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There exists a secret society where one's ability to travel through time is "gifted" to members only by blood. Those who try to enter the society quickly come to realize that time is a force not to be reckoned with. Alexandra Monir's short story exclusive ebook, *Secrets of the Time Society*, sheds light upon the world created in her novel *Timeless* and forecasts the fate that lies ahead for its protagonist, Michele Windsor. Now that Michele is gifted, there are some who will do anything to take that power away.

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Tanja (Tanychy) St. Delphi/James says

I can't wait for the book two!!!

Andrea at Reading Lark says

Review on Reading Lark: <http://readinglark.blogspot.com/2012/...>

This was a small treat to explain a lot of questions that are raised in Timeless. While not all of my questions have been answered, many of them have been laid to rest.

This short story sets up some tension with Michele that will no doubt be a major plot point in the second novel, Timekeeper. She is having dreams about a young girl with venom in her eyes who seems to hate Michele. Never having laid eyes on the girl before causes Michele's anxiety level to rise. She will certainly be on the defensive where this girl is concerned.

Also in this edition, we meet a new member of the Windsor family who explains how the Windsors came to be time travelers. Information about Michele's father and his connection to the Time Society is revealed.

I loved getting to understand more about the Time Society and how they operate. The headquarters was fascinating; I only wish I had gotten to spend more time there. I want to know even more about this talented and mysterious group of people.

I really enjoyed this quick read (it was only 26 pages on my Kindle), but I do wish it had been just a bit longer. There is so much valuable information packed into such a small space. I would have found this to be a stronger short story if it had been more like 50 pages in length. In spite of the brevity, it is an intriguing addition to the series. Bring on Timekeeper!

Meret Punk says

3 stars :(

I actually read this book after Timekeeper, and Im really sad I didnt read it before it..

I think it would have been way better and I could have given it a higher rating :(..

It tells you Rebecca's story who, by the way, is going to cause a lot of trouble in Timekeeper, just saying xD..

Parvathy says

One thing the book *Timeless* was missing was a Villain. In the beginning the Time was the villain but it seems now you have a new evil travelling along side Michelle that might lead to more complications and heart stopping moments. Can't wait for the next book in the series.

Judy & Marianne from Long and Short Reviews says

Originally posted at: <http://aurorareviews.blogspot.com/201...>

What could such a scary and strange dream mean? Sixteen-year-old Michele wakes up startled in her grandparents' mansion.

Secrets of the Time Society is a bridge, a short story, interesting on its own. It adds information and tension to the novel *Timeless*, answering some of the questions presented there. It also prepares readers for the next novel in the series expected to be published later this year.

This tale introduces a villain, Rebecca, an antagonist to match Michele. Readers now worry a bit more for the heroine. Rebecca is devious and selfish. She's smart and could seriously hurt Michele's chances of happiness. Her character is clearly drawn, making it easy to visualize her and her nature.

The fantasy setting of the Time Society's headquarters is done well. It's remarkable and descriptive. We meet other time travelers. What's also attention grabbing for those who have read *Timeless* is the revisititation to a scene from that book, but from the perspective of the new antagonist.

It's a good little story, and the new developments set things up for the next book in the series. While I would have liked to have had a chance to see a bit more of Michele and Philip, this story was obviously meant to introduce Rebecca. Readers will just have to wait to see if they find each other across time again. Having read the first book, the second novel is greatly anticipated.

For a ten-minute or so read filled with twists, check out *Secrets of the Time Society*. But I recommended you first read the wonderful novel that comes before it, *Timeless*, to get a full appreciation of how this all came about and where it might be going.

Brittany Moseley (Starry Eyed Book Owl) says

2.5 stars

This book got me excited to read *Timekeeper*, but after reading *Timekeeper* this book seemed so unnecessary. It actually ruined some of the drama and suspense of Rebecca's story in *Timekeeper*. This book can be skipped.

Tess says

It's been a while since I read *Timeless*, but this short novella was a great way to refresh myself before jumping into *Timekeeper*. It's a great way to get back in the world between books!

Jessica says

If you haven't read *Timeless* by Alexandra Monir, you might be a little lost as to the context of this short story, but that just means you need to go read *Timeless*!

Although, if you haven't read the preceding novel, "Secrets of the Time Society," will open you up to a world where time is not linear and time travel is beyond probable.

The short story opens with the main character from *Timeless*, Michele Windsor, walking down a beach in present day being followed by a row of strange girls in black. The next section, however, launches the reader back to 1888 New York and the main character shifts to Rebecca Windsor (yes, they are related).

We learn the important inner workings of the Time Society through a visit from Millicent August, who has discovered Rebecca's rare ability to travel through time. Rebecca learns that not only can she travel through time, but she can also learn to age shift to project herself at any age she wishes while travelling (useful ability, I'd say).

However, the reader quickly learns that Rebecca's ability to travel through time isn't as innate as she believes.

About three-quarters of the way through the story, Rebecca's story blends together with Michele's from *Timeless*. Rebecca then will stop at nothing to discover the secrets of Michele's existence.

Overall, I think that it was great that Monir used a short story to introduce fans of the *Timeless* World to the Time Society without having to spend too much time in the sequel, *Timekeeper* (out December 2012) explaining them. Although, since the reader is learning this information from Rebecca, then it is only natural that if *Timekeeper* is from Michele's perspective that we will see these important details again.

Since this is a short story, and not a novel, I am going to give it four stars for the purpose of the piece and the execution.

Amy Lignor says

For those of you left out there who have not yet read the incredible story, *TIMELESS*, by Alexandra Monir, then I would suggest you do so right this second.

Recently, I was sent an eBook short story titled, *Secrets of the Time Society* that sets up the sequel to *TIMELESS*. Although I know I am about to sound like a bad commercial, "THIS is one series that you HAVE to read!" The incredible plot of these stories is so unique from anything I've ever read before (and that's saying a lot, considering my job has me reading forty to fifty books each month). Ms. Monir has taken facets of the paranormal, sci-fi, fantasy, romance, historical fiction, mystery and murder, and blended them all together to create a story that you will not forget.

Readers begin by the side of Michele Windsor sleeping inside the Windsor mansion and having a strange

dream about a group of black-cloaked girls in Victorian dress with faces hidden by veils. When the veils are raised, she sees that all of these girls are simply a copy of one - one with a hideous sharp face and dark eyes filled with hate. She looks as if she will end Michele's life. But, why?

We are whisked way to 1888 to the same Windsor mansion where a young woman by the name of Rebecca Windsor has just been handed a leather-bound book by a silver-haired stranger named Millicent. This is where Rebecca finds out that she is, in fact, a Time Keeper. She wears a golden key around her neck that allows her to 'jump' from one time period to the other. Rebecca knows she has this gift, having already gone about twenty years ahead to be absolutely enthralled by the newest inventions of our time, but she had no idea that this power actually came from the key.

Millicent extends an invitation to Rebecca to join their society, and come to the Aura Hotel located by the seaside in order to meet the rest of the members and learn more about her amazing skills and what she can do with them. The only difficult thing for Rebecca is the fact that she actually stole the key, and is NOT the correct wearer. But if she tells, she will not only lose the power she's grown to love, but will also lose the man she truly loves.

As readers go forward in this short tale, the only aspect they will find disheartening is the fact that it ends far too soon. I was so drawn into the story and revving myself up, that when the final page was turned I felt extremely sorry for myself. It was like seeing the glittering Christmas wrapping but not being allowed to open the package.

Again, if you have not read **TIMELESS**, do so right this second. Because this is one plot and one group of characters you do NOT want to miss!

Until Next Time, Everybody,
Amy

P.S. By the way, if you head to the grocery store today and spot a woman wearing Revolutionary-era clothing wandering the aisles looking amazed - it's a very good bet that she's a Time Keeper. J (Or, just a really bad dresser)

Karra says

This should NOT be read before reading Timekeeper. Should be 2.5 not 1.5 in their series .

This was an extremely short read, making me believe that it was the extra parts of Timekeeper that didn't make the cut. It's basically all about another character that you haven't been introduced to yet . You will be introduced to this character when you read the second book. So I HIGHLY recommend waiting to read this unless you want to spoil the build up in Timekeeper .

You're definitely not missing much by skipping this read but if you want more of Timekeeper , read on .

K P says

2.5 stars. Not a very interesting book. I didn't really understand a lot of it. However, my opinion of the book may change after I finish the second book Timekeeper since I am currently reading that.

Maud says

Interesting to see part of the story from Rebecca's point of view but it didn't really give any extra answers. I think that it would be best to read this while reading book 2 (right after chapter 8) or after finishing it since it will make little sense to you why it is so significant if you read it before picking up book 2.

Scarlet says

WoW! Just wow!

Can't wait for the next book!

Bonnie says

Update 3/16/2012: I'm officially weak. I caved and paid the \$1.99. *sigh*

I don't think I'd mind paying \$0.99 for this but \$1.99? For 26 pages? Maybe I'm just cheap. I think I might wait till it ends up on the freebies.

Ari says

Wow, this tiny book turned my timeless world right upside down!

You know, while reading Timeless there were some turnarounds that left me breathless and I didn't imagine a book of only 26 pages or so to be able to make me feel like that again. I was wrong and I loved the twist in the story; now I really can't wait to see how it will affect the events from Timekeeper.

To put it simple, this story takes us back into the past, it takes us back to where Michele's story had really begun. It's not her story to tell, but even though she doesn't know it yet, these past events will change her future.

We get glimpses from her father's past life, from a hidden society of time travelers and from someone that

will ~~probably~~ definitely play a great role into the next book – Rebecca Windsor.

I will stop here, because the story is too short for me to reveal it to you, and it would be a shame to take away from you the pleasure of discovering it all by yourself. But if you are a Timeless fan you will love "Secrets of the Time Society" too – it will make you hungry for more, yes, but you will feel a bit closer to the wonderful world created in Timeless.

So this is me, falling in love again with this story.

And I understand how stealing a magic key would feel like – I would shamelessly do that too right now, and I think my first time leap would be right into the future. (*hint* December *hint*)

Image used: Time key

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