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Twenty first century Texan Angie Ward has gone back to visit her grandparents' long abandoned farm, the scene of a tragedy fifteen years before when her little brother suddenly disappeared, never to be heard from again. Still haunted by that loss and stranded alone at night at the family, Angie sees little David, still looking three years old in spite of the passing of years that have turned her into an adult. When she runs toward him, she finds herself shifted back by decades to the 1940s where people she has never seen before call her by name and a man she's never met tells her they are engaged to be married.

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Mindi says

Terrible ending.

Brittany Batong says

4.5; I rated differently on Amazon 'cause a 5-star is considered "loved it" and I did. "The House Near the River" is an engaging and well-constructed time travel story. I purchased this book because it showed in the "People Who Bought This Also Purchased..." section of my novel's product page. Others who have written a novel may have also experienced that need to read a story similar to one's own, but different enough so that you don't feel like a total hack! Anyway, this story drew me in right away. One of the things that I liked the most, which tends to be a pet peeve with many stories centered around romance, is that the characters are emotionally flawed and not physically godlike. There's something more engaging about people that are relatable to a wider portion of the population. I also appreciated that the time travel involved was to a more recent time in American history—my own interests tend to center around the early half of the 20th century, and it can be challenging to find time travel novels that focus on that era. They're out there, but Amazon search engines don't sort to that level of detail! The Matthew character was such a sincere and accessible one. Writing a subdued character like this is a challenge, and Barbara Bartholomew pulled it off handily. Angie was also very engaging as she struggled to comprehend her new and difficult-to-control ability to time travel. I was impressed at how Ms. Bartholomew presented the non-linear timeline in such a way that the reader did not get lost. A few notes: the narrative at the very beginning is somewhat formal given the time and place of the character—hard to explain, but it almost feels older-fashioned in tone, and this character hasn't yet experienced anything that would lend her narrative that sort of tone. But this is remedied by the second chapter and the true voice of the novel perseveres. Second, there is a major plot point with the Matthew character that is not resolved at the end of the novel, and even if the intention is a sequel, I would have liked to see at least a hint of a resolution. But still and all, this is a well-conceived novel that is certainly a worthwhile read. I am eager to read more of Ms. Bartholomew's work!

Joyceann Narple says

This is a great book to read. I enjoyed reading it. Angie travels back in time and meets the man she is going to marry. She meets different people when she travels in time. If you like time travel books then you will love this book. It is set way back in world war 11.

Helen Gallaher says

Time travel

Time travel is my number 1 favorite. This is a very good story somewhat different from most time travel stories. Lots of unexpected twists. Should be enjoyable, it was for me.

Jacqui Houlding says

A complex love story

An complex storyline which, especially at the beginning, I found very confusing. It is essentially a rather beautiful love story but a number of questions raised by the story were unanswered for me which I found a little disappointing. However, if they had been answered, due to the time travelling nature of the story, I may not have accepted the explanations so I am definitely not condemning the author for not tying up all loose ends. The story is also ripe for a sequel but I have been unable to trace one...

Edye Payne says

Love Time Travel Books

Ange meets her soul mate on December 8, 1941. The next time she runs into him she has no memories of the first time. So we follow her as she goes through different time portals. She slowly unravels the threads of the past and present to make a good story.

Have never read this author before but will watch out for them from now on.

Joan Richardson says

Great read. The author is a great storyteller. The narrative winds in many different directions entailing the lives of the sisters and then she masterfully brings the story together.

Lisa Davis says

Great Read but Complicated

I gave the book 4 stars because while the storyline was good, it took a few "what's ?" to get thru chapters and the ending was not fulfilling at all..

Cyndy says

Not a fan

If this had been a story written and turned in by one of my students , it would have earned a "C-". The plot jumped from WW II in Belgium to Custer attacking Native Americans. Seriously? Also, I have little tolerance for published books with typos!

Janet Niendorf says

Good Read

Quite interesting. To be able to take a journey and learn about your ancestry but also to find the love of your life. Was very intriguing.

Carrie says

This was a good book.

Kristin says

at the end of this book all i can say is that im glad i read it but overall i didnt really like it. the ending was lacking a lot in my oppinion

Brenda says

This is a time travel romance. A women in the present is sent back in time several times, and she finds her little brother who disappeared from her grandmothers home so many years before. I love time travel romances, and this one was turning into a pretty good story. The ending was a bit of a disappointment. You were kind of left to assume what the outcome was. I did enjoy most of the book and stayed interested, but the ending.....

Julia says

I was all set to recommend this book until I read the ending, all I can say is disappointing. it felt like it was unfinished and I kept looking to see where the next page was because that could not be it. Don't even start it it'll just let you down.

Kathryn Breighner says

Such different stories for these sisters.
