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Twelve-year-old Rebel has a nose for trouble. During in-school detention, Rebel stumbles upon a wormhole and travels back in time to the 1930s Dust Bowl of Oklahoma. She meets Dixie O'Dell, an orphaned girl with Artful Dodger tendencies. While on the run from the law, Rebel and Dixie are taken in by a traveling freak show. The illustrated woman, a dwarf, spider girl, the world's fattest woman, and the half-man, half-woman teach Rebel the true meaning of family.

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J.R. says

What amazing writing!

Layce wrote and let her imagination run wild. The characters she brought forth in the book were a personification of her inner mind. A young girl finds a way to go back in time and meet people from the past. The people she meets have their own set of rules on how to manage their own difficulties and the way people looked at them. The old saying you can't judge a person by the way they look. It so doing learns a little more than she did before and so doing reconciled with her absent father. Enjoy!

Darcysmom says

Twelve year old Rebel has had her world turned upside down. Her mother recently passed away and she was forced to move from the only home she had known in Oklahoma to Los Angeles to live with the father she had never met until he came to pick her up and take her to his home.

Life at her new school is topsy-turvy as well. Due to circumstance she ends up accused of filling a notebook with disturbing words and images. No one believes the notebook isn't hers. Rebel ends up with in-school suspension and under the dubious care of the school psychologist.

Even the time she spends in the library isn't completely normal. When she enters the janitors closet, Rebel is sent back in time - back to her hometown in Oklahoma during the Great Depression. She meets Dixie and the series of adventures they have, including traveling with freak show, change both of their lives forever.

This is a Young Adult novel that has a story that I was able to enjoy as an adult and would have loved as an 11 or 12 year old. It is definitely a worthy read if you have a few hours to spare.

Zhifei says

Quite interesting book and writing is pretty good. Only the time travel part is a little bit off. It'll be awesome if the time travel is more reasonable. But still a quite pleasant read, especially I got it free on amazon.

Janet Flora Corso says

I have had this on the Kindle for quite a while. The copyright says 2011 but according to GR it was published 2014. So the version I just devoured may be different. If so it may have had some of the small issues I had with it fixed. If so, I would give it 4 stars. So think 3-and-a-half.

I love Rebel the 12 yo MC and the magical realism in this upper MG book. I did roll my eyes a few times at the obvious plot points and still feel like there are some holes to be filled, but as I said they may have been. All those critical things are coming from the Adult part of my brain. My inner 12 year old jumped into that

book wholly just like Rebel jumped into a time wormhole, found in her new school's library, just to find friends in the 1930's Dustbowl. She meets some fascinating characters, has more adventures than you would think possible back then, and eventually, lets go of the past and prepares for the major life changes she faces irl.

The larger story, the one about Rebel's mother dying and her moving to California with an absentee father, that story is the realism, yet it was almost harder for me to understand as a reader. The vagueness Rebel has in telling that story led me to keep thinking that the magical story was just a coping mechanism. I am not sure that it wasn't. I kept waiting for her to say it was all a dream or some mental breakdown. I feel a bit like I felt after reading Life of Pi, wondering if it all really happened. (That is a compliment btw, that book haunted me for ages)

There is an odd subplot involving the terrorism students face in school these days. I really don't know why it is part of this story, unless it was to give Rebel something to fight for. I really sort of hope that was developed more. And I wonder if Rebel's story is over. While there was a good resolution, I may still be a little shook up by the twist. Flipped my wig a bit.

Kye Morrow says

Totally enjoyed this book - is probably classified as young adult fiction - even though I'm certainly a 'mature' adult. Engaging story line. Recommend!

Heather Henkel says

Interesting

This was an interesting book. You gotta love the freaks in the book and the historical references to the dust bowl. It was a cool read.

Jackie Shriver says

A fun read

I really enjoyed reading this book. It was an easy read. I kept me wanting to read it. Very imaginative and I really loved the characters.

Latoya Nichols says

Cute novel for tweens

A cute time travel novel centering around a pre teen girl, Rebel, who moved to southern California after a family tragedy. Geared toward younger readers may be but still enjoyable for all ages. Rebel is a good character full of sass and grit esp as she travels between the 30s and present day while dodging the joys of school and family.

Twyla says

Picked me up a free copy on Amazon, yay thanks.

Im on page 14ish and i am not really buying the kid as a kid, shes more teen agery maybe even ya_ish _ wheres the damn dash when i need one?

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Update.

Imat 25 per cent and its totally cool. Like 'Tunnels of Time' meets 'Water for Elephants' cool.

Question ... Whattar chucks?

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Just finished and Awe-Some!

Loved the first jail brake scene, kudos to the chimp! Ok its too effing hard on here to go back and correct spelling mistakes. Seriously foute minutes it took for that sentence to generate on the screen.

Cute, funny, sassy.

My daughter is about Rebels age so that part makes it a little less 'believable' ... As in I cant see her using those words, phrases, common senses bits.

I won't give away any of the plot, but it would have been nice to hear more of roy plotnik and nikolai and of course tutu. Got a lot of quotes to post on if i can get my highlights to work.

Fyi, the cover almost made me pass.

Ruth Pohl says

Fun book. Lots of humor.

Rosydulcet says

I won this in a giveaway, thanks! I'll be reviewing this soon!

I'm giving this 4.5 stars! I'll also try and keep the review spoiler free :)

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Though I'm no longer a child (21), I enjoy reading "children's" books because there is almost always a guarantee of imagination, much needed when your life contains too much reality. This book, though aimed at pre-teens, can be enjoyed by anyone. It was page turning, adventure filled and hardly a dull moment.

The main character, Rebel acts, sounds, and thinks like a believable 12 year old. Every page with her is witty and entertaining. She's smart and sarcastic, though shows sympathy and a loving heart. Even though she's gone through some trying times, she's tries to keep optimistic, even when life is punching her in the proverbial or literal face. I really like that she thinks through dilemma's, not always making the decision she thought would be good. Characters in stories where they are always making the right decisions can be annoying and 'Mary sue-ish', which Rebel is not.

I also liked the other character in the story. No one was on a better or worse level than the main character, everyone with their own talents, flaws, and interesting personalities, showing that the author knows how to write fictional characters that can very well be real people, along with plausible situations.

The atmosphere in story's is also very important, and fit very well with the situations in the book.

This book is a perfect blend of reality, fantasy, and sci-fi. Any teen/ kid would love it, along with any adult who doesn't mind reading "children's" books!
