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A Time To Die (Out Of Time Book 1)



Synopsis

How would you live if you knew the day you'd die? Parvin Blackwater believes she has wasted her life. At only seventeen, she has one year left according to the Clock by her bedside. In a last-ditch effort to make a difference, she tries to rescue Radicals from the government's crooked justice system. But when the authorities find out about her illegal activity, they cast her through the Wall -- her people's death sentence. What she finds on the other side about the world, about eternity, and about herself changes Parvin forever and might just save her people. But her clock is running out.

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Customer Reviews

How would you live if you knew the day you'd die? A Time to Die by Nadine Brandes is one of the few books I consider to have rocked my world. The first time I read it, I was in a book coma for the rest of the day. Powerful, moving, and heartbreaking beyond words. Parvin Brielle Blackwater is an

inspiration. She is an amazing character who endured so much for what she felt was worth fighting for. Nadine Brandes does a stellar job of telling the story through Parvin's eyes-giving the reader the ability to truly live out the story in Parvin's place. First person narration is very popular in the YA market nowadays, and I can fairly say that I have yet to see an author who can carry it off as well as Brandes. Well done, Nadine. One of the best aspects of the book is the amazing world it is set in. The author crafts the scenery expertly, leaving the reader immersed in a brave and terrible new world. Terrible, because of the brokenness and lack of hope that resides in the USE, but brave and beautiful as well, shown by the forward-thinking mindset and ingenuity of Ivanhoe. No, it's not an utopia by any means, but enough light shines through to give the reader hope for the future. The plot is very interesting in itself as well. It's hard to get a reader to connect with an already-doomed character. After all, why bother to care about her if she's just going to die anyway? However, as we get to know Parvin and experience life through her eyes, we begin to start pulling for her to make that last year worthwhile. We want her to win, and as her clock steadily counts down, we already begin to grieve that she won't have more time with which to make a difference. There's a lot of beauty in this book, but with that comes a lot of pain. Even the second time through, when I was bracing myself for the several heart-wrenching scenes, they still hurt. I won't go into detail so I don't spoil it for you, but it might be wise to keep the tissue box handy. Overall, I rate *A Time to Die* with five glowing stars. It's inspiring and touching, balancing pain with whimsy. I highly recommend this book to readers 15 and up (due to a few disturbing moments and scenes of peril). I leave you all with a few reminders from Philippians that fit the tone of *A Time to Die* perfectly: Philippians 3:12 "Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus." Philippians 1:23-24 "But I am hard-pressed from both directions, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better; yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sake." Content guide (parenthesis may contain minor spoilers): Violence/Graphic: 10/10 (attacks by wild animals, stitches, amputations, injuries, much mention of death and dying) Sexual: 2/10 (brief kiss on cheek, thoughts about kissing, admiring a man's muscles, shirtless scenes-all kept in an innocent light) Language: 0/10 For more reviews, check FullOfBooks.com or GabrielleNBlog.Wordpress.com.

How would you live if you knew the day you'd die? Parvin Blackwater lives in a world where everyone is given a clock at conception. The clock tells you exactly when you will die. Those without clocks are considered radicals. Parvin and her twin brother, Ried, share a clock because they don't

know who it belongs to. This means: one of them will die when the clock runs out. The stakes are high as Parvin takes a journey across the wall, meets new people, and fends for her life. What will happen to Parvin and the Blackwater family? *FANGIRLING* Where do I begin?? "A Time to Die" was a refreshing book. It's hard to find good YA Dystopian, and Christian none the less. I've had this book on my wish list for months now, but finally got the courage (and the money *cheesy smile*) to buy it. I'm so glad I did. Here's why: First off, four chapters into the book, I had to get up and do something. Not because the book was terrible, but because it motivated me. When Parvin realized she had one year left, she began to DO something. I felt like such a bum reading that I had to spend time with my family and clean the house. *no joke* I thank the author for sending a great message of God, love, and motivation throughout the book. Second, Parvin is a character I could relate with. She isn't perfect, she's scared, she's vulnerable... Yet she has determination, courage, and love. I enjoyed watching her grow through the pages. Lastly, the plot was perfect. A lot (I mean A LOT) of twists and turns. I finished the book in less than 24 hours because the words and suspense just kept going. I couldn't put it down. I fell in love with all the secondary characters: Jude (after a few chapters anyways. *wink* I wasn't sure what to think of him at first), Willow, the Newtons, and Hawke (*cue fluttering heart* I loved him from moment one!) One CAUTION: this book has a lot of deeply emotional scenes. Nothing is gory, but intense themes are sporadic throughout the book. I recommend this for older teens and young adults (and regular adults *smile*). Also, deeply emotional as in sadness level. I won't give anything away, but I had literal tears in my eyes. Other than depth, I can't think of a single flaw. This book was amazing. Okay, so overall, this book was absolutely amazing. No Joke. If you are considering reading "A Time to Die", DO IT! I promise you won't regret it. **I bought this book with my own money and all these thoughts are my own. I realize I give a lot of books five stars, but that's because they deserve it. I promote honesty. Thank you! **

I fell in love with this series from the very first line "There was once a time when only God knew the day you would die." With both books in this series I find myself irritated with how good of a writer Nadine is. So let's take it as a given that this book has all the ingredients: Character, plot, dialogue, mystery and action. All these things are there- Most are great- Others are exceptional. Parvin Blackwater feels as though she has wasted her life- At the age of 17 she has only one year left to live according to the clock. But something is different- She isn't certain if the clock belongs to her, or her twin brother. So she does the only thing she knows to do- Stands up for radicals. Only things don't quite go as planned and Parvin finds

herself cast over the wall. This book makes me think about my own life. It challenges you to explore who you are and why you choose to live. I was carried away by Parvin's story as the stakes grew on her journey. I was swept away into this world and found myself identifying with Parvin as she embraced her failure. I highly recommend this book for anyone who loves YA fiction. It is well worth the time.

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