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Synopsis

2013 Winner - Breakthrough Novel Award - Grand Prize and Young Adult Fiction Winner. When Kate Pierce-Keller's grandmother gives her a strange blue medallion and speaks of time travel, sixteen-year-old Kate assumes the old woman is delusional. But it all becomes horrifyingly real when a murder in the past destroys the foundation of Kate's present-day life. Suddenly, that medallion is the only thing protecting Kate from blinking out of existence. Kate learns that the 1893 killing is part of something much more sinister, and her genetic ability to time travel makes Kate the only one who can fix the future. Risking everything, she travels back in time to the Chicago World's Fair to try to prevent the murder and the chain of events that follows. Changing the timeline comes with a personal cost - if Kate succeeds, the boy she loves will have no memory of her existence. And regardless of her motives, does Kate have the right to manipulate the fate of the entire world?

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Customer Reviews

Oh the wondrous and endlessly fascinating idea that is time travel-I can't think of a better topic to base a fiction novel on, especially one that the author takes the time to write well. I've always been a complete sucker for this idea, and the infinite possibilities it presents. I've had the pleasure of reading a few novels lately that combine time travel with an impressive story line-this novel was no exception. It was a pleasure to read, albeit a confusing one at times, but I was entertained for the most part. Kate Pierce-Heller has discovered that her link to Time Travel runs blood-deep. She has inherited DNA that allows her to use a medallion to travel to secure points in time throughout history,

or the future. After a (very short-lived) initial shock, she is quickly given enough proof to secure her position as the world's only remaining hope. A family member of Kates is hell-bent on twisting history in his own favour, and doesn't care if he has to destroy his own blood to do it. I was a bit weary of Kate's 16/17 yr-old character. Her speech seemed a little too mature for her age, despite the fact that she mostly "stuck to her books" as opposed to doing what others typically do at her age. It was slightly unnerving, and a little unrealistic. However, she definitely grew on me as the story progressed: she wasn't whiny, or thoughtless to the point of annoyance, and I learned to appreciate the way her mind worked. As I mentioned before, she seemed to grasp the reality of the situation a little too easily, I wish she had spent a little more time in disbelief, but I suppose the situation left her no choice.

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