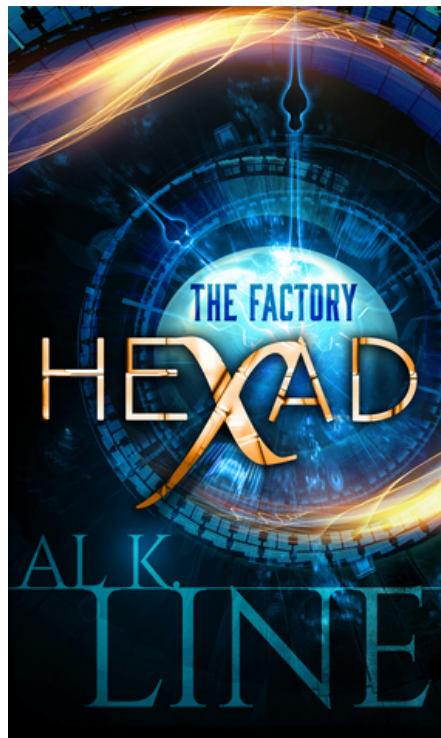




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Dale dug furtively, feeling like a muppet but unable to get the previous evening's conversation with Amanda out of his mind. A stupid, drunken conversation, full of conjecture about the possibility of time travel. Then one of them, he couldn't remember which, had come up with the idea that if it really was possible at some point in their future then they'd go back in time and bury proof under the apple tree in the garden.

Dale knew he was acting foolish, and prayed Amanda didn't wake up to find him digging in the dirt. He couldn't help it though, however ridiculous it seemed. There was that nagging at the back of his mind: what if?

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Caryn says

Mindbending

This book twisted my brain with all the twists and turns. I am looking forward to reading the next book to see where the characters go next.

Ryan D. says

Not really sure what to think of this book. Time travel is always a tricky subject to deal with and the author also mixed in alternate/parallel universes and it all just kinda came out a mess. I don't think he really had any cohesive theory behind his ideas and it just felt jumbled. The biggest problem for me however was that there really was no story here. Just characters, and not really very strong or well developed, running around and with all the time travel and alternate universe talk I think the author was hoping you didn't notice there was no story. Its part of a series and it definitely felt like a first book but I don't know if there was enough there to make me want to read more.

Paul Wandason says

Hexad: The Factory is a delightful time travel comedy which centers around Dale and Amanda who struggle to come to terms with time travel and using time travel to save the universe. It asks the question: What if everyone could time travel?

It's almost a blindingly obvious question and yet somehow I've read very little about it. Al K. Line takes a very interesting view on one of the possible outcomes – with lots of twists and turns along the way.

Opening chapters really set the scene by introducing the main characters – Amanda and Dale. These two are a lovable couple who have a believable and healthy relationship. Both have strengths and weaknesses and these come into play in how they relate to each other and to the problem at hand – saving the universe.

The first chapter in particular had me smiling at the ignorance of their cluelessness about time travel but at the same time an awareness of the paradoxes that can arise. Since they didn't know what was going on for a long time, it likewise took me quite a while to figure out what the story line was and I suppose I felt like Amanda and Dale did – having things thrown at me and not knowing where I was going. This isn't a bad thing – Hexad is for the most part very light-hearted, and written with the ease and wackyness of Douglas Adams' Hitch Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy. It's good stuff! :)

The time travel device is the "Hexad" which Dale digs up from his back yard. It's a small hand held device and allows 6 jumps in time (hence, presumably, the name). How it's invented is the ultimate causal loop; instructions being sent to the past from the future.

Predestination (having no choice because the future is already determined) is the underlying motivation for much of the novel and is both a strength and a downfall. At times the theme is used cleverly to move the plot forwards or to get out of tricky situations (the future me will come back to 2 minutes from now and do

something to help us out). I especially liked how Dale and Amanda make efforts to close time loops and make good in the future the actions of the past. Unfortunately the theme did start to get repetitive and conversations about the nature of time travel tended to fixate on causal loops paradoxes. After a while it simply got stale.

Al writes clearly and in an easy to read style, whilst at the same time conveying some tricky concepts regarding time travel. But I did get a bit confused over why the hexads were manufactured with certain ingredients. I also didn't realise the full horror of the factory which manufactured the hexads until towards the end of the novel.

In retrospect I can see why the novel is named "The Factory", but with that in mind I think more clarity would have been welcome. This is an important point because when further details are given over to the factory towards the end the humorous aspect vanishes and the novel takes on a very different tone which is distinctly separate from the earlier part. It was quite horrific in some places though I must admit that I am probably over-sensitive when it comes to blood and guts.

All in all I thoroughly enjoyed Hexad: The Factory – it's a great time travel comedy with looping in time of characters, objects and a resourceful (though sometimes over-used) application of the ontological paradox.

Charles Ray says

After a weird nighttime, alcohol benumbed conversation with his girlfriend, Amanda, Dale Ando woke up and began digging in his yard for evidence of time travel. He thought it was all a joke, but was curious, so he was amazed when he found a note from himself that made it seem that time travel was a reality. And, what a reality it was. Dale and Amanda soon found themselves chasing themselves across different timelines and alternate universes, all the while being pursued by strange men, some of whom seem bent on doing them harm.

If you're a 'Doctor Who' fan, you'll love Hexad: The Factory by Al K. Line, a time-travel thriller that is short on science, long on fiction, and chocked full of fun, fumbles, and has more twists than a big fill of twizzlers. If you're a scientist—or a science nerd—who understands the theory of time travel, you'll probably not like this book. Then again, you just might. It's a bit like Doug Adams' Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy. You know such things are impossible, but the characters are so endearing and the escapades they get up to so funny, you chuck disbelief in the dustbin and soldier on.

Warning: don't read this book unless you're prepared to keep going for the next book(s) in the series. A lot of the problems Dale and Amanda encounter are solved, only to create even bigger problems lying just out of reach beyond the final page.

April says

how the author kept anything straight without losing their mind is well beyond me. If you dont like to think while reading a book just step away!! This book will keep you on your toes thinking hard and even asking yourself a lot of questions. It does not matter whether you believe in time travel if it were ever even possible but this book will make you wonder about all the complicity there is not only to your life but others and how dramatically even one simple change in your own life can change that of someone else's life. The old butterfly effect strikes again. From beginning to the end you will be wondering many things and the characters in this book will make you truly understand somethings just were not meant to be.

Sage says

Complex characters. People I want to know and care about. I can't wait for the next installment!#

Empress Reece (Hooked on Books) says

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Toward the end of the book, Dale revealed the warehouse full of Amandas and Amanda and Dale decided that eradicating all of the Amanda's would be the right way to save the world. I thought that section on why Amanda's body was selected to make the Hexad in the first place needs to be expanded on and how Amanda's body actually made the Hexad function needs to be clarified.

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Moving to the very end, I thought the cliffhanger was great! Even though I had a few bumps along the way, the ending made up for it. If I had a Hexad, I would use it to read the sequel now!

Liza Shaw says

Hexad: The Factory ere's a time travel book that will have your head spinning! Hexad: The Factory is one weird story. Imagine deciding that there is time travel and to prove it you dig up the proof, which you have left in the garden ten years later! That confusing enough for you?

Ok so yeah, this story basically says that in 10 years time they will come back to tonight and bury proof in the garden which you will dig up in the morning. Well anyway that's basically it, except things get a lot more complicated when you add in all the Paradox's and parallel universes and such. This really is one confusing story to follow.

Having said that though, I loved it! I had to use my brain and really think about Amanda and Dale's actions, could this happen, what would happen if they did such and such? Fascinating.

Amanda and Dale are both great characters, they are well-developed and very easy to relate to.

Overall, you really need to be a lover of time-travel and sci-fi to enjoy this book, otherwise I think it might get a little too confusing. Enjoy

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Elisa says

This is the third time travel story that I've read recently and it was a total letdown. These kinds of books can be confusing, especially when you involve parallel universes and paradoxes. When the plot is solid, even if you don't completely understand it all, it's still worth it but, when nothing makes sense, then it's just boring. Regarding twists, there are the "I never saw it coming but it makes so much sense and I can revisit the full book or movie and read it in a different light" kind of surprises, and then there are the "I never saw this coming because it makes no sense at all" twists, which is the case here. The characters are unlikeable, some were never properly explained, and I was just disappointed that such a great premise would be wasted on this messy plot.

Karsyn says

Detailed review to come, if I can come up with things to say about it.

It was one CRAZY book. Not for people who don't like, or don't understand the concept of, time travel. I like to think I understand a lot of the concept of it, I understand it when it's used in things like Star Trek, but even in this book my mind was going nuts. It's like the author took all these words and concepts and put them all into a blender and wrote what got spit out. It was a crazy ride, but I did like it overall. And it's a series? Dunno what I'm gonna think about that, but definitely wanna read the next!
