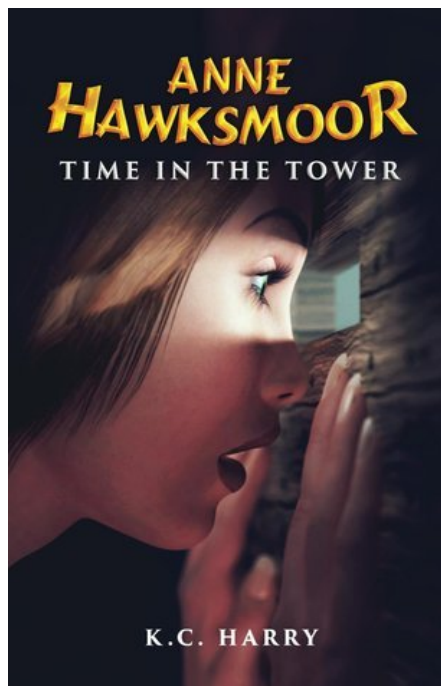




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Young Adult Novel for pre-teens, teens and all ages.

The life of a pre-teen is hard enough... but the bullies at ANNE HAWKSMOOR's school make it even worse. Every day, Anne finds herself seeking refuge in the Chicago Public Library, burying herself in her favorite history, science, and math books... distant from all of her peers.

But while on a summer visit to her ancestral home in Greenwich, England, Anne visits the Tower of London with her cousin Claire...only to find themselves trapped in the year 1548. With a young King Edward and his servant James, Anne and Claire must journey on an epic adventure to find a way home before they are stuck in the 16th century forever.

Note: This is a 3-part series in one book.

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From Reader Review Anne Hawksmoor: Time in the Tower for online ebook

Justine Winans says

Anne Hawksmoor: Time in the Tower is a lovely middle grade/lower young adult novel that can appeal to a wide variety of tastes. I loved the combination of science fiction, fantasy and historical fiction. After all, there is just about everything you can ask for crossover genres of the sorts: time travel, kings and dragons. It's a fun, lighthearted adventure that makes for an equally enjoyable read.

The characters have many wonderful qualities, even if certain aspects are a bit stereotypical. I loved the interactions between them, and how everyone had their own strengths and weaknesses. At times, it felt like the dialogue and wisdom was a bit mature for their age, and I forgot how young they were, but that made an interesting development that added to their personalities.

I found the themes of Anne Hawksmoor: Time in the Tower to be absolutely brilliant. There are great messages that the characters learn from their adventure that will carry with them through the future. I'm sure that the same lessons will follow readers long after finishing the novel, and that's something pretty incredible.

The plot of the novel was both exciting and enchanting, and after reaching a certain point, I couldn't put it down. In fact, there were certain scenes that I would have liked to see more of, just because I enjoyed them so much. But I can't complain, not with the quick pacing of the read.

Anne Hawksmoor: Time in the Tower is thoroughly enjoyable, and I loved how magical of a read it was. I definitely would not mind to read more from these characters in the future, as I do believe that ending leaves for the possibility.

Tex Reader says

3.5 for Pre-Teens, 2.5 for YA/Adult -

Nice Time Travel (for Pre-Teens) with an Anti-Bullying Purpose.

(I'm excited to have won this as a Goodreads First Read – so thanks, K.C.!)

This is a nice time travel for pre-teens, with an added perspective of dealing with bullying, including good lessons about self-esteem, growing up and dealing with others. I appreciate K.C. Harry's support for kids who are bullied. While I did not come out until after school, with my being gay I can sympathize with those who are bullied for any reason, and know that with all that's going on in the schools today, anything is good that helps kids to "Shake It Off" (for those Taylor Swift fans) and to realize that "it gets better" (as expressed in the gay movement).

To be honest, this is a little harder than usual for me to review - I'll keep in mind that this was written primarily for pre-teens/early teens, but even as an adult I like well-written YA stories. With that being the case, I believe this would be enjoyable for middle grade, but not as much for adult or even YA readers. While I do find that some middle grade, teen and YA books can be just as enjoyable for adults, this one doesn't have the depth, layering, complexity, and subtlety of an adult novel, YA or even good middle grade book like Nancy Drew or Harry Potter.

Just FYI - I'm glad K.C. combined these into a 3-in-1, because they are best read all together. Each novella was a nice 100-pages in length, but they were not standalone. Just as many chapters ended mid-scene, the first two novellas didn't end conclusively. The 2nd and 3rd ones started with a brief executive summary of what's happened before (instead of being deftly interwoven into the story), but that doesn't make up for missing some of the groundwork in the 1st book, such as identifying the year as 1548, depicting why Anne fears being bullied, and the building of Anne and Claire's characters and relationship. But no prob if you read all 3.

K.C.'s style is easy to read, understandable, straightforward, simple language, and in some ways a methodical, almost business-like progression. The plot was fairly simple as well, with easy and convenient resolutions (even for tweens). The puzzles were fun, but too easily solved. The time travel fantasy was fun, but don't think, like I did, that it might be a good historical fiction for tweens - there's really not much about the times and people such that it could have been set anywhere/anytime. And there were times when credibility was stretched - such as early on, Edward's too quick recovery, not searching for the witch or guarding her cottage, the boys not asking the girls for info about the future, Anne's quickness to forgive with the wisdom/maturity of one much older, as well as Edward's seeming to act older than he is.

A question for me is will pre-teens see this as helpful for dealing with bullying. I understand one's daydreaming of another world as an escape from reality - whether it is bullying, other abuse, or the common teenage struggles of growing up. This played to that desire, but it never showed Anne in the real world afterwards having to apply what she'd learned. It's okay and natural to fantasize about escaping, but in the real world you can't time travel away from your problems. And since it doesn't show how to handle these situations in real life, as a teacher and trainer myself, I'm not sure how easy it might be for teens to see how it translates for them personally.

That said, I still think it showed how a pre-teen can gain in confidence and pride by overcoming obstacles, so that she sees that it does get better.

Kindle Promoter says

This young adult fantasy story is deserving of 5 stars because it's 1) inspiring, 2) entertaining, 3) has a few unexpected twists and turns, 4) great for all ages & 5) reminds me indie authors can be so heartfelt.

Ruth Tel-tsur says

I love reading young adult books and i love fantasy! This was a great book it pulled me in from the start and held my attention till the very last page.
