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In the third book of the popular time-travel series, Mira navigates her way through WWI London, meeting famous suffragists and writers like Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Instructed by her time-traveling mother to steal a German spy's briefcase full of secrets and pass on the information to British Intelligence, Mira struggles with whether the changes she has been working for are the right thing to do after all. How much control do we really want of history? When is it best to leave our fate in destiny's hands?

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Library Maven says

I'm really liking Moss's time travel series and there's a twist in this one. In time shifting to London to follow her mother, Mira begins to question if making changes in history is the best thing to do. Her mother insists that she is protecting Mira and her brother, Malcolm, from some horrible thing destined to occur in the future, but Mira is questioning the ethics of this. Great fun, 1917 London, and encounters with famous figures like Beatrix Potter, H.G. Wells, and Emmeline and Sylvia Pankhurst make this a satisfying addition to the series. Historical notes appended.

Kellee says

Review at: <http://www.unleashingreaders.com/?p=5095>

Jane G says

Unfortunately, only after I finished the book and came to GoodReads to write a review, did I find out that this book is a part of a series. If you don't know (and I didn't) DO NOT READ THIS BOOK IF YOU HAVE NOT READ THE FIRST TWO. I found it VERY confusing when Mira (the main character) mentioned other characters from previous books.

When I first picked up the book, I thought it would be a book about London, and I am fascinated with the culture there. But, it is about WWII, and I'm not very interested in that. I know that a big part of the book was about women's rights to vote, and I liked that. I know that in today's society, women still aren't as privileged as men are, and it was interesting to see how people dealt with it in the earlier times. Although I started with the third book, I don't think I'll go back to reading the first two.

Madeline J. Rose says

This was really good.

I liked the part where Mira got to meet all the famous authors. ;)

Mary says

Mira's mom sends her, her dad, and her brother a postcard featuring Big Ben in London. But her mother isn't just on any trip – she's a time traveler, and so is Mira. Her mom sends her postcards as clues. Mira tries to track down her mom and help her prevent The Horrible Thing that her mom saw in Mira's future. The catch is that they aren't supposed to have any contact with each other while they time travel. There are Rules, and there are Watchers who will punish anyone who goes against those Rules!

This novel was an excellent piece of historical fiction, featuring colorful characters like Arthur Conan Doyle, H.G. Wells, Mrs. Pankhurst, and Beatrix Potter, who Mira met along her way. A large portion of the story dealt with the time period, 1917, and the political climate in London at the time. Zeppelins bombed the city, filling the people with fear. Suffragettes fought for the right to vote, often being imprisoned and force fed. Since this is Mira's Diary, and she carries her sketchbook everywhere she goes, delightful illustrations of the people and places she sees are peppered throughout the story line and add much to the enjoyment of the book.

However, it also holds great relevance to the teens who will read it – and to their parents. In this particular story, Mira's mom will stop at nothing to protect her daughter from The Horrible Thing. She takes risks she otherwise would be too logical and rational to try. As a mom myself, I can relate to how she feels. As parents, we want to do whatever we can to keep our kids safe. Sometimes, we can get too caught up in trying to protect them, and lose sight of letting them make their own mistakes and live a little so they can grow up and become independent themselves. Maintaining trust, as Mira finds out, is a delicate balance. She finds herself torn between loyalty and love for her mom, and for herself as an individual. I think this is perfect for middle grade and early high school readers, who may feel like they are in a similar predicament.

The book was just published on August 26, 2014 through Worzalla Books. ISBN 978-1-939547-12-5. Suggested retail price is \$12.99, a fair and reasonable price when compared to books of similar caliber that are out on the market today. Don't forget to check out the other books in the series, which take Mira to Rome and Paris!

Angelle says

I love the Mira's Diary series, and this story is the perfect addition to the collection that Marissa Moss has put together. I can't wait to see where Mira will be headed off to next :)

Nicolle says

This book was interesting because it went back and forth from the main character worrying about something to completely forget where she is. The book is about a girl named Mira and her adventure to London. She goes to London because her mother is trying to prevent a bad thing from happening to their family. I recommend this book to people who like adventure and the past. I gave this book only three stars because it was hard to follow. You don't have to read the first two to understand this one.
