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From Reader Review Untimely for online ebook

L. Wells says

Haha may be a little bias to say I loved it :)

Jamie Calvete says

I think the story line itself was pretty good. Most of the book, the characters seemed very immature. I guess it was just frustrating at not understanding what was going on at first. Once I figured out what was really going on with many of the characters, things that happened early on in the book made a LOT more sense. I can definitely sympathize with Heather.

Linzi Selby says

I was given this book to provide an honest review

Initially read edition One, the author then kindly sent the 2nd edition of it. I must say me second edition is far better than the first however it was not a book that I enjoyed.

The concept is great and if you like time travelling romance kind of books then you may enjoy it but the characters - I found them very difficult to like.

Heather where do you start I found her to be very immature she drove me to despair. Ruben what a awful person, he annoyed me and angered me beyond belief. I am aware that not all relationships are not a bed of roses and can be abusive but I would hate for young people to read this book and think its ok to behave in such away or be treated like that and it be 'ok', Because its not ok even if the person does have issues.

Thanks for the opportunity to read the book it just wasnt my cup of tea.

Sarah says

Having been offered to read Untimely 2, I had to go back and reread Untimely 1. I noticed more details this time around than the first time I read the book. I remembered who Dannika is, (I read the synopsis for U2) and am more curious now to read U2. I need to know what happens to the characters, to the manor, to everything. Need to know how the time/space continuum continues with U2.

I still don't understand (yet) the little boy. He's in the past but he wants a life anyway he can. Is that foreshadowing? How is he linked to Dannika, if they are even link. From what I read, he's Anna's son but why didn't he just stay in the past? So many questions. :o)

Still think Ruben is an arse (a hot cute one) but still an arse. Bi-polar like his mother? Beth's relationship to Ruben is explained in U1 but I still feel like she's more, how the author said towards the end "Frank caught Heather just like Beth caught Ruben.".. Something like that.

I still stick to my first assessment that I'm proud of Heather seeing the negative things that will happen if she stays with Ruben.

Now to Frank. I didn't say much about him before because he was just part of the story, as if a back drop.

Yes even though Heather goes back in time to be with Frank. Yes Frank explained things and we saw a little

(very little) of his world when Heather went to the 19thC. I do hope I there's a Frank history in the next book. While Ruben (to me) presented fickleness, Frank was solid and dependable and I would rather have that in a relationship. I'm still glad Heather went with Frank.

Again I still think this a very good book. Having read it twice, the characters are still in my head, still asking questions about it and still interested in their story. :o)

Eydís says

I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Heather is a sheltered and isolated soon-to-be 18 year old that is plunged into an emotional roller coaster when she meets Ruben, a 24 year old hunk.

Strange Frank pops up and soon there are love triangles all over the place, and in the midst of it all Heather discovers her sexuality.

Under pressure to have sex with Ruben she tries to figure out if she is ready, and eventually whether Ruben is the right guy.

To make all this a little more interesting time travel is involved. But time travel is messy and things do not add up. If A goes to the past and changes x then y should never have happened, and if y never happened A never got to the past to change anything in the first place.

Heather is naive and shallow, but as this is a bildungsroman she matures somewhat throughout the novel. Ruben's main redeeming quality is his looks, which isn't much. He is abusive and a total douchebag, but tries to make up for it by being cheesy and romantic in between. I really don't see what Heather sees in him, but then again, she is young, naive and lonely.

(view spoiler)

It bothered me how obvious Ruben's flaws were, it ruined that romance for me.

The ending was a bit predictable (although the ending I was hoping for) but it was more tragic than I expected.

What I liked the most were the eerie hauntings, and I thought the scenes in the past were interesting.

Eliza Leone says

I was given this book in exchange for an honest review

4 star plot/story

3 star writing

A time travel romance with an interesting mechanic, very... Doctor Who meets Madam Pompadour.

What a heck of a plot twist! I won't spoil anything but the beauty of this book was truly in the slow release of information that trickled through the whole book. We were fed tidbits of story, just enough to make a scene mildly confusing and then have it cleared up quickly afterwards with an "aha!" moment. The way the story was written was very interesting and something I have not read before.

The beginning of the book was hard to get through and I found myself angry at Heather and her childish antics quite a few times. She is highly immature, has the sex drive of a teenager... and well...I guess she is one. Hmm... So really, I was annoyed that the authors pegged a true characterization of a young adult who has grown up sheltered. When I think of it that way I guess they did a fantastic job.

The modern day romance was far too quick for me and it portrayed Heather as a needy floozy, her past romance interest she felt more like a heroine that I'd want to read more about and with that being said I would love to read a historical romance from these authors, but ditch the abusive boyfriend and blind neglectful parents. They detracted from the strong heroine created when she was in the past.

The writing felt more like a beefed up outline in some places rather than a fully developed novel. And often the character's mannerisms and accents would roll on and off.

Overall, the visions, trips to the past, and Heather's (past) love connection is what kept me reading. I was kindly given the second book in this series to read as well and I look forward to read and reviewing that one too.

S.K. Anthony says

This story follows a seventeen year old girl, Heather Richardson, who is taken on a ride through time. Her fate already written and her encounter with ghosts makes her determined to find a way to fix a horrible past. A past that is set in the 19th century.

I will go ahead and say that I think the beginning was a bit slow for me, but that might be because I disliked a certain male character and couldn't wait to move on to the one I *did* like. A bit impatient over here. But the story picks up and gets very exciting and takes you through a roller coster. I enjoyed the time travel aspect of the book a lot, it was done in a unique way, and you couldn't help but to cheer for the characters to have a happy ending.

I can see a lot of potential of hidden story lines developing and that makes me excited for the future installments of the Untimely Romance Series.

Stephanie says

Will post my review soon!!!

review for blog tour date Aug 2/13:

I Received this book free from the author in exchange for an honest review.

To be honest when I first stared reading this book I had forgot what it was all about, of course I had read the summary when I signed up for the blog tour but I did not re-read it before starting the book. With all the

mystery in the beginning I was glad I chose to do it that way I felt it made the story much more exciting. I really enjoyed the setting of an old hotel on the English country side, and the descriptions were so well done I was able to get a perfect vision of the beautiful place both in present day and in the nineteenth century. The only reason I did not give this book a 5 out of 5 was Heather's dependency on Ruben. I was so annoyed with her at certain points wondering what in the world could this girl see in this gross guy that had showed her his true colors right off the bat yet she continued to pursue him. This of course is my personal opinion but at certain times I was so turned off by the way he treated her and her running after him asking for forgiveness.

"theirs was certainly a love-hate relationship, yet one Heather didn't want to, or couldn't release herself from."

Now that being said thank goodness for Frank and his old world charm, he really brought life and love to this story.

I loved the writing it was great how they transitioned from past to present gracefully, the dialog matched the time period and the imagery of the grand parties held in the past made me feel like I was on the sidelines waiting for a dance. What I thought was going to be a ghost story became so much more, it was a story of finding love, being loyal to those you care about, and also about finding who you truly want to be.

The sweet and tragic ending had me very curious about the next book, I believe I have an idea, but judging by the mystery and unexpected way book 1 unfolded you just never know.

Jordan says

<http://paperbackprincess96.blogspot.c...>

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

I loved Ruben from the very first time we met him, I know a lot of people will say they didn't because of the way he acted, but I saw vulnerability in him from the start. I did like Frank but I felt that he wasn't right for Heather, nor Anna for that matter. The whole idea that he slept with Anna for whatever reason when he was 'in love' with Heather would automatically stop me from wanting to be together. Ruben made mistakes as well but I think deep down he did really love Heather but was scared of making a commitment to her. I liked the aspect of Heather seeing Anna all the time and seeing her hatred. The whole story was captivating and breath-taking. I loved every second I was reading this book. I cannot wait to read the sequel very soon.

S.F. Benson says

I received an ecopy of this book via Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

Untimely by J & L Wells was an interesting read. If you are someone who appreciates romance and time travel, you may enjoy this story.

For me, the time travel portions were problematic. In all honesty, the story set in the eighteenth century could have stood alone. It was complete with details, description and a plot line involving a gentleman of money and a young servant. I would have been happy to read more about their story and what happened on their

night together.

The modern story didn't work for me. Heather Richardson is a young, impetuous girl who jumps into a relationship with a man she just meets. She falls head over heels in a matter of weeks. Heather travels back in time and suddenly falls in love with another man. But, her flighty mannerisms seemed perfect in the eighteenth century.

The character of Ruben was a little forced. There wasn't enough detail about him. He was painted as a mysterious man with a temper. There really wasn't a lot else going on with him. He loved intensely, but, there was no real reason behind it.

The best character for me was Frank Boswell. He was the time traveler going between eighteenth and twenty-first centuries. We get enough back story to really learn about Frank. I was actually cheering for him by the end of the book.

Untimely has its merits--good descriptions, an evolving plot line. If you are a fan of time travel romance, you probably will have no problem with the back and forth story line. There is a second book in this series. It looks to be more involved than book one. The story is intriguing with potentially good characters.

Patricia says

I admit to being a bit tired when I first started reading Untimely, the first book of Untimely Romance Series. It didn't take but a few minutes and I was wide awake and caught up in this story.

The characters are all well-written and evoked strong emotions in me. I loved them, disliked them, loathed them, but ultimately found they were all necessary to develop the plot and move it along.

Young Heather Richardson finds herself living in an old manor house with her parents. She's young at seventeen and finds herself dealing with feelings for two men, unexplained visions and a plot that twists just when you expect it to turn.

An excellent story of time travel and romance. The authors blend the story together well and I'm anxious to see where this new romance series goes next. This mother / daughter team has a wonderful future!

Untimely is an absolute TBR for all time travel romance lovers and I highly recommend you start on it soon!

~ Patricia, Room With Books ~ July 24, 2013

Katherine says

What if the love of your life may not be of your time?

DISCLAIMER: I was given a copy of this book by the author (via Goodreads/Shut Up and Read/Read It And Reap) in exchange for an honest, unbiased review. (I received a revised/updated copy directly from the

author, which is the version that I am reviewing at this time.)

ADVISORY: This book contains sensuality and abusive situations

Synopsis:

Heather Richardson is a 17-year old English girl who has spent the past several years living on an estate that has been under renovation, but now the day fast approaches when the estate will be open to the public for tours and events, and staff is now being hired for all the upcoming bookings. It is here where she first meets Ruben Brown, who she swiftly becomes infatuated with.

But her sheltered upbringing has not prepared her for the likes of Ruben – a demanding, possessive, emotionally unstable man, who is way out of her league and comes with a history and a lot of baggage, including an ex-girlfriend who is still very much in his life. But love is blind (and occasionally stupid.) Plus the sudden reappearance of an old friend, Frank, adds to her confusion. But hidden agendas and secrets abound, and not everyone has Heather's best interests in mind.

Then Heather begins to experience strange things at Freesdon Manor: ghosts and visions of times past, people only she can see and hear, and the unmistakable sound of a gunshot. When the visions of the past start to turn into reality, she needs to figure out just where – and when – she needs to be.

Can Heather repair the errors of the past, or are they doomed to be repeated?

Comments:

This book had an interesting premise – one which was occasionally fulfilled, but fell short at other times. I was given a revised copy to read, which purportedly had expanded character development.

First off, I thought the heroine, Heather, was extremely immature and who was easily misled by the first man who showed her any interest (Ruben). She made excuses for his abusive, manipulative behavior, which irked me no end. However, I have known girls (and women) who have been in abusive relationships, and there is a sad ring of truth to some of the ways that Heather made excuses for Ruben's behavior.

And what a manipulative bastard! Ruben's primary interest in Heather is for a notch on his bedpost, and it irritates him that she is making him "wait", even though she is underage and it would be statutory rape (at least, in the U.S.). Yes, he was damaged goods, but there is no excuse for his continued jealousy and jackassery.

I wish there had been a little bit more character development with Frank, though what was there certainly advanced the story along without giving too much of the plot away.

I enjoyed the people from the past more than those from the future (especially Florence), though some of the "future" folk grew on me as their characters became more filled in (including Beth, Amy, and Heather's parents). Then there are all the people whose bad choices bring about the events that caused the ghostly visitations, and whose actions have impacts on both timelines.

Some issues are resolved by the end of book one, but others are left open for exploration in book two – *Untimely Return*. (Which I was also given by the author, but I have not had time to read and review yet.)

L.L. Hunter says

i had amazing opportunity to ARC read this book and wow! where do i begin? Heather is a seventeen year old girl who lives in an ancient manor house with her family, moving there when she was 13. Once there she meets an array of colourful characters including Ruben, (who annoyed me immensely!) and Frank.. Oh, Frank, who is very Darcy-esque. Its like he has stepped through time. Heather's family have bought the house and are getting it renovated and restored to its original beauty to re-open to the public as a sort of historical landmark.

This house holds many secrets, and when Heather gets to the bottom of it she finds she is deeper involved than she realises.

If you love books or movies like the Secret Garden than i definately recommend Untimely.

H.R. Savage says

Going into Untimely, I was a little skeptical. It's really hard for me to get into some of the time travel novels because I absolutely adore Outlander. It has ruined me for other books with time travel elements.

Yet J&L Wells truly surprised me with this one. It had its ups and downs, mostly because I'm impatient and want to get into the nitty-gritty, but it was fun. I liked Heather, not only because we have the same name, but because of her personality. While I didn't always agree with her choices, I tried to remember that she is only seventeen in the novel. Judy and Laura really captured the way a teenager thinks with this one, and that isn't commonly found within a NA novel (at least with a seventeen year old protagonist).

This book is labeled NA, but it didn't feel like that to me. Heather is still pretty immature, and the intimate scenes weren't graphic. The story doesn't revolve around 'life after becoming an adult', but more along the lines of the adventure she goes through. I would label it as a YA.

Speaking of the adventure! My recommendation: do not read this novel at night, when you're curled up in bed with your e-reader and all the lights are off. Especially if you're scared of the dark. I had a couple moments where I really felt a chill down my spine and had to look around my dark bedroom as if a creepy would crawl out from my closet. Yes...the creepy scenes are really awesome.

In fact, the Wells did a great job at capturing the emotions of their characters. The whole book is in Heather's POV, but you could really imagine the feelings of the other characters as well. That is not an easy thing to do for an author.

I recommend this book to people who enjoy time travel with a little bit of creepy thrown in, and can look past some of the teenage angst. There is a second novel, but I didn't feel as though the end was a cliffhanger, so that's a good thing.

Rinny Rainwind says

Author submitted revised book:

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After reading the book before revision, I was shocked at how well this new book was written. The characters have changed and are now more sociable. The main character was(in the first writing) quite immature. The new book has her thinking and acting more age appropriate. The antagonist is still a jerk, but you relate to him more in the revised book. The story flows with better continuity. I enjoyed the read much more. The author has also gifted me with book 2 in the series. I will review that one when I'm done reading.
