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"This book made me smile and feel good about love and life and at the same time kept me guessing and even made me shed some tears. All in all, it is one of my favorite books I've read this year."

Beth - YA Sisterhood

"I am so in love with this story. I wasn't expecting to be so emotionally affected by this book. I definitely cried my eyes out. I was pulled in from the very beginning."

CAOakley Book Reviews

"The only reason I put this book down last night was because my eyes were completely dried out and could not stay open for a second longer. I started reading again the second I woke up this morning, and I didn't stop until I read the last page. Needless to say, it's addicting!"

Reading, Eating & Dreaming I was Blair Waldorf

"This book is definitely going on my top shelf! - I can't put my finger on what exactly moved me most...the characters who were wonderful and vivid, the love story that was a delicious slow burn - it was all of these things that touched me and I can't wait for the next book!!"

Ana - The Book Hookup

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Celeste - The Book Hookup

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According to Albert Einstein, the distinction between past, present and future is only a stubbornly persistent illusion. He might have been right.

Seventeen-year-old Jessie McLeod is used to getting glimpses of the past when she touches objects in her dad's antique shop, but she's not used to the past looking back. Especially when the past is a gorgeous guy and she is dressed like a slob.

Shocked and intrigued, Jessie becomes obsessed with trying to catch another glimpse of that perfect face. When thoughts of him invade her sleep, the dreams seem so real that she wakes with the feel of his lips lingering on her skin. Soon after, however, the one guy she thought she'd never date suddenly asks her out. Either something strange is going on, or all those years of using furniture cleaner finally caused brain damage.

Brain damage is easy enough to believe—until the day she turns around and looks straight into the face from her dreams. Completely unaware, Jessie is now in a race against time to remember something important, something life-changing, and the one person who can tell her the truth doesn't dare to—she must remember on her own.

With only a week before senior year, the once self-assured Jessie is now sure of nothing. Well, maybe one

thing. Everything's been turned upside down, and it's all because of that stupid mirror she found in the shop on Monday and the glimpse that changed her future—maybe even her past.

Tempus Details

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Beth says

Wow, Umm, Yeah, I'm sticking with WOW! You know when you find a book that hits you on an emotional level, one that keeps replaying in your mind... Tempus is just such a creation. Within the pages of Tempus, you will find an extremely complex creation, incredible, mind boggling story. At first, I thought the principle was close to Ground Hog Day, but it really was so much more. Trya Lynn wove together time traveling, fate, soul mates, love triangles, deep friendship, family bonds and happiness that hinges on remembering what time has rewritten into a truly incredible read. My only issue was the beginning was a little slow going but all of a sudden I realized I was reeled right in. Looking forward to Arcanus...I'm hoping that the next book will explain more about what was eluded to in the last chapter. Still dealing with the WOW!

K. D. Grace says

I am in love with this book. Some things are truly, irrevocably meant to be. Next book please!

BookHookup says

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At points I felt confused or wondered if there was a mistake in the book. I had to go back several times and reread, but then it all plays out and that is what makes this book so good. They were not mistakes! The romance is sweet, it's intense, it's a slow burn, it's AMAZING. I fell in love and I cried....I need more!

I can't wait for the next book, Arcanus, which according to Tyra Lynn's website will be out in January 2012. In an email to me Tyra also says she has a million ideas and would love to keep going with the series. I hope there's enough interest generated so we get our books!

Angel says

This book was so good! I loved the characters and story. It had surprises and twists. I laughed and cried. It

had one of the most amazing endings ever!

The main character Jessie has an ability to see the past by touching things like antiques. One day she touches something in her dad's antique shop and she sees someone from the past that can see her. She spends a lot of time trying to see him again, trying to find out who he is or if he was even real. She also starts dating her first crush in the mean time, but then she ends up coming face to face with a guy who looks like the guy she saw in the past! He's as gorgeous as she thought he was or even more.

She still has to try and find out if she really saw him in the past or not, and who he is. She also starts having strange flashes of memories that couldn't have happened. She can't really talk to anybody about it because nobody knows about what she can do, not even her best friend.

The whole book is really good, but the standout has to be the ending. It was fantastic. One of the best I ever read. There's a lot of surprises in the book, and the good thing is they're not just out of the blue. When things happen you realize that you could possibly have figured it out. But you won't!

This is now one of my favorite books.

Lauren says

I'm giving *Tempus* four stars because I thought the overall concept was incredibly interesting and I enjoyed the book. It was really good for a self-published novel. However, I think the details of the story could have been a lot stronger. Especially the way the beginning was written and the whole time travel explanation parts.

Spoilers throughout:

The beginning was way too long. It took forever to get to Gabriel and the heart of what was going on in the story. After I finished it, I see why some of this was necessary. However, I think it could have been rewritten and tightened up a lot. I also think there was too much Steve. I get that Steve represented another choice – what could happen if Gabriel was never there, or came late. But I think the author included a few too many encounters between him and Jessie, especially because he doesn't really matter in the end.

Case in point (SPOILER): What was the importance of the whole plot point of Jessie and Steve planning a trip on four wheelers to visit the old homes? They keep talking about it and planning it, but in the end don't go, and it doesn't matter. That's an example of one of the very detailed plotlines that served no purpose. It's always made clear that Steve isn't 'the one,' making all the details about his relationship with Jessie – and constant kissing – rather unnecessary. I may be old fashioned, but I was annoyed by the fact that Jessie and Steve made out constantly when they were together, but Jessie insisted that he wasn't her boyfriend. WHAT??

The first part of the book especially read more like a rough draft and could have used some good content editing. Jessie (over)explained everything she was doing and thinking, even lots of mundane details that were not relevant to the plot, causing the first third of the book to really drag on. Also, in an effort to convey certain information to the reader, it felt like some of Jessie's thought processes were forced. I could see the writer saying to herself – 'I want the readers to know this information, so this is how I'll have Jessie bring it up. But I'll include that she could be ADD just in case it's not a smooth transition.'

The whole time travel concept was quite confusing and I never really figured it all out. I felt like I was getting a lot of half explanations and partial information. It seemed like the author was having trouble explaining it herself – as it doesn't seem like Jessie ever “got” it either. I think the whole paranormal (time travel) part of the world could have been built and explained better. I never really figured out the “observer” vs. “traveler” vs. ‘interceptor’ thing. Was it something you were borne with? Or a job that you got? Gabriel kept calling himself a traveler and his dad an observer, but his dad could travel as well. And I never got a clear picture of what they did – or whom they worked for. Gabriel kept saying “we” in italics, but nothing was clear beyond that. It seems like their abilities ran in families, but I didn't get if there was a society or group that set rules or governed everything. It just felt like there were a lot of time travel/paranormal ability plot holes and I'm hoping that a lot of this will be explained in a future book.

The last chapter has a lot of cryptic information about Jessie and her mom's talents that I hope will be fleshed out more in the next book. It seems like we only got a ‘glimpse’ of Jessie's powers. We also never find out the significance of Jessie's mom's name change.

I don't usually notice a lot of grammatical errors, but the one thing that really bugged me was the excessive use of italics. The author italicized words for emphasis, but went WAY overboard with it.

Despite all this, I did really enjoy the story and look forward to the next one.

Tish says

Ever since I read *A Wrinkle in Time* back when I was 8 or 10, I have been a sucker for stories about time travel. 'Tempus' was very enjoyable, finally. At first, it was a little frustrating when the reader was only given glimpses (pun intended) of the mystery surrounding the antique mirror, the guy seen in a dream before being seen in real life, etc., while the main character goes shopping and oohs and aahs over her new cellphone and the cute boy she's dating. But then the story gets to the good stuff and I have to confess to staying up way too late at night reading it. The author makes us ponder ideas about time travel and fate, while giving us characters to pull for (I think I'm halfway in love with Gabriel myself). I thought the romantic scenes between Jessie and Gabriel were especially well-written, probably more so than the dialogue, which I found to be a little stiff and unnatural in places. The ending of the book is satisfying, with an intriguing twist, but brings up way more questions than it answers, so I was glad to turn the page and see that a sequel is planned. I really want to find out more about observers and interceptors, time resetting, and the role certain people play/played/will play.

✿az?? - th? ?ock C?ick ?airy✿ says

This book made me think A LOT. Its plot was carefully thought of and very well written. I admit that I have little interest in time travel. A friend recommended this to me and luckily, I liked it. :)

Jessie has been seeing things by holding / touching an item. These visions becomes more intense when Gabriel comes to her life. She was able to see this gorgeous guy through a mirror and yes, he was able to see her too! Then all the madness with time shifting begins. Frankly, I just scanned through some pages wherein they were explaining stuff about time traveling. I was just focused in the interaction between the two main

characters. I mean, they were some kind of star crossed lovers. Time just won't align itself for the two of them! I was pretty frustrated when it all started over again and again. I just wanted time to just be their friend and move on from that. By the end of the novel, I was glad that I didn't put it down. The end sounded promising and I love how (view spoiler). I hope that most of the plot holes would be answered in the next installment.

(view spoiler)

Dianne says

There is just something about this book that sucked me in from the beginning. Time travel, true love, destiny, pain, joy, patience...its all there. A completely different twist for me in the YA paranormal genre! I laughed, wanted to cry, sighed. The main female character was so likable, so real, so warm, so teen...the main male character was definitely sigh-worthy, honorable, yet desperate and determined. Wonderful writing! I can't wait to see what happens next!

Ana says

My first ever 5 star rating. I've done lots of reading lately and loved many of the books, but Tempus moved me in a way they didn't. I can't put my finger on what exactly moved me most...the characters who were wonderful and vivid, the love story that was a delicious slow burn, the premise that fate plays such a strong role in our lives or the realization that there are those who willingly live with sadness and devastation as they wait for the perfect time to unite with their soul mate. Obviously it was all of these things that touched me and I can't wait for the next book!!

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Tyra Lynn says

I would love to get more feedback from those who have read TEMPUS. Thank you for your interest and happy reading!

Emily says

Tempus was both a great book and a great buy! I found the storyline fresh and new which made the story very unpredictable (as all good stories should be :)) and was surprised with all the twists and turns in the plot. I loved every single character in this book and you can definitely tell the author put a lot of time and thought into their personalities which in turn made them very believable and realistic. If you're on the fence about buying this book just go ahead and do it already! You won't regret it!

Taddy says

I won't give a synopsis of the book, the author and other reviewers did a fantastic job of that already, I just feel that I am about to burst about why people must read this book. I have to say this is my first ever review I've been really compelled to write, and I read and don't usually have time to review because I am too busy reading, as in sometimes 2-3 books a week. So the fact that this book moved me to write a review says something! Tempus actually had me reading until the very wee hours of the morning. Which is always a good sign, being a Mom of 2, when I will put a book ahead of sleep! A book has to be really really good for me to lose sleep.

After I finished reading Tempus by Tyra Lynn, I made a list of things that usually do not apply to all the Indie YA paranormal romance book I've read. But in this case all of the following pleasantly surprised me:

1. That this book affected me on a deeper level. It moved me. The romance was so touching and beautifully written that it really really got to me. I am still thinking about the characters and the story.

2. Tempus is absolutely, without a doubt, so well written that it belongs on the shelves of retailers alongside best sellers and NY Times Best Selling Authors.

3. Piggybacking on #2, Tempus even though it is the debut novel for the author and first in the series, it reads like author Tyra Lynn has written dozens of novels and is a seasoned pro. It is THAT well crafted.

4. The romance, oh the romance. I could write a whole review based solely on it, but won't as to not give away any spoilers as this is the the core of the book and it unfolds so beautifully that to spoil it for anyone would be cruel. All I will say is that the romance has layers, it builds, it takes you on a ride, you feel what the

characters feel. Tyra Lynn creates nuances and subtleties so lacking in the "let's rush to the I love you part" seen in too many YA romance novels out there.

She creates a who, what, why, when and how the characters not only fall in love, but actually love each other. It all falls into place. Of course it isn't too placed out for us in any way, it wouldn't be a romance novel based on the premise of fate if it were! Rather though, she gives the characters the instant "WHAMMO" that makes us swoon but then backs it up and writes the story so so beautifully that we believe it, we feel it! We know that the love they feel is real, and why it is. All because of what had been written.

4. The supporting characters. Oh how happy it makes me when an Author puts as much thought and care into the supporting cast of characters as the female and male leads. As well the setting and how much I can picture it, believe it exists. I could picture this world. I believed this world. This to me is a sign of not only a great author but a great book.

5. The Paranormal aspect was different than most out there, and that to me was appealing before I even started reading. I love a good shapeshifter, vampire, fae or zombie book as much as the next paranormal fan, but give me something different that is pulled off successfully, and you've made me a fan! The romance and Paranormal are intertwined and both essential to the plot. Both had to be written with finesse and played off each other successfully for the book to succeed, and again Tyra Lynn manages to pull this off like a pro.

I had heard great things about Tempus before reading it, but it actually exceeded my expectations, which does not happen very often, more often than not it goes the other way or else I say, yeah that was a good book! Tempus was a great book! I cannot stress how effortlessly it was written, the story was not rushed, it was well paced without me ever once feeling frustrated. It flowed as it should, I appreciate that time was taken for things to develop, because in the end it was all so very very worth it!

Now there is one thing in the novel that gave me a bit of pause and apparently I had that in common with the main character Jessie so I didn't feel that bad. I really was a bit confused when details of the important Paranormal aspects of the book were being explained by two of the major characters. Now I do not believe this to be the fault of the author, maybe a re-read by me is in order, and I usually re-read my favorites books anyway. However, I am hoping in the second book maybe I will gain a better grasp of how "things work...exactly, or well I'll settle for roughly".

I think perhaps though my favorite parts of the book were the quotes at the beginning of each chapter, all by notable people in history, all pertaining to the notion of "time". I thought this to be a very neat touch to the book, and very pertinent to the plot.

This is the first in the series, Arcanus: Tempus Book #2 comes out in Jan/12, to read an excerpt from Arcanus go to [...]

After you read this review, buy this book and then recommend it to your friends, co-workers and family. It is one of those paranormal books, that even those who are not normally Paranormal fans, but love a good romance novel will love, but that Paranormal fans will love equally. It has a wide appeal.

Debbie I Heart YA Books says

Tempus will melt your heart a thousand times eternity. Tyra Lynn will break your heart a thousand times with this breathtaking love story between Jessie and Gabriel. If you're wondering about the thousand times

thing, they're Gabriel's words to Jessie: for you, a thousand times eternity. That's just a little hint to show you the beautiful love between these two. Tyra Lynn has created an intriguing heart-felt love story which shows nothing can separate soul mates—not even time. I also liked the way Tyra Lynn showed Jessie's feeling for Steve. I think most teenage girls have found their self in this situation with a guy, and to me, Lynn wrote this real. I don't find it leading a guy on at all. I felt Jessie was being true to her feelings like any teenage girl trying to figure her feelings out and make the responsible, right choice for her. So I really don't like when others call this “leading a guy on” because it's not. It's part of growing up. So thank you, Tyra Lynn for show a teenagers girl's heart for caring about two guy and I also give Tyra Lynn high praise for her awesome writing and storyline.

Jessie is seventeen and it's her last week of summer before she starts her senior year. Jessie also has visions, or glimpses as she calls them, but only when she touches antiques. And with her father's antique shop she, has a lot of glimpses. When she touches any kind of old object she can see the person who owned it. When Jessie's father buys a nineteenth century full-length-mirror Jessie is going to get more than a glimpse of someone else's life, she's going to get her own past, present, and future in the most gorgeous blue-eyed boy she's ever seen. And he's looking back at her. Jessie's glimpses turn into deja vu when she walks into her father's shop and meets the new guy her dad has hired. It's her mirror guy. Gabriel is gorgeous, with blue eyes and black hair, and he's from the nineteenth century. And he needs Jessie to remember...But with Gabriel and Jessie's love, one day can change their love for ever.

Tempus is a timeless love story with these two soul mates, and with the cliffhanger ending, it definitely has me hoping Tyra Lynn writes with a fast pen. I recommend Tempus as a must read.

Megan says

There was so much to love about this book, and I did love it. The main character started off a bit unevenly - but quickly developed into a favorite for me. I was very pleased with the dialogue...so often in 1st person narration, the best prose is internal. But in this story, the heroine (gasp) expressed her thoughts and was able to articulate the motivations for her actions. Unfortunately, considering how utterly romantic this was, I ended up not getting a very good sense of the love interest(s), or the friends for that matter. I can't really put my finger on what was missing there, but hope for slightly strong(er) characterizations in the next book.

I haven't read very many time travel plots, and this felt fresh to me. However, there were some odd leaps & inconsistencies that seemed partly set-ups for a sequel, partly due to the author (or me) being (perhaps) a little confused. Instances of somewhat fuzzy logic took me out of the story more often than I would have liked. For example, the analogy scene was disappointing b/c I thought that could/should have been more powerful. Other fixes: just a few grammar & spelling issues, definitely weird punctuation in the dialogue. Most importantly, the ending was given away at one point...in a few words...which made something that should have been a jaw-dropper into an anticlimax.

Overall, this author is a definitely one to watch and I really enjoyed Tempus. I want to say that the quibbles I listed are really all that kept this from being a 5 star book, in my opinion. Try it!
