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"What if major events in modern history were planned decades ago?

What secrets lie behind the wall of an ancient temple in Kyoto?"

Newspaper reporter John Teddy's miserable life is turned upside down when he uncovers a voice from the past—a voice that suspiciously knows far too much about the would-be future. John's natural curiosity to understand the hidden message takes him to places he never imagined seeing, and ongoing conspiracies he never thought existed. The more John gets involved, the more he is led towards mysteries that are beyond his understanding. The circle of people involved grows bigger stretching from west to east; each step forward is like a step backward.

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Sue says

I received a free download of "The Clout of Gen" by Ahmad Ardalan in exchange for an honest review. This was his debut novel from June 2012.

I found this novel very difficult to classify under a particular genre to classify it in, so I am not going to attempt this. I really enjoyed reading this novel, and once I started reading it, I couldn't put it down

John Teddy and wife Susan are a dysfunctional couple, with a young son, Adam... but their marriage has collapsed. John is a newspaper reporter, who was now assigned to cover a story, one from rags to riches. Susan, the soon to be ex, is a nagging wife, from a privileged family, and blames their financial setback on John's lack of motivation. When John finds his wife involved with her boss, he kicks her out and based on this traumatic event, attempts to commit suicide, but the trigger on his gun jammed. Nothing goes right!

During another suicide attempt, John sees a box floating in the water, which will change his life forever. John discovers there is a man in Japan that has the ability to predict the future. John takes a long overdue vacation and heads out to find this man.

John finally tracks down Yaturo Hitari, and the man becomes like a father to him. John makes his home in Japan and begins to learn all about how Hitari can predict the future. John's trip takes him to places he never thought he would see, but with it came the realization of conspiracies and mysteries involving a large group of people.

The novel was well thought out and the plot was very intriguing. This author will be one to look out for in the future. Very enjoyable read.

Diane says

Enjoyed this story very much. I hope you all give it a try
It is a little different, but that was a lot of what made it so good.

Dareen says

So yeah the book turned out better than expected. Its's the first novel by this Arab author and I loved the plot and the ending. An easy read and a page turner. If you have an e-reader, go for it!

Brittany says

Amazing book!!! What a wonderfully written novel, kudos to the writer!

Juliette Townsend says

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This book was really, really intense and fun. I admit to not wanting to do my work in order to keep reading. It was very surprising. There are a lot of twists and turns in this book and it's fun trying to keep up with the mystery. I think this book was very well written. I didn't find myself having problems with any of the grammar or spelling. I was able to quickly get absorbed into this world and continue turning pages! There also wasn't a lot of moments in this story where I found myself drifting and had to get myself to focus again. I was always completely focused on the story. That's always a good sign for me because I get thrown out of stories very, very easily. I'd recommend this book to anyone just looking for something new and exciting. This book is not what you'd expect. It also doesn't really fall into any specific category in my mind, so I'd say it's good for any adult fan of reading!

Kelly says

If I don't have to look up the definition of a single word....not interested.

Ayesha says

It was surprisingly good

I just re_read the book

Alia_ijm says

Looking forward to reading this book - seems interesting.
And good job, Mr Ardalan!

Zaidoon Alkenani says

fantastic suspense, a must read book, the story..and the twist

Julie says

The Clout of Gen by Ahmad Ardalan was released in June of 2012. I received a copy of this book from the

author in exchange for an honest review.

John is a man down on his luck. He is in financial straights, is in a dead end journalist position at work, and his marriage has fallen apart. It doesn't matter how hard he tries, things just never go right for him. So, in utter despondency, John decides to take his own life. But, even that goes awry. Searching for another way to commit suicide, John sees a box floating in the water. Finding that box changes John life forever.

John discovers there is a man in Japan that has the uncanny ability to predict the future. From the outcomes of sporting events to predicting natural disasters, this man seems to know in advance what will happen. John takes a long overdue vacation and heads out to find this man.

When John finally tracks down Yaturo Hitari, the man becomes like a father to him. John makes his home in Japan and begins to learn all about how Hitari can predict the future. The two of them discover they have been manipulated from the beginning. The only hope is to locate a certain person and attempt to change the world for the better.

This book is a mind bender. I'm not even sure what genre to classify it in. But, I guess I would have to call it a sub-genre of science fiction/fantasy. But, not in the traditional way. I really like this book. Once I started reading it, I couldn't put it down. There are so many thought provoking themes in this novel. If you could time travel, would you attempt to prevent natural disasters and war? Would having the power to manipulate the outcome of events be too great a temptation? Would you lose your ability to think of mankind as a whole in favor of personal power and wealth? What if you thought you were special and you were doing the right things for the right reasons only to discover you had been misled? Other issues like- What would the effects of time travel have on your body or mind? Would it be worth the risk?

The novel was well thought out and cleverly plotted. I think this author will be one to look out for in the future. Well done. I'll give this one solid A.

Elisa says

I received a free copy from NetGalley in exchange for an honest review. Thank you, Ahmad Ardalan! Time travel stories can be a lot of fun but can also be confusing. The Clout of Gen is easy to read and I really enjoyed following the twists and turns without getting distracted or confused. The first part was a little too long in my opinion, but once it gets going it is fantastic. John Teddy, a journalist whose life is in shambles, discovers a box that leads him to a possible conspiracy to shape the world according to the plans of people from the future. I can't say much more or it would ruin the fun. I wished the story would have focused more on the, in the words of my favorite time lord "time wimey stuff" than, say in the love lives of secondary characters. Still, the ending more than made up for it. You don't have to be a sic-fi fan to enjoy this read. Amusing and fun.

Lea Manning says

An interesting concept. Good plot but it took a while to get use to the elementary writing style.

Jenny Langton says

Sadly, this book was not for me. The idea sounded really exciting, very much my kind of book - or so I thought. The writing was not good, it felt choppy and jarring, as if written by a middle-grader: "What a beautiful day!" John said to himself. Groan! No, I'm sorry, I could not get into it... And the worst bit, I made myself read it (granted, I scanned a lot of it, as I just couldn't keep on reading) and when I got to the end, I was completely confused and it made no sense to me whatsoever. Who the heck is Onishka Lechkov???? Was that name meant to mean something to me? Anyhow. I'm very sorry, Mr Ardalan, I really wanted to like your book.

Annie says

I have just finished reading this intriguing & very enjoyable book, it was hard to put down at times & I highly recommend it for it's geographical trip, historical trip & at times very though provoking trip too.

Jules Morgan says

Super simplistic writing, as if the author had been given a write by numbers and asked to write something. The premise, however, was interesting but not enough to save this mess of a word salad.
