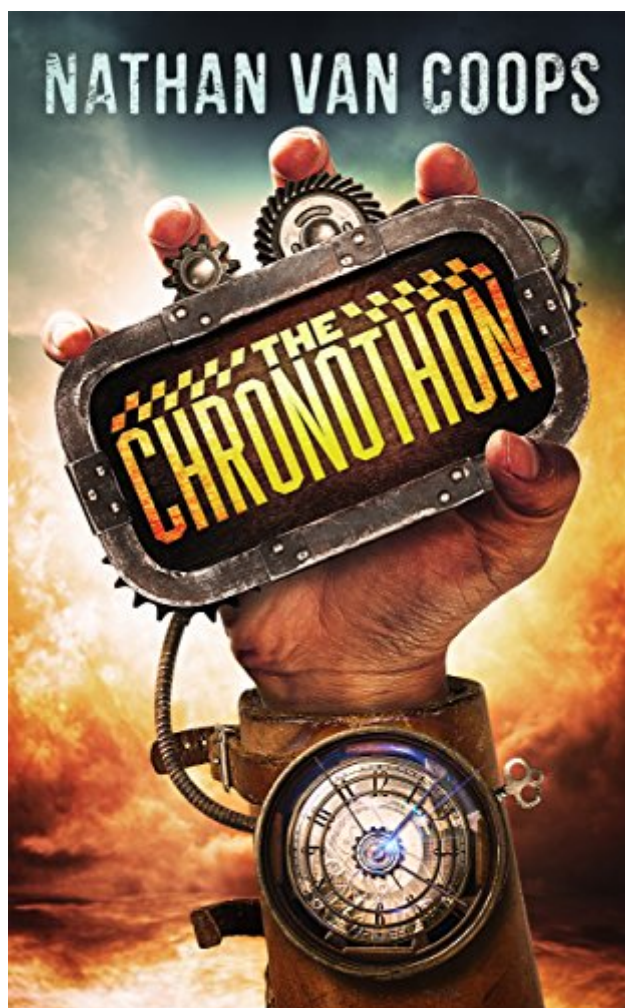


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The Chronothon: A Time Travel Adventure



Synopsis

Run from the past. Run from the future. Run for your lives. He's a novice time traveler in a big universe. Ben just wants time with the scientist's daughter who got him into this, but when he's hooked into competing in a chronathon "an Amazing Race through time" getting the girl means he'll need to make the finish line. When he finds out this competition is more than just a sprint through history, winning takes a back seat to surviving. To save the people he loves, he'll have to conquer the real dangers hidden in the shadows of the chronathon. The world of time travelers expands in this next installment of the In Times Like These time travel series. Fans of book one will find more to love, but new readers can jump right in and enjoy this stand-alone time travel novel. Expect action, adventure, and romance on this journey through past and future. Fresh dangers will arise for Ben and company in a quest for the finish line, where failure to keep up will cost more than just a shot at glory "it could mean the end for them all. Either of the first two books in the series may be enjoyed independently. In Times Like These is currently FREE on . Get it next!

What The Chronathon reviewers are saying: "Easily the coolest time travel adventure that I've ever read." -Eric L. Fisher, US. "...a time travel version of Hunger Games." Jeffrey Ellis- customer. "I actually read right through the night the day I started." -Dancing Queen, UK. "In terms of well developed characters and an intricate story line that never falls apart, this book was pure pleasure to read." -Glenn Younger, Goodreads. "I'm an avid reader who likes all kinds of books, Sci fi, romance, alt history, werewolves, little old lady mysteries... This was a great ride and I couldn't put it down." - Customer "Irelynkiss" "EXCELLENT book...They need to make a movie out of this!!!!"-Cleany "neeks"- customer. "I honestly think this is the best time travel book I have ever read... non-stop adventure." Angie T.D., Top 1000 Reviewer. UK. Stay informed of series updates at www.nathanvancoops.com

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Customer Reviews

Ben's time travel adventures continue with Mym, his favorite lady, playing a crucial background role. This time, he finds himself being maneuvered into participating in a rigged and highly unethical intergalactic time travel competition, one for which he is particularly untrained. In terms of well developed characters and an intricate story line that never falls apart, this book was pure pleasure to read. None of Ben's St Petersburg friends come along on this adventure so there are a full cast of new characters and a lot of time loops with subsequent ramifications that follow. As an experienced time travel reader, I enjoyed the challenge of keeping up. For newbies, I say just go with it and do the best you can. It's worth it. There were some other jewels about the book that stood out for me:*

The one liners that come out of Ben's narration are brilliantly in keeping with his character and help with pacing. "..... or if I'm just experiencing the kind of luck only stupid people enjoy..." , is one example that comes in the middle of a particularly harrowing fight scene. It doesn't interrupt the flow of the story and, yet, it gives you a split second of breathing space to integrate the human aspect of the fight.*

The quotes from Dr. Quickley's diary entries that top each chapter also help with the story's pacing. They are like little time travel breaks in your mind as you move forward in the story. I don't know if the author intended it this way or not, but it gave me, the reader, a little philosophical time travel hiccup - like a one minute time blink - as I took a break to imagine what was going on in Dr Quickley's world when in wrote the entry. We know the when because the entries are dated, but where was he when it wrote it and what part of his when was he living? That's never answered because it's not part of the story other than the "Grandfather of Time" is always present that way. Still, the commentary often brings a smile to your face.*

There are some historical facts in the story that I had to wonder if they were true in "our timeline". For example, I didn't know Seattle was built

on tidal land until I read it in The Chronothon. A quick Google search confirmed it. This kind of thing added another layer of "reality" to this fantasy story. Well done.* The author handles a love scene that creates the entire picture in your mind without spilling one nitty gritty detail. It was fifty shades of perfect for this genre of book.* Once again, the author neatly sets up the next book in the series without leaving the story of this book hanging one iota. That's all the good stuff. Now here's the WARNING: Think twice about reading this book if you have a strong aversion to blood, guts, death, and alien horrors. Although none of it is ever gratuitous, the author brings it alive in full living color in your imagination. At one point, I almost told myself it was too much and wanted to put the book down. "I'll finish this chapter," I promised myself, "and then decide if it's not for me." Needless to say, I kept reading to the end and am looking forward to his next book. Still, forewarned is forearmed on the blood, guts, death, and alien horrors.

You ever find yourself sitting down at a nice restaurant and everything on the menu looks delicious, and you find yourself disappointed because you can only choose one entree to eat? Well, Chronothon is the "Sampler" of time travel books. A little of everything. Some fans of the genre hone in on specific time periods, or are die hard futurists and enjoy sci-fi theoretical tomorrowlands. This book finds the protagonist wrapped up in a conspiracy, masked as a time travel extreme sporting event. Racing at break neck speed through the past and into the future. I really loved this book, I often find myself intrigued by the idea of a novel but then get bored by the middle of the story because some ideas need to remain short stories not novels...I loved how this book in a sense is very much a novel but each chapter felt like a short story as you never knew where the story was going both in the overall mystery of the story but each time gate would literally whisk the characters to an entirely new time and place. The complete change of time and place so often kept the story moving and the pages turning. I gotta read the next chapter...Where is the next level? Despite the story being disjointed by its nature, you really come to put it all together by the personality of the protagonist Ben. This book has some extreme tension, and I would say it is the most action packed time travel novel I have ever read....and I am a Time Travel Guru of sorts...Ben relieves some of the tension by being his goofy self and at times certain chapters come off as an action comedy, which for me was highly enjoyable. Van Coops has a genre breaker in this book as one of the levels is completely survival horror at its best. I have to compliment the author in presenting so much in a single novel. Despite, the book loaning itself to so much action, I felt as a reader I came to care very much for our protagonist and his fellow racers of the Chronothon, who are more friends than competition. Can't decide if you enjoy time travel or history? I recommend the sampler...A little taste

of the Chronothon will have you coming back for more for sure....This is book 2 of 3 so all the possible avenues this leaves open for exploration is astounding...Can't wait for what's next!

Where do you start with a review of an AMAZING Time Traveling book about a totally unique/fast paced/nail biting, addictive scavenger hunt through alternate timelines (past, present and future), zombie planets, with pirate tricking, assassin dodging, unlikely alliance making, crazy/deadly religious zealots and oh so much more. Yes I'm aware of the rambling but this book has left me ranting to anyone who will stand still long enough for me to tell of the magic that is this book! Now those who know me might point out that I am a HUGE sucker for a good Time Travel book but Chronothon wasn't just good, not even very good, it was AWESOME! The action is non stop from the very first page until the very last (a good attribute to have). The science is laid out plausibly (important). The writing is wonderful (very important). The world and character building are done with such skill and with such a uniquely creative tone that I have been left rambling and singing its praises (absolutely imperative for a 5 star book). Mr Van Coops gets his characters into some pretty unbelievable situations and more importantly he doesn't take the easy ways out which is too often the case in books about Time Travel. I really enjoyed the first book(In Times Like These), I'm blown away by book two (Chronothon) and I (uncharacteristically) cannot put into words just how much I am looking forward to book three.

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