ones in the 90's however and grew very cautious of the concept.

Did I enjoy this anthology? At times. I was disappointed more often than not, and felt that some of the endings to the stories were too 'And you can guess what happens next' for my tastes. I'm shallow, I like my romances to end with something along the lines of 'happily ever after' if they're not going to end with 'and they all died'. Give me syrupy sweet or give me bitterly dark.

That said I did enjoy some of them--Gwyn Cready's "The Key to Happiness" was refreshing. In it a man comes back to stop the woman he loves from making a choice that will ultimately kill her spirit. She'll have everything she wants for years, but then one moment in time happens and her world crumbles around her feet. He offers her a choice--take the road you know will lead to success or take the road that may lead to lasting happiness. This was the perfect short story; it tied up loose ends, had development and tension, and didn't end as if it should have had three chapters more to it.

Conversely Sandy Blair's "MacDuff's Secret" is also an interesting read, but I think I would have preferred if it had been longer. Novel length perhaps. A young teacher in Scotland travels back with five of her charges to a Glen that is almost too good to be true. But for a woman who has always done what is expected of her, will she take the chance to have something for herself finally?

Sara MacKenzie's "Stepping Back" was a fun read, though the ending left me unsatisfied. A young woman with no past begins to dig up the history of young woman who had disappeared a century earlier.

Hands down the story I enjoyed the most was A.J. Menden's "Future Date" about a dating site that measures who you're compatible with across time itself. It was quirky, it was a cute and it was witty--much like her *Elite Hands of Justice* books are.

For the vast majority of the other stories however they didn't hold my interest very long. Some started out interestingly enough, but soon got tiresome or annoying (Michelle Maddox's "The Eleventh Hour") and some just were boring period (Maureen McGowan's "Lost and Found").

Am I glad I read it? Yes, because these aren't the same sort of tawdry bits of fluff from the days of yore in Time Travel Romance Writing so they did give me hope. I just wish that more of the stories had held my interest.

Sara G says

I didn't particularly enjoy more than one or two of the stories in this anthology. It was a bit of a slog and I feel like time travel romance generally needs more than just a short story to flesh out the intricacies.

Taylor says

So far my opinion on this book is the story lines are very creative given the length. The relationships on the other hand though are very unrealistic to me. It feels like in every single story the couple meets very strangely followed by making out the very next day. I understand its a romance anthology and they only have some pages to write the story but come on. If it were me who were these characters, I wouldn't be making out with some guy that I found in my horse stable in an astronaut suit threatening me with a gun a day after knowing him. All the stories are pretty much like that. I think it would be a lot better if the stories show at least a little bit of the couple interacting.

The first story in this book was amazing however, it showed bonds of characters and feelings for each other. It had a great storyline and I liked how it didn't involve kissing but it was still really romantic. I'm not against kissing in books or anything but I do like it being somewhat realistic. Some characters show bad past relationships, yet they aren't at all cautious about this guy they barely know?

Lol idk, the first story just made me think this book was going to be just as good if not better then Ghost Romance (which so far it isn't even close) and its just been a let down.

Right now I'm just continuing to read for the cool storylines but I'm starting to get really annoyed about this fast paced relationship stuff (hence my whole rant above) because this issue is literally IN EVERY STORY!! (Except the first couple)

I have 11 stories left, if this continues with my reading, I may have to put this book down :(

Deanna from Deanna's World says

I really enjoyed this collection of stories. They have been great for when I was short of time but wanted something quick and complete to read, and they were also perfect for times when I was waiting on an appointment or for the train.

The stories were all well written and well edited, although for some of the stories, the eBook formatting was a little off and some words ran into each other - not too much of a problem as I was able to figure out the

words. As to the stories themselves, I enjoyed all of them, perhaps some more than others.

They were also great introductions to authors that I had not read previously and there are a few that I might go check out from having read their work here.

I can't review each story individually since it has taken me well over a year, perhaps even two to get through the entire collection, so the earlier stories have faded from my memory, but lots of Highlanders and hunky Scots - they seem to lend themselves to time travel stories well. I'm definitely planning on reading other "mammoth books" by Trish Telep.

TinaMarie says

The Key to Happiness - Gwyn Cready - 4

Love travels back in time to prevent her making a mistake. Touching, tender

Time Trails by Colby Hodge - 4

Interesting time split concept

Saint James WAY - Jean Johnson - 4

scientist goes to observe the past and finds her man.

Steam - Jean Johnson - 4

The Eleventh Hour by Michelle Maddox - 3

Fate, enforcing Fate or allowing choice? Ok story

The Wild Card by Sandra Newgent - 4

Stranger gives Cami a chip, sending her back in time. Intimate details skipped for the most part.

Karen L says

This book is like any other anthology; some good stories along with some boring ones. The good stories in this book, in my opinion, did not last long enough and they were only a few of them.

Christy says

There were a few good stories in this anthology that would have brought my rating up if the rest hadn't been so awful. I know "romance" was in the title and should have warned me, but too many of the stories relied heavily on characters thinking "I know I just met you, but I'm soooo attracted to you, I think I love you" (which is just lazy writing - how about some characters with actual chemistry?!?). A lot of the stories started with a good time travel story, but as soon as the characters hooked up and declared their love, the story was over. I think I was looking for time travel stories with a dash of love story ... and less cross-century hooking up. If you're interested, get it from the library, read "The Key to Happiness", "Lost & Found", "St James Way", "Last Thursday Next", & "The Walled Garden" and skip the rest.

SheLove2Read says

1/5/2010

I'm reading this slowly.

The Key To Happiness by Gwyn Cready. I've never read anything by this author before but it was a REALLY good story. Very touching. The premise was loving someone more than you love yourself and setting them free, even though it means you lose them. I won't give away what happens but I got teary eyed at the end! 5 stars.

MacDuff's Secrety by Sandy Blair. Just ok. Scottish highland romance. I thought it was kind of cheesy, really. 2 stars.

Lost and Found by Maureen McGowan. A slight take off on "The Time Travelers Wife", but not quite as good. The plot was a little TOO secretive. Set in NY. 3 stars.

Stepping Back by Sarah Mackenzie. A little spooky and mysterious. It was pretty obvious who the heroine actually was but nonetheless a good read. Set in Australia. 3 stars.

Sexual Healing by Margo Maguire. A futuristic romance with time travel back to the "past" of 2010. I was right with it up to the end and it just...ended. Disappointed with how the author chose to finagle the HEA. 3 stars.

The Wild Card by Sandra Newgent. It reminded me a little of the Christopher Reeve movie "Somewhere in Time". I would have liked to have read this as a full length novel. Set in 1893 Atlantic City. 3.5 stars

The Eleventh Hour by Michelle Maddox. Good. Wished it had been longer. Interesting plot about the potential for Government to become too involved in people's lives. 3.5 stars. Somewhat futuristic.

Pilots Forge by Patrice Sarath. I like this one alot. I wish the author had more time to flesh out the story because it ended pretty abruptly. 3 stars. Somewhat futuristic.

St James Way by Jean Johnson. Loved this one. If it were a full length book I would definitely read it. Set in medieval England. 3.5 stars

Troll Bridge by Patti O'Shea. Loved this one! I'm going to have to look up some of her books. The writing flowed so easily and the romantic suspense was great. Futuristic romance. 4 stars.

Iron and Hemlock by Autumn Dawn. I was really looking forward to this story after having read her book No Words Alone last year. Unfortunately this story was a let down for me. 1 star

Last Thursday Night by Holly Lisle. The story was not my cuppa but it was well written. I won't rate it for that reason.

The Gloaming Hour by Cindy Miles. Oh this was a fantastic story. I absolutely loved it. Set in present day Georgia with a "Scottish ghostie" twist. 5 stars!!

A Wish to Build a Dream on by Michelle Willingham. Set in Ireland in the past. Good but not great. 3 stars.

Time Trails by Colby Hodge. This is actually Cindy Holby using a pseudonym. I absolutely loved it and wished it had been a full length story. Set in the last 1800s old west. 4 stars

The Walled Garden by Michelle Lang. 1988 NYC, present day. Kind of spooky and a little weird. Not sure what to think about this story so I won't rate it.

Catch the Lightning by Madeline Baker. Western time travel. I didn't really love it but it wasn't bad.

Steam by Jean Johnson. Had a slight steampunk theme to it. Not a fan and I wasn't crazy about the writing. 1 star.

Falling in Time by Allie Mackay. I really liked this one. Set in Scotland. 4 stars.

Future Date by AJ Menden. Not my cuppa. 1 star

Overall I'm giving this a 3.5 stars. Some stories were great but there were more that were just average. I won't go so far as to say this book disappointed me but it was close. I guess I was expecting a book filled with GREAT stories, but that's not what this is. At least in my humble opinion.

Rachel- Goodbye Borders says

Some stories worked, some were just okay, and others didn't hold my interest.

These were the best:

The Eleventh Hour by Michelle Maddox-

Enjoyed this one; however the falling in love happened quickly (but then given the length, what did I expect?)

Pilot's Forge by Patrice Sarath-

Interesting start, it kept my attention. I loved Edith's profession (Farrier). Weird end.

The Troll Bridge by Patti O'Shea-

My favorite- no insta-love in this one, just insta-like and a willingness to let's see what happens mentality.

The Gloaming Hour by Cindy Miles-

At first I thought this was a ghost story. Ending abrupt.

Time Trails by Colby Hodge-

No, this one was my favorite- Unique. I liked the idea of hunting criminals who go back to the past to alter history and those who hunt them and fix it. Yeah!

Future Date by A.J. Menden-

Well, this one was a favorite too! The storyline has some reality to it (not the time travel, but a future with limits on children and the obvious preference for boys leading to a large gender gap).

