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The inhabitants of the planet Karfel are suffering under the tyrannical rule of their leader, the Borad, who has brought his world to the brink of interplanetary war.

Those who dare to oppose the will of the Borad are mercilessly sacrificed to the Timelash, a fate considered by many to be worse than death.

When the Doctor arrives on Karfel he soon discovers the Borad's horrifying plan, a plan which will directly affect his young American assistant, Peri...

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Nicholas Whyte says

[http://nhw.livejournal.com/1068930.html?style=mine#cutid4\[return\]\[return\]](http://nhw.livejournal.com/1068930.html?style=mine#cutid4[return][return])It's not a fantastic book, but it is at least at the level of quality of the average Who novelisation, unlike the original series which; it makes you realise just how much the TV original suffered from a) Paul Darrow's overacting as Tekker and b) the pathetic hand-puppet monsters. One of those cases where the reader's imagination is better at supplying the effects.

Travis says

Another instance where I'd hoped the novel would fix some of the problems I had with the TV story, but even with the guy who wrote the script working on the book, it still feels disjointed and a bit bland.

Not terrible, not wonderful, but all the stuff that bugged me about the TV show are still there.

Michael Sigler says

Good, but not nearly as good as the episodes. Seems to be written almost as a compilation of episode outlines instead of a novelization, even though it was written by the same person as the said superior episodes.

Raj says

This novelization of the 6th Doctor story was, if anything, worse than Terrance Dick's efforts. The writing was quite awful and was sorely lacking a good editor although the story itself wasn't that bad for a 6th Doctor story. I think this one will be going to a charity shop pretty quickly.

Shane says

I always find people go in to Timelash all wrong. Regardless of how they attempted the serial to turn out, it is essentially a B-movie. Peri's encounter with the big lizard monster even screams B-movie cheese, and I personally enjoy it for that aspect. I thought this book was a fast paced read, rarely settling and kept the action going well. Nothing profound but fun anyway.

Reuben Herfindahl says

I'm pretty forgiving... but this is awful. It's actually worse than the serial it's based on.

Stay away.

Becci says

HG Wells joins the crew - odd story, but worth the read

Daniel Kukwa says

Glen McCoy's "Timelash" is one of the most infamous turkey's in "Doctor Who" history; the thought of the novelization must have filled people with incomprehensible horror. To his credit, the prose version of this debacle ends up being a serviceable, even enjoyable, rescue operation worthy of the great Terrance Dicks himself, complete with numerous attempts to address plot logic and tone down the loopier ideas. It will never escape the cellar of opinion, but McCoy manages to transform infamy into interesting...and that alone is worth all three stars.
