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In the thrilling conclusion to The Immortal Descendants series, a life has ended, the future is lost, and a war has just begun.

An explosion has split Time and Archer has paid the ultimate price, leaving Saira heartbroken and desperate to repair the rupture. But the blast has trapped Saira in an alternate future where Mongers are cornered predators and Death is the ultimate judge. If Saira and her larcenous friend, Ringo, ever want to see Archer alive, they must pull off the impossible – alter history at a moment in time to which they cannot return. But saving Archer will restore a timeline where Mongers have complete control, mixed bloods are hunted prey, and the Descendant world is spiraling into chaos.

As Saira uses her Clocking skills to prevent her worst nightmares from coming true, she travels from the dirty streets of Victorian London to the secret archives of the Vatican. She seeks a purpose that is greater than smashed hope, greater than lost love, greater than the prophecy that has shaped her very existence. She must use the lessons of history to free the present and shape the future. And in the end, Saira and her friends will face War and Death in the most important battle of all – the one for Peace.

Cheating Death Details

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From Reader Review Cheating Death for online ebook

Darrell Mcfarland says

Outstanding conclusion to an excellent series. It's got everything you could possibly want in a book, Fencing, fighting, torture, revenge, giants, monsters, chases, escapes, true love, miracles... Well, most of them anyway. If you liked the previous books in this series, you'll love this one.

Cat says

Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened.

THAT'S A CROCK OF SHITE. I NEED MORE. OK...REAL REVIEW SOON.

Just understand, I'm severely emotionally damaged right now, and I'll need to come out from under the pain/joy/elation/OMGNOSOSAD eventually. Please send wine.

Actually, send a clocker back and get me some Malmsey wine. Send a wolf with the clocker for the nose.

See how much I've helped you?

Penny Reid says

Instead of writing last night, I read this book.

NO REGRETS!!!

This is what the end of an epic series should be.

Grahame says

This is sort of bittersweet for me. I have enjoyed these stories and characters so very much and I'm sad it's over. I'll admit, I dragged my feet a little on this one because I knew this was it. But once I started, I couldn't stop. The story is just like the others---impossible to put down and fast paced with amazing adventures. This took us to places I never imagined. The gang met with people from history that I didn't expect and as

always, there are twists and turns I never saw coming. This is storytelling at its finest. The writing is absolutely riveting and the characters come to life in such a vivid way.

I'm going to miss Saira, Archer, Ringo, and the whole crew. I thrilled with how things worked out, but I want more. It's been a long time since I've been so enthralled with a series. I'm so glad I finally listened to my friend and picked up these books.

April White says

I have some of the very best readers on the planet. Their reviews for Cheating Death make me so proud to be a part of this amazing community, and so grateful that such generous and wonderful people have found my books:

"From the moment I started reading Saira's story I was hooked. The characters, the places, the villains, the history, the adventure, the dialogue, the romance, the drama... I've truly loved it all." -Urban Fantasy Investigations

"Cheating Death is a riveting whirlwind of a novel, and the culmination of a perfectly executed series ... What April White does in this book is a literary phenomenon." Readereater

"The perfect mix of action, romance, suspense, and fantasy." - The Bookworm Fairy

"April White has upped her game for this final installment. Much more than a book to tie up loose ends, White digs deep and expands story lines and deepens relationships between characters. And, just when the reader expects the pace to ease off, White finds a way to crank things up!" - Book Junkie Reviews

"It's an awesome day when the final book in a favorite series gives more than you expected, ends the series perfectly, and makes you smile when you close the cover." - One Man Book Club

Laura says

All authors hold a special place in my heart for they create a books where us readers can put our lives on hold for a while and dive into the fictional ones they've created. However, there is truly something special about fantasy authors that not only bring beloved characters to life but they create vast worlds filled with nothing short of magic. I can not think of a higher gift to give to a reader. And this is what April White has done in her fantastic series.

Cheating Death is the EPIC CONCLUSION of this 5 book series that takes us on this fantastical world of time travelers, shifters, vampires, prophecies, but perhaps most importantly love, friendships, and family.

During they're time travel Saira and Ringo meet Mary Shelley and she says: "My dream is to have mattered to the people I love, and I would like my world to be a little richer because I am in it. And perhaps, if my words can find their way into someone's heart, to give truth to an idea, or voice a question, that is reason enough to rise and face each day."

Well, my dear April I would say mission accomplished.

This Literary Life says

I received this book in exchange for an honest review...

I found out about this series only last year and powered through the first 4 books very quickly. As the last book ended in a bit of a cliffhanger, I could not wait to get my hands on this one. April takes you on a long intense journey throughout history again in Cheating Death. You meet many famous people throughout history as she weaves them into her story line. I have always loved history and I really appreciate how she uses actual history and people and manipulates them to fit whatever she needs to to fit her story just right. And at the end of the book, she always gives you the accurate history of the time that she's meddled with, just so you don't ever confuse fact from fiction.

The story starts out with Saira and Ringo separated from Archer and everyone else they know as they are trapped on a different time stream. We don't know if Archer is alive, or what happened with him and the cure. I enjoyed how the story really explored Saira's grief when she allowed herself to feel it. Sometimes I had a hard time relating to how she grieved, but her situation is so original and she is so young with the whole weight of the world on her shoulders thing, that I am not sure I could ever relate to it. I wondered how she could just hang and have food and conversation with friends and laugh with everything that was going on. And then I remembered something that I have found recently in my own life... Joy and grief must coexist in order for you to truly live. There were times that she let it out, and I would finally see that she was truly mourning...everything. Her love, a life she once had, and the ignorance that gave her bliss to a world she didn't know existed.

I loved how we got the answers to EVERY question (well, all the ones I had anyways) about all of the characters that have been shadowed in mystery throughout the series. Doran had a power spot that I didn't see coming in the first 4 books and I loved the entire story line about the Last Mixed Immortal royalty.

Ringo really prevailed in this book for me. Above every other character, he gripped my heart. He was the strongest of them all with his fierce loyalty. And I am so glad that not only did he get the happily ever after that he MORE than deserved, but that there will be a book about him as well.

Archer and Saira were able to bring their story back together and as loss does, it brings people closer together. As we saw when the previous book ended, Archer had taken the cure and we didn't know if he would live through his horrific injuries for it to work. Not only did he live, but the cure worked and Mr. Shaw was able to give it to Tom as well. Thank goodness!! That poor Tom had some series issues brewing and with his self loathing immortality, there is no telling what he would be like after 100 years or so. We could have had another Ripper on our hands! Thanks to Saira and Ringo's constant reinforcement that he was worthwhile he started to see the value in a life better lived. The only question on the cure is, what now? Will this be developed and give to all who want it? If so, what of Death's line?? I'm sure that it could have some serious repercussions in the descendant's futures. Also, I adored Archer as A vampire!! I was a little teary eyed when the story ended and he was still human again LOL But it is where he and Saira needed to be so it was perfect for them.

The only thing that I did not necessarily love about the story was just how many important people in history that just 'happened' to pop into the story and be of help along their journey. It just made it slightly less

believable for me in those moments, but we ARE talking about immortals traveling around in time, sooooooo....it may have just been the kids running around and making all of that noise and distracting me while I tried to read haha And yet, it totally worked. So, I'm not really sure how much this was a complaint haha

I can honestly say that I am 100% happy with how the book ended. There was absolutely sorrow and loss in the battle to defeat War but it was worth while in the end. I think that the epilogue was my favorite part because when it was done I had a goofy grin on my face at the HEA that we were given.

All in all a very good conclusion to this series. I will be keeping an eye out for Ringo's story!

Alison says

That amazing feeling when you read the final book in a series and it totally delivers everything you ever wanted ...

I don't think I can do the plot justice, certainly I don't recommend leaping in here at the fifth book if you haven't read the previous four, suffice to say that Saira and her group of friends, family and teachers bounce around alternate time-lines, 1944, 1842, 1554 and the present day. We see the Immortals, all of them and meet lots of famous characters from history. If you have read the series and enjoyed it I believe you will be totally satisfied with the pacing and plot of this brilliant finale. I will admit that I got lost a bit at times, but that's because I have an atrocious memory and didn't re-read the previous books before starting this one.

I think it is extremely telling when you finish a series, which has such a definite ending, and just want to go back to the very beginning and start all over again so that you can understand the bits you didn't quite understand. I'd love to know how April White keeps it all straight - does she have some kind of War Room filled with white boards for each separate period in time?

Just two small niggles (actually I think there were three but I can't remember the third), April White refers to the London Bridge when it should just be London Bridge (or maybe she means the London Bridge spiral?) and Hatton Gardens when it is Hatton Garden singular. I would be delighted to proof read any ARCs of future April White books set in the UK to spot any such minor mistakes :)

If you love time travel stories then I thoroughly recommend this series.

Wendy'sThoughts says

5 What a Series Should Be Stars

******* It's Live!!!**

Disclaimer: This is a love letter to an author I respect and adore. Please take it as it is given. Thank you
Those who know me, know I am not a huge reader of YA books. That is not to say I don't appreciate them...as I was right there with everyone during each release of the Harry Potter Series. I have traveled through many different genres over my years of reading; Mysteries, Thrillers, Legal Dramas, Police Procedural, even Horror all written by various authors too numerous to mention...But each excellent in their

delivery of story.

A few years ago, I transitioned to Historical fiction with all of the dreamy love tales...with intermittent dashes of Paranormal or whatever Jayne Ann Krentz wrote as Amanda Quick and her Arcane Society...I would binge read all I could find through the library.

Then immersed myself in Contemporary Romance... all sorts...and discovered a wide array...from romance, clean and simple, to erotic and sensual. Depending on my mood, there was always something to read...and that was how I found Penny Reid...

Which brings me to my introduction to **April White and The Immortal Descendants Series**. Penny Reid personally introduced me to April White at a signing event. It was a love fest from the start...

We joked, chatted Penny's books and then Penny told me I needed to read April's book, **Marking Time**. April being a class act sent it to me...saying she knew from our conversation her book might not be my thing... and it was no harm no foul if I chose to pass...

Well, I didn't...

I read it from cover to cover... and LOVED IT.

I loved it so much I begged my friends to read it...and then I begged April to please figure out a way to film it... as I felt it had all of the elements a big movie needed.

I was sort of obnoxious about it... Because every time our paths crossed at a signing...I would ask if she had started the process to get it out there on a little or big screen.

And the reason I felt so strongly about the series "getting out there" was that it brought History to Life in a way young adults would find captivating...At least that was my take on it... and still is...

But it also does more than that... because throughout this series, it talks about acceptance of differences...and that in my book is needed more than ever. It also covers so much more in dealing with relationships -first love... loyalty and understanding...I could go on and on...

So, this has been a long winded way to say... Please take a moment, look into this Author's work...She brings so much to the table... and does it with research, intriguing plots, swoony moments and thrills which will have you holding your breath.

In other words... this series rocks.

Lucky you, all of the books are now out... so there is no waiting to enjoy this experience... You can read it at your own pace.

Marking Time (The Immortal Descendants, #1)

<https://www.goodreads.com/review/show...>

Tempting Fate (The Immortal Descendants #2)

<https://www.goodreads.com/review/show...>

Changing Nature (The Immortal Descendants #3)

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Waging War (The Immortal Descendants #4)

Cheating Death (The Immortal Descendants #5)

A gifted copy was provided by author/publisher for an honest review.

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Dorothy Chrslesworth says

this book answered all the questions left from Waging War I have all five books in paperback and on my kindle , I have a horror of loosing them on Kindle. Cheating Death is a fitting to the series I have read them all a few times now and each time I reread them I discovered something different . if you like adventure romance history and true friendship then read these books you will not be disappointed

Caffenero says

I'd like to be original but The Verve coined the perfect phrase that describes Cheating Death, so I'm using it, giving them credit in advance ;)

Cheating Death is a Bittersweet Symphony. Sometimes it has the tones of Beethoven's 5th (Ta-da-da-daaa), sometimes the 9th (Ode to joy)... Oh boy, it affected me in so many ways!

The rhythm and pace are never slow, and you'll discover so many things during the journey that you'll never get hungry for more knowledge because you need your time to digest your discoveries ;) All the knots have been tied masterfully. If you read all the previous books in the Immortal Descendants' series you know how April likes to give us good cardio workouts, so prepare yourself for a long, emotionally challenging ride.

Well done, my friend.

I'm a very satisfied reader :D

The Lit Bitch says

4.5 stars

So here with are with another beloved series coming to an end. I have mixed emotions....I am sad that a series that I have adored for the last few years is coming to an end but happy because it wrapped up in such a wonderfully fitting way that I couldn't help but be satisfied.

One thing that stood out to me in this book was not going over old history. I suppose the author feels that if you made it to this book then you probably know the story and thus no need to rehash ancient history which I totally appreciated! However, I had forgotten little pieces of details from the last book so it took me a little bit to 'remember' where things were at in regards to some of the story lines.

This book had a much faster pace than some of the others. I was anxious to see if Archer was still alive and what the final outcome would be with the impending war. The Immortal world is so engaging and interesting. White has created a world full of interesting characters, strong female leads, and a rich fantasy world that could continue to be drawn upon. Though this is the last book in this series, I still felt like there was enough 'meat' in the Immortal world to write other stories set in the same realm. I would love to see a book set in the Immortal world with Ringo as the main character. Ringo wasn't my favorite character in the series to begin with but as the books have progressed....he has grown on me so now I would love to see a book about him.

Saria is an incredible main character too. She isn't one of those leading ladies that 'finds herself' in the

series.....she already is so strong and knows who she is to begin with but as the book progresses she continues to build on those traits to become this great leading lady that many readers could admire. I love that the whole series isn't about her 'finding herself' like so many of the YA novels are or romance....it's more about how she deals with adverse situations and how she continues to grow and mature into a young lady. I love that about her and this series shows how she thrives as an independent woman in various different time periods.

One of the things that sets White apart from her peers is her ability to research her novels. Because each book has a time travel element, her ability to research multiple different time periods and write about them with such confidence and knowledge is pretty incredible. Sometimes authors have more historic knowledge about one period or another but for White.....her historical knowledge period to period is phenomenal! I am impressed with her knowledge and attention to detail with each book! It's clear that she does her research before sending her characters into a new 'world' or 'time'.

On the whole this was a great read. Nothing was stagnant or slow in the book and the way everything wrapped up was brilliant. I loved it but I'm sad now that it's over!

See my full review [here](#)

Dee King says

Wow. From the first paragraph of the first book I was in this world. Not just reading a story, but experiencing a multitude of worlds. I did not expect Doran's lineage, yet when it was revealed it made complete sense. White does a fantastic job of jumping through time yet not once losing sight of each character and their history. Not once, no matter how many jumps and family members were introduced, was I lost or confused or felt the story was muddled. Saira is an excellent lead. Her growth was well told. Only a year had passed, yet with all the travel it was a lifetime and she matured accordingly. I was particularly fascinated by Death, and enjoyed her interactions with him. I wish there was a 6th book that explored him & Doran and that dynamic a bit more. But with that said, this book perfectly wrapped up the series. I was not disappointed in the least bit. Thank you, April White, for this magnificent read.

Maria says

I admit I dragged my feet a little and almost restarted for the 5th(?) Time from the beginning just to make this trip last longer. But I also wanted to finally know where it ended. And what an intriguing end it was. Love love love this series. And I know it will be read a few more times over the summer and next couple of years. Kudos - April - a masterful tale from (more than) just a girl! ;)

Ps: just still happy - all day - because of how it wrapped up, and yet left room for more if the author so chooses. Happy happy. Penny Reid posted the perfect picture in her review. :)

Stacy says

I don't think I can properly explain how much I have loved the Immortal Descendants series. From the

moment I started reading Saira's story I was hooked. The characters, the places, the villains, the history, the adventure, the dialogue, the romance, the drama... I've truly loved it all.

***Contains minor spoilers from CHEATING DEATH and WAGING WAR**

The end of WAGING WAR left me yearning to find out what happened, if Archer was still alive and how Saira would get back to him. I have to tell you, when I started reading CHEATING DEATH I had to force myself not to skip ahead and make sure they truly get back to each other and everything turns out OK. It was torture to hold myself back, but I did it and I am glad I did or I would have missed a great journey.

CHEATING DEATH doesn't waste time diving back into the storyline. The pace is steady, the adventures are both dangerous and informative and the characters are as engaging and entertaining as ever.

I'm really sad that this series is over. CHEATING DEATH did a great job of wrapping up the current storyline, but I still feel like there is so much more story to share. I want to see what kind of a man Ringo turns out to be, I want to see Saira and Archer start a family. I want to see how all of my other favorite characters in The Immortal Descendants series end up. There is just so much more I feel like I need to know. April White, please keep writing about these characters, even if it's just a novella length epilogue. I would gladly read more.

* This book was provided free of charge from the publisher in exchange for an honest review.
