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How to woo a gentleman—and weaponize dessert.

Romance novel junkie Eliza Pepper always thought she was born too late, but now she really is stuck in the wrong time. Tasked with mending a tear in the timeline, she's trying desperately to fit into 1873 London. But dang it, mucking out a fireplace while looking like the lunch lady from hell is hard.

If she can just keep from setting the floor on fire and somehow resist her growing attraction to the master of the house, she'll be fine. All she has to do is repeat her mantra: "He's nothing like Darcy. He's nothing like Darcy."

William Brown has always taken pride in his mastery of English decorum, but his new maid is a complete disaster, has thrown his household into chaos...and he finds her utterly captivating.

Though he's willing to endure extreme physical discomfort to keep their relationship in proper perspective, her arrival has brought out a side of him he never knew existed. And Eliza has an innocently erotic knack for coaxing that decidedly ungentelemanly facet of himself out to play...

Warning: A modern girl who knows bupkis about nursing and maiding in the 19th century, a gentleman poet with a repressed wild side, and inappropriate use of a pair of pantaloons.

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Bobbie says

I never imagined there could be a cross between contemporary chick-lit and a regency romance, but that's exactly what this glorious book is. Meeker has managed to combine two of my favourite genres, and she does it with flair and wit. It's funny, romantic, sweet and interesting all at once, and it makes me want more. Surely, Mr York and Mr Lancaster must have more adventures awaiting unsuspecting lonely girls?

Allison says

Terri Meeker's debut novel is the kind of book that keeps your interest with an out-of-place modern-day heroine who breaks many of the stuffy Victorian rules meant to hold women and second class citizens down. I laughed, I got misty, and I rooted for the hero and heroine when things looked dire.

Eliza Pepper accepts a deal to go back in time and prevent some catastrophic event from ruining the past that would effect our future. What she doesn't get are all the details--she's thrust into Victorian England as a nurse for a woman who has consumption. She has no nursing skills and doesn't make a very good servant. On the upside, the master of the house is a good-looking, albeit shy man, who's charmed by her foibles and her modern attitude. Fortunately for William Brown, Eliza is just the woman to broaden his world and soothe his aching heart when things take a turn for the worse.

Despite the fact that William is no Darcy, he's a richly drawn, human character you can't help but hope for. Eliza uplifts the story with her quirky personality. I'm dying for another time-travel book by Terri Meeker!

Robyn Koshel says

Wow! I loved this book. It was a typical time travel/ fish out of water story. Yes, the whole time travel thing was a bit far fetched- but who cared! The story between Eliza and Henry electrified everything!!! It didn't matter how Eliza got there, it was the fact that she was there.

I fell in love with William Brown. He is a beta male, a bit scruffy, naïve and introverted but by god that man was wonderful. The sexual tension between Eliza and William was emotive and off the scales in hotness. It was a perfect blend of erotic titillation that was so well written and tasteful, I found myself re-reading passages.

Don't let the time travel put you off and think this story is less than stellar. It Is a wonderful romance, that is funny, witty and full of steam.

This is one book that is being including on my list of all time favourites to be re-read annually! Terri Meeker- keep writing!!!

Quillen says

I picked up this book based on title and cover. It was easy to get sucked in to the material and stay interested in the future of the heroine, I read the entire book while I was having an insomniac night. I enjoyed this book very much for it's clean writing and well researched background. I loved the author's creativity in the way she time traveled and the awesome other unique details.

I love sassy characters. Throwing this romance novel loving heroine back in time made for an especially sassy heroine, even if customs were different than what she was used to. Her love interest was Not Quite Darcy, because it is good to be aware that this isn't involving Austen's characters. Most men are not quite like what one might imagine them to be, so it was a clever title.

A warning for those expecting a sex-less style of Regency novel, it was a romance book and a rather steamy one. Don't put this on your list for your ten year old. If it was a movie, it would likely earn an R rating for the sex scenes. Even though I don't typically read romance, I would pick up future books by Terri Meeker again.

Heather K (dentist in my spare time) says

Not even *close* to Darcy.

I'm a huge fan of time-travel books. Give me a sappy, cheesy time-travel romance and I'm a happy camper. But I have to believe the story at least a *little* in order to get into it. This book was all sorts of wrong.

Most of my problems stem from Eliza. She was modern to the point of ridiculousness, while "trying" to fit into the Victorian era. She couldn't have tried less if she, well, tried. She called her employer by his first name (which even NOW a maid probably wouldn't do), sang 21st century songs, cursed up a storm, and basically acted like a ridiculous parody of a 2000s-era American. I found her to be just... bizarre.

In addition, I'm not a historical expert, but a lot of the historical facts seemed a bit dicey. The mixing of classes, and bringing your maid and servants to see a play just seemed *wrong*. I kept thinking, "Well, that would never have happened!" It just all felt so silly.

What really surprised me was the sex. Some scenes were sort of prudish but others... woah! Where did some of that stuff come from? I sort of liked the raunchy bits but they didn't quite fit with the chick-lit vibe of the story.

And the mission? A total anti-climactic waste. All that buildup for basically nothing.

I'm not sure if it was the writing style or the overall plot, but this story never crept out of the "okay" zone. Parts of it were cute but it certainly won't make my list of time-travel romances to revisit.

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Cassandra Chandler says

This book was such a fun read! The characters were realistic and sympathetic (I especially loved Dora). The heroine's reactions to her circumstances were both hilarious and believable, and the hero was such a dreamy, sweet guy. I like how their relationship helped them both to grow and become better, truer versions of themselves.

I laughed, I cried... I want a sequel!

Yvonne Erwin says

What a fun romp! I was all in, both feet, from the first sentence. This story has just the right blend of British Victorianism, sexiness, humor and angst. Loved it. Great weekend read.

Stacee says

I'll try pretty much any book that references Mr. Darcy, so it goes without saying that after reading this synopsis I was going to try it.

I enjoyed Eliza as a MC. She's hilarious and I was often cackling out loud at the various predicaments she found herself in. William is proper and stuffy and his reaction to Eliza is delightful to read.

All in all, it was a quick, fun read with a satisfying ending.

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Mariel Hoss says

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Time travel to Victorian England? Check! Spunky heroine? Check. Totally unassuming but appealing hero? Check! The premise behind was a little flimsy...send someone back in time to repair a glitch though this glitch could have been handled by someone "locally". Anyhoo...the bulk of this story explores the mismatch between a modern American woman and an old-fashioned naive/virginal young man. The dialogue was funny and entertaining (especially the references Eliza pulls from the 20th century) and there were some steamy scenes...I will never look at a pantaloons (really, when would I get a chance anyways?) quite the same way again. Cute and highly entertaining.

Holly says

This was not what I was expecting. I suppose it's my own fault for thinking I was going to be reading some sweet time-travel, Darcy-like love story. Maybe the title threw me off? I don't know. What I wasn't expecting was some erotic story. It started good enough. Girl who loves reading romance gets sent back in time to 'repair' something from the past. Then we meet the man who's not quite Darcy.....sigh. Awful! This man, William, is so not Darcy, not quite....not even close to quite! To even put him in the same sentence would be an insult to Darcy! This man, who by the way, is 29, is one of the most ridiculous romantic interests that I've read about. He was ridiculously naive, even for a man in the 19th century. I rolled my eyes so many times I thought they would stay that way. I just couldn't get past how naive he was and all his talk about his cock---I won't lose any sleep if I don't see that word for awhile since I got quite the fill of it in this book! Honestly? There were so many things I didn't like about this that I could go on and on but I really.....well, I just can't. Oh, and her mission? Completely stupid! So disappointed. That's what I get for being duped by seeing Darcy in the title of a book!!!

Lisa Medley says

This book was such a fun Victorian romp. Other than Pride and Prejudice and Zombies, this was the first book I've read in this era. I loved the juxtaposition of 21st century Liza in Victorian England. So many hilarious details and awkward situations, I found myself laughing out loud several times. Definitely a don't miss.

I hope the Repairmen have many more situations to 'fix'.

Elizabeth Perry says

I never thought when I picked this book up that I would actually learn something about history, but the author knows her stuff. The attention to detail grounds this story well and makes the burgeoning relationship that much more moving.

Beth says

4 stars

This was quite a cute and quirky book that is centred around time travel. This is a little different to many time travelling romance books, Eliza was sent back in time in order to ensure that the future comes about as it was meant to, it wasn't just she stumbled across a portal and fell into a different time by accident. I loved Eliza she was such a funny character and I loved Williams sweetness. All the characters in this book were really enjoyable to read and some of the situations that arose in the book were really funny. I also loved the named of this book, it's actually what captured my attention first.

So I would definitely recommend this book it was really well done and a fantastic first book by this author! I am looking forward to her next book and I would be interested to see this book the first in a series!

Jill says

2.5 stars

Jordan Taylor says

adorable book, I loved it!
