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After spending three years in jail and others completely alone, twenty-four-year-old Cole Flint discovers an amazing ability—he can time-travel and teleport. He’s a jumper. So what should the motorcycle-riding, cage-fighting tough guy do? He should protect an innocent eighteen-year-old girl who happens to be in possession of the Staff of Moses. Following the direction of a trio of angels who are determined to shake things up in the Middle East, Cole pairs up with Hannah Carpenter and her pet grizzly while he also tries to change his past and learn the mystery of his birth. Curiously, the King of Jordan knows all about Hannah, and he’s determined to gain possession of the staff. He’ll do anything to possess its power, but is it possible that he’s no more than a pawn, manipulated in time along with Cole and Hannah? Jumper is a mysterious roller coaster of action and a time-traveling adventure that will keep readers guessing right to the very last page.

## **Jumper Details**

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# From Reader Review Jumper for online ebook

## Amanda says

I really enjoyed this book. I struggled through the Prologue because of the names and trying to figure out what was going on, but by the end of Chapter 1 I was hooked. I really enjoyed the story line and found myself reading every chance I got. This was the first time traveler book I've read and the first I've read by Jeff. I look forward to reading more stories...maybe some more about Cole and Hannah's adventures....and my favorite character, Teddy!

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## Dorrie Baker says

I loved this book! It is a tight, fast paced story that has it all and leaves you wanting more stories just like it. If you answer yes to any of the following questions, you'll love it too! Do you like action and adventure interwoven with mystery and suspense? Do you think time travel could be possible? Do you believe good and evil are more than just words and there are layers to our world that we can't normally see and touch? Do you like characters that you can believe in, like, and would enjoy being friends with? If you do, then Jumper is the book for you! It will keep you flying through those pages way past your bedtime. Here's hoping Jeff LaFerney never runs out of new ideas!

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## Books says

“An attempted murder, a raging six-hundred-pound grizzly, a mini-tornado, and a random lightning bolt strike all before breakfast - Hannah’s world had gone mad.”

Time-travel adventures aren’t my usual choice of read, but the premise of a “motorcycle-riding, cage-fighting tough guy” who has to “protect an innocent eighteen-year-old girl who happens to be in possession of the Staff of Moses” got me curious, and once I had my review copy, I couldn’t wait to jump into the story (see what I did there?) and find out what it’s all about. It ended up being one big thrill ride from the first page to the last!

Make no mistake. If you’re expecting a love story loaded with sappy romance about a tough guy braving the odds across time to save the damsel in distress, you will be disappointed. There are three love interests in this story, but by no means is it a love-triangle and the romance aspect is very much only a mere mention in the background. I can assure you though, there is a lot to love about this novel.

My one fear when reading time-travel novels is that I’ll get confused somewhere along the line as to where in time the characters find themselves and how they got to that point. Here it’s definitely not the case. Cole’s ability to time-travel is well-explained, but it didn’t make it less complicated. Something about time being linear and it being comparable to a slinky...it all still went over my head. I do suspect though that it has something to do with Cole’s gorgeous blue Kawasaki Ninja ZX14 street bike, and a healthy measure of divine intervention. Whichever way it works, the reader never loses track of where in time the characters find themselves.

Jumper makes for an effortless read in what promises to be the start of a great series!

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### **Obsession Is A Book - Terrie says**

I was provided with a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

I'm not going to lie, when I read the first page of this book I groaned. I really did think I was going to struggle with it and end up not finishing the book. How wrong was I!

The book has a hint of biblical history, a gallon of suspense, a dash of romance and an intriguing storyline. Jumper is book one in the series.

The characters in the book are well defined, which makes it so much easier to connect with them. I love the relationships that were built and how they were built.

The book jumps from present to past (time travel) and from different POV's. Jeff LaFerney has done a remarkable job of shifting the book around WITHOUT confusing the reader and I'm easily confused.

Jeff has laid the foundation really well in this book for the series to continue. The book itself has its own storyline running through it that concludes nicely while leaving you wanting more.

The book flows while reading it and it's so easy to get lost in the book. This is a book that once it grabs you, you'll struggle to let it go.

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### **IceFire says**

I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Jumper was unlike any other book I have read - in a good way, of course. It is essentially a story about the battle between good (angels) and evil (demons), but both sides need humans to do the work.

The book is very well-written, full of twists and surprises and I could rarely predict what was going to happen next. Even the romantic aspect of it was not what I expected.

I was a little worried about the time travel thing, because it's not easy to write, but Jeff LaFerney succeeded in making it complex, yet for the most part easy to follow.

Not only did I enjoy the story, I also loved both main characters. Even though we don't learn as much about Hannah's past as we do about Cole's ( but then again, I guess she really was just an ordinary teenager before all this), I still liked her a lot. And it's not often that I find a female lead I don't have a problem with.

I definitely recommend this book to anyone who is looking for a great time travel adventure.

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### **Marjo says**

Jeff LaFerney has produced yet another exciting book. 'The Jumper' is a time travel adventure on a very different level than we would expect. Time travel is not in the realm of machines but on a spiritual level. A mission is assigned to Cole Flint by angles who exist on a different plane to humans. Flint's family life was not good, his mother was affectionate but his father was not the greatest. After his mother died when he was a teen he was always picked on and defending himself ended up on the wrong side of the law. As a result

Cole spent three years in jail. When he gets out of prison he learns that he has an amazing ability, he can teleport, 'jump' in time. Flint is directed by a trio of angels in a fight against 'good over evil'. He is charged with protecting Hannah Carpenter who gains possession of the Staff of Moses. Hannah, Cole, a grizzly bear, a motorcycle, global conflict, relationships, drama and mystery add up to a whole lot of suspense throughout the book.

Time travel has been talked about, written about, and theorized about by many. Jeff LaFerney has obviously researched the subject and composed his own twist on it. Jeff's view of time travel is a 'slinky' that can stretch in and out of time and place. His theory allows events in the past to be changed that alters the present in subtle ways. These changes could be in the realm of reality. The author has created likable and interesting characters. The characters are cleverly developed, they appear normal in an everyday way, yet possess special powers. Hannah is portrayed as an innocent teenager with a rebellious side to her a part the normal 'all American' family. But as she becomes aware of her powers, she develops a more mature and responsible personality. Whereas, Cole is depicted as the 'underdog' and 'bad guy' at the start of the story, he becomes the 'hero' and lovable character. LaFerney cleverly adds small details to help the reader keep track of the events and characters during their time jumps. The book is full of action, suspense, mystery, and even romance.

Fantasy novels are not my usual choice for reading. The premise of time travel seems too farfetched, yet there is that fascination of 'what if...'. As I began to read 'Jumper', I thought perhaps I would just scan the story and do a quick 'like or 'dislike' review. But as I read the first few pages, I was drawn into the plot and just kept turning those pages. Special Forces, Guardians of political, military, and economic issues got my attention. Jeff's knowledge and research of 'Time Travel' was evident from the start of the book. I even found myself 'believing' it could happen. LaFerney's ability to develop the characters and their relationships, particularly Cole and Hannah, helped me to overcome my resistance to the 'non- human' ones. Hannah's 'pet' was a little too much for me but then the story is fantasy and it had its uses. Overall, I found the book enjoyable and would recommend it as a page turning, light read. I will definitely look into other books written by Jeff LaFerney.

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### **Ashley Fontaine says**

Jeff LaFerney's latest novel, Jumper, is an outstanding read. Full of mystery, suspense, adventure, action, romance and a touch of otherworldly excitement make the entire novel a wonderful tale expertly written.

The time travel element is handled beautifully as Cole learns how to use his newly discovered ability. Cole is a flawed hero with a colorful past that men and women will easily connect with, as is Hannah's. Throw in the strange interplay between the guardians and the Staff of Moses and you have a winning combination for readers of various genres to enjoy.

Even though the book deals with aspects that are unrealistic, the author manages to weave a cast of interesting and realistic characters and plot lines together in such a way that you might find yourself actually believing in "jumping."

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### **Renee says**

Find someplace comfortable, grab this book and be prepared to go on an amazing time-travel adventure!

When I started reading the first page, I thought I would really have to go slow and pay attention – not the case at all. I couldn't wait to find out what was going to happen next. You will want to pay attention to the brief headings as they tell you when and where you and the characters are at that point in the story. If you do this, you will have no problem navigating this wonderful adventure.

There are numerous plot twists and turns that will keep you turning the pages. I appreciate the fact that some of the surprises were not at all what I may have wanted but in the end the author does an amazing job of tying everything together in great way without it seeming contrived.

I would definitely read more books about Cole, Hannah and Teddy!

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### **Kayla says**

I have read all of Jeff LaFerney's books to date and was impressed by each of them. I was more than excited when I was given the opportunity to read Jumper. I loved this book! I enjoyed the time traveling that took place and how challenging it was to keep up with such a futuristic plot. The interaction between humans and angels/demons was well written; it was very believable. I also love that I can relate to the Michigan locations in the novel. I would recommend this book to anyone with an interest in fantasy/science fiction!

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### **Steph And Dani {A Walk on Words} says**

Dani's review:

Jumper is a well-written, action-filled novel with a healthy portion of biblical history that kept me on the edge of my seat as I anxiously turned the pages. At first, I was skeptical about Jumper. I figured it would be just another typical time travel story, but God was I wrong.

From the first page, I was enraptured with the world of Jumper. It takes place in the modern day, but with fabricated names for various world leaders. For example, the president of the U.S. is called President Stonewood.

Jumper kept my mind whirling as I tried to fathom what had just happened. It kept me guessing the entire time. Jumper has everything a teenager or YA loving adult could want in a YA novel: a fantastic plot, heartwarming characters (including a pet grizzly bear named Teddy), angels, demons, exciting fight scenes, and a unique explanation for the concept of time. Jeff LaFerney's approach to explaining the concept of time fascinated me. Especially because in most time travel novels I've read, the characters going forward and back in time is explained by "magic" or a far-fetched idea. Jeff describes it as "There are no multiple timelines. Time cannot split with people living in parallel universes. The current timeline will be completed and re-established..."

There is really nothing I disliked about Jumper. The foreshadowing was well-done, not too predictable and not too subtle. Everything in the plot connected together like missing puzzle pieces and made sense. I loved reading about Hannah and Cole transforming into more confident and happy people as they went through each ordeal. I had my doubts, but Jumper has proved to be the best novel I've read so far this summer. Jumper is a must-read for anyone looking for a great story that will leave you thinking about it long after you

read it! I'm looking forward to sequels :D

Keep checking A Walk on Words for an interview with Jeff coming soon!

Dani

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<http://awalkonwords.blogspot.com/>

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## **Jane says**

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4.5 Stars

Have you ever seen the film 'Jumper' directed by Doug Liman? If so this book will put you in mind of that film, Cole Flint's abilities are remarkably similar to those of David Rice, the films MC. The story line however is nothing like it. We have Cole Flint our unwitting hero who is drawn into the role of protector when he discovers his unique ability to teleport and time travel, and Hannah Carpenter who for some reason is the only person who can remove the Staff of Moses from the rock in a 'Sword in the Stone' manner. Once the King of Jordan discovers the Staff on his land he wants it and all the power it holds. So with the aid of a motorcycle Cole teleports Hannah five years into the past to safety, and this is where the chapter headers become important to keep track of where and when you are while reading.

Time travel always messes with my head but I have to say this book is pretty well explained, and I didn't feel nearly as confused as I normally do with this type of story! There were some points that had me wondering, for instance ....When Cole travelled back and changed his name plus the way his victims died, his family and the police remembered the 'new' past yet the reporters remembered the story they had originally posted.

The fact that certain people remembered certain pasts was briefly explained towards the end of the book, but it felt to me like an after thought to excuse why some people remembered while others didn't. Another point that felt rushed to me was Cole's parentage, it wasn't covered much throughout the story and then suddenly we find out who his mum is, again it felt like it was thrown in there just to tie up loose ends and I was a little disappointed with those parts of the plot.

I have read a few of Jeff's books, and this by far, is the most enjoyable for me. It had me staying up late to read and that hasn't happened very often just lately. I found the writing comfortable and was easily able to live in the moment. The story was fast paced, and exciting throughout and I would highly recommend this book to anyone looking for an exhilarating read.

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## **Michelle (Bookaholic Banter) says**

An imaginative adventure-story that takes you to another place. It was brilliantly executed, easy to follow,

and a joy to read. This was one of the few times where I was able to read a book that had clean language, no cursing-not having to cringe at all the J.C.'s and G.D.'s. I'm sorry, but I hate when the Lord's name is taken in vain in books and I have to read it. It just goes to show that all of that is unnecessary. This story was still highly enjoyable without all that. This is a book that can be enjoyed by people of all ages-guys or women. There is something for everyone.

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### **Clark Hallman says**

Jumper by Jeff LaFerney – This is a very strange book that includes time travel, teleportation, motorcycle riding, a pet grizzly bear, murderous corrupt politicians/heads of state, magical and nefarious creatures, and the Staff of Moses. Eighteen-year-old Hannah Carpenter and her family visit Jordan to see the Staff of Moses. When Hannah accidentally gains possession of the Staff of Moses she is rescued from the vicious King of Jordan by motorcycle-riding Cole Flint, but her family is imprisoned in Jordan. Flint is the perfect champion for Hannah and he fights to try to keep her safe and rescue her family. This is a strange story that includes fantasy, but is also an interesting one. Hannah and Cole are appealing characters, and Cole is heroic as well. It is a good story that embraces time travel, a concept that fascinates me. It also provides lots of action and danger for Hannah and Cole. I liked this book.

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### **Lia Fairchild says**

First let me say that I rarely read books that include Sci Fi. It always feels a bit over my head. But the Jumper cover caught my eye, the reviews were great, and Cole Flint seemed sexy. And I love the concept of a time traveling motorcycle rider.

You've got to give big props to an author for attempting a story like this. Timing in book can be difficult, but add in time travel and teleporting, and things get exponentially more complicated. I think this author pulled it off, making it very clear when and where everything was taking place. The characters were likable with Cole as a stand-out in the hero role. He's a tough guy, sweetheart that's impossible not to love. Cole teams up with an innocent, yet spunky young girl wielding the staff of Moses, to fight evil in the Middle East and resolve some issues in his past.

I enjoyed the pace of the book, always providing action or clues, and was happy with how it ended. Looks like the author definitely has a sequel in mind, so I'll be on the lookout for that.

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### **Sandy says**

Ladies and Gentlemen!! Tonight on the far left we have Cole who is sporting a bright blue Kawasaki Ninja street bike and on the far right we have Hannah clutching the hand of a 300 lb. grizzly. Yes, folks it is true!! For your entertainment pleasure tonight the duo will change history right before your very eyes. In the audience folks, we have a reporter named Lauren and she has says she has the story of a lifetime surrounding the duo which is about to be released to the world, if she can stay alive. Let me begin by telling you how Cole and Hannah found each other and what Lauren's story might entail before we let you see their secret trick. Cole's family life was not always the greatest. His mother was the affectionate one but his father not so



much. His mother died when Cole was a teen and in the back of Cole's mind he always wondered about her death. Moving on with my story...Cole felt for the underdog. You know.... the people who got picked on in life, the people who got pushed under the rug? One day, things got out of hand and he ended up doing time and when he got out of jail, he thought he'd done his time. Well, someone thought otherwise and he was chosen to be a time-traveler. Thus the bike of his dream! Cole had no idea what this calling meant but things fell into place and he got his first mission. Imagine going back in time and going forward in time. Cool, huh? Popping in and out whenever you wanted? Well, it has its good and its bad points. Hannah was his first mission and Hannah had no idea that she was going to be so important surrounding the Staff of Moses. Remember the staff that parted the sea and allowed the people to walk across the sea on dry land from the biblical times? The staff? Well, Hannah can tell you that story but the duo got messed up with a King, a Prime Minister, the President and some other important people. Oh, I almost forgot, their parents got involved and that was a mess too. I guess Lauren does have a good story, if only she lives through this ordeal tonight. So without further ado..... please focus your attention on Cole and Hannah carefully... are you watching....yes?

I really enjoyed the characters in the book and the relationships they brought with them. I thought I was getting overwhelmed with the time traveled aspect of the book but I concentrated more on what was happening in the book and everything else fell into place. I never thought about some of the aspects of time traveling that Jeff brought up in the book so I had to stop reading a few times and think about it and that was good. The book had everything in it: humor, relationships, drama, fighting, family, emotions, and even mystery. Well done and an enjoyable read.

I was given a copy of this book for an honest opinion.

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