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Aspiring supermodel Kelli Crawford seems destined to marry her hotshot boyfriend, but on her 25th birthday she wakes in the future as a fifty-year-old suburban housewife married to the now middle-aged high school nerd.

Trapped in the opposite life of the one she wanted, Kelli is forced to re-evaluate her life and discover what is really important to her. Will she overcome the hilarious and heartbreaking challenges presented to her and get back to the body of her younger self? Or will she be stuck in the nightmare of hot flushes, demanding children, raunchy advances from her husband, and hideous support underwear forever?

## **Fast Forward Details**

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# From Reader Review Fast Forward for online ebook

## Myrna says

Cute, fun book with a good message.

The ending was...

Favorite quote: *"Life is for the living, is it not? If you're too focused on the future you forget to have fun in the moment."*

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## Renee says

A fun chick lit story with a time travel twist.

I related more to the 50-year-old future life of Kelli than I did to her immature self-centred 25-year-old life and hoped that she would realise its value and make the right choices to take her there. I found Kelli immature and annoying at the beginning of the novel, which gave her great scope for character development.

A fun, quick read. I'm looking forward to reading more of Juliet's books.

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## Juanita Kees says

Fast Forward is a great read! Fresh, funny and very entertaining. Juliet Madison has done a wonderful job with her debut release. There are many LOL moments in this book, so be prepared for a fun ride. Ms Madison balances the humour beautifully with tender moments - have the Kleenex close at hand.

A five star read and one that tops my list of 'to read again'.

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## Fiona Marsden says

This is the first Chick Lit book I've read for a while and it took me a while to get into it. Perhaps this was because the heroine kept complaining about being me. As in a 50 year old middle aged woman with adult children, saggy breasts, jelly belly and an affinity for Princess Fiona as an ogre in Shrek. Yes the reason why I am Princess Fiona in my emails and net persona is that I identify with that particular character.

All the same, once I got into it, I thoroughly enjoyed the story line. Our heroine Kelli starts off on the track of model superstardom with photographer Grant as the man of her dreams. No doubt waking up with the former class nerd as your future spouse, two children you never planned on and a business you'd abandoned the dream of as a thirteen year old was quite a shock.

As we travel with Kelli through her 50th birthday, we learn all about 25 year old Kelli, and also her new life.

Everything she never wanted.

There are some laugh out loud moments and some goopy, emotional moments as we take the journey. The ending is very satisfying and while it never gets too deep there are some good little positive messages for us to take with us when we finally say good bye to Kelli and the life she chooses.

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### **Asma says**

Kellie had a chance of a peek into her future, twenty five years forward! But she found a life she didn't ever expected or wanted, married to a man she never thought in a million years she would be that in love with, with a different career and with kids!!

A very interesting and lovely story! And I really liked the author's image of the future, I absolutely enjoyed that!

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### **Jannah (Cloud Child) says**

I cheated. I couldn't read this all the way through or I would have choked with all that gagging..the author doesn't have that magical talent of writing where you don't tell the reader but you show.

I think with better writing and the protagonist was a less self absorbed or detail obsessed woman then I may have enjoyed it a bit more and connected more with her. But it felt like a happy go lucky shove it down your throat sugar fest. And quite juvenile, less mid 20s more teen angst.

I'm sorry but I wouldn't recommend to anyone. apologies to those who do like it. Looking at the vast amount of positive reviews, this may be for you as I had thought. Maybe I didn't give it enough of a chance but I'm fairly intolerant to sugar. This is not brain food its brain dead.

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### **Jenny Schwartz says**

"Fast Forward" is not only the title of the book, it's also a really intriguing concept that Juliet Madison develops through the story. It's original (to me, at any rate!) and believable (in its way). Best of all, the characters in "Fast Forward" are honest, recognisable, and their relationships -- I loved the genuine emotion of the relationships, their conversation and the tangled mess we can make of relating to those most important to us.

There is a clarity to "Fast Forward" that gives depth to the rom com fun. Compassion, wisdom -- we're on Kelli's emotional journey with her.

This is a wonderful book. Reviewing is a tough gig and I was thinking of cliches: heart warming, life affirming. Nope. What "Fast Forward" does is celebrate life. Live your dreams--and read "Fast Forward" :)

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## Marina says

The original review is posted here:

<http://thischickreads.wordpress.com/2...>

Kelli is about to celebrate her 25-th birthday. Seems a brilliant modelling career is ahead of her, and her boyfriend Grant is going to propose. Everything appears to be perfect for her. Until one day she wakes up and comes to realization she is 25 years older and even has wrinkles! Not only her appearance is changed and she seems to aged over night, but now she's married to William and has two kids. Oh, and she's soon becoming a grandmother too. What a nightmare!

What a hilarious read! I laughed so much I have the feeling my face still hurts. Finding herself in the future, Kelli has to learn to live with modern technology, like e-pad and Foogle. She can't even shower in the modern bathroom, too many buttons. She doesn't know what happened during the last twenty five years, and has no idea how she aged over night.

The story reminded me of that movie "Thirteen to Thirty" and I loved that movie.

Kelli is a girl who appreciates only beauty, and suddenly has to live without it. Ironically, she needs to carry on living without the things she appreciates the most in life, beauty and youth. It's pretty challenging and not very easy for her, but that's what made this book so funny. I not only laughed but enjoyed seeing her grow and realizing there are more important things in life. Throughout series of situations and many LOL moments, Kelli is soon to discover who really loves her for who she really is. Can Kelli go back in time and change certain events or she is stuck in the future that is now her present? Life gives her a lesson, but will she learn from it? Is she ever going to be able to love and accept herself for who she really is?

If you knew the future, would you change the present? Would you make things different?

In a humorous way, Juliet Madison gives us a lesson about important things in life, appreciating the things we have and the people we care about. The story kept me awake late at night, it was that hard to put it down. I absolutely recommend this fabulous, funny and entertaining story to all chick lit and rom-com fans.

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## Norah Una Sumner says

### Such a fun and hilarious read!

I was laughing out loud the whole time and, trust me, that doesn't happen so often. This book made me relax and laugh after a stressful week full of exams. The main character Kelli is such a great character! Yes, yes, she made some questionable choices like stalking her boyfriend in the future, trying to fit into SlimFX Magic Suit but hey, nobody's perfect! And if she didn't do these things I probably wouldn't laugh my ass off as much as I did.

*"I'm sorry, Mr McSnelly. We did everything we could. We managed to remove some of it, but couldn't get it all, I'm afraid. The situation was too far advanced and she couldn't fight any longer. I'm very sorry.*

*Will would collapse in tears and the doctor would go back to the operating room and sign my*

***death certificate. Cause of death: Asphyxiation by SlimFX Magic Suit.”***

I love her humor, even in ‘life-or-death’ situations like this! When it comes to supporting characters... wow, the author created amazing supporting characters – Ryan is probably my favourite, he’s such a supportive and great guy. Diora is very perky and talkative but I really liked her and that scene where she’s all like : “We are going to get YouthMagic treatment and have some fun!” and then she literally falls asleep immediately was so funny!

Then we have Elaine, the snarky and sassy best friend, and Will. \*sigh\* Will is A M A Z I N G. Or should I say... Superman? The cutest dork of them all. (Chapter 20 killed me.)

Still not convinced that you should read this book? Then you should check out these hilarious quotes:

***“Wait ... if I was married to William McSnelly, then that would make me ... Oh God, no! Kelli McSnelly. Shoot me now. I didn’t end up with McDreamy or McSexy, uh-uh. I ended up with McSnelly, or McSmelly as the kids at school used to call him. Me included ... and now I was Mrs McSmelly.”***

***“C’mon, surely you have some idea. Was your pregnancy with me that unmemorable?”  
Diora planted an exaggerated pout on her face.  
If only she knew the half of it. I couldn’t exactly say: ‘Actually Diora, I don’t remember it at all, nor do I remember giving birth to you and I certainly don’t remember your (gulp) conception.’ I shuddered at the thought of me with William. And then I remembered what he said about my other birthday present being later tonight. Oh God, I had to find a way back home before then!”***

Like I said, I really enjoyed reading this book and I surely hope that more people will read it and love it just as much.

You can read this review on [BookishFever](#).

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**Rose says**

*Fast Forward*, I love you.

Not because you're an extremely deep and thoughtful book (because you're not... or at least not really but more on that later) but because you gave a teenage girl's brain a (in my opinion) much deserved little break

after weeks of (LE HORRIBLE!!!) exam stress.

Sometimes, when I give books like you 5 stars, I wonder: is it unfair to other books I've given 5 stars to? You know, I love you and all but then I start comparing and I'm like: mhm, is this fair? And you know what? DAMN RIGHT IT IS FAIR. Because you are amazing for making me feel good and giving my brain a break and then there was Will (more on him later as well), so why should I not award you The Five as well? SO I WILL.

Anyways, even if you were the most delicious brain candy I've read in a while, you've also made me think. Sometimes it's so hard to judge your own mistakes and bad life choices (or even realize what they are) when you're in the *now* and currently making them and when I tried to imagine myself being in Kelli's position, I started thinking about my own life and some of my ~~stupid~~ ~~current~~ ~~disastrous~~ life decisions as well. You know, even if I didn't have a fast forward myself to get to some much necessary *DINGDINGDING LIGHT BULB ROSE, LIGHT BULB!* moments, through reading you, I got them. So thank you for that. (I will FOREVER be grateful.) (Seriously.)

And then there's Will. (Cue ALL THE ♥♥♥♥♥'s.) What is it with Wills that I just can't help but love them? First *The Dr Pepper Prophecies* Will and now *Fast Forward* Will. People should read you just to meet ~~Superman~~ Will. I mean it. I love Kelli but in my opinion, the #1 reason to read you is: WILL ♥. People, you will go crazy just like I did with being like *KELLI YOU STOOPID YOU HAVE ZE PERFECTION IN FRONT OF YOU, MAKE THE RIGHT DECISIONS!!!!* and then you will swoon during Will moments and you'll start loving Kelli because reasons that are spoiler-y (but I can tell you that they include Will).

Overall, I really can't say anything else than that I loved you. Thank you for giving me a much needed light bulb moment, thank you for giving me THE WILL (♥) and thank you for giving me The Kelli.

THIS GERMAN KIDDO IS GRATEFUL THAT YOU EXIST, BOOK.

Love,  
Rose

(P.S.: THE SEQUEL BETTER INCLUDE TONS OF WILL CAMEOS OR ELSE: !!!!!!!)

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### **Pennie Morgan says**

I really liked this book. The premise was intriguing and story made me laugh throughout. Kelli was annoying at the beginning but I believe the author made her that way to show her growth and maturity. Overall, this was an extremely satisfying read and I would recommend it to everyone. I give this a very high 4.5 stars!

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### **Alli Sinclair says**

I was lucky enough to read *Fast Forward* prior to publication. Juliet Madison is a master at humour and combines this seamlessly with tough, emotional challenges the characters are faced with. *Fast Forward* takes the reader on a roller coaster that will have you laughing one minute and tearing up the next and the reader can't help but root for the main character, Kelli, to make ammends and finally work out what is most

important in her life. This is Ms. Madison's first foray into fiction and I'll be marking her books as **MUST READ** in the future. I highly recommend this book!

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### **Sarah Belle says**

I so enjoyed reading this book that it was a shame for it to end! I laughed with the characters, and at them. I cried with them and for them. The characters were engaging, real and memorable. I recommend this book to anyone after a great read that will stay with you after the final page.

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### **Fiona says**

If you're looking for a fun, warm-hearted and intelligently written contemporary romance, you can't go past *Fast Forward*. This is a triumph of a debut novel from Juliet Madison! The story follows Kelli, a 25 year old model who wakes up on her birthday, only to discover she's jumped into the future and is now 50. She is, of course, horrified and desperate to return to being 25 again. Through all the crazy experiences she has in the future as a 50 year old, Kelli discovers what's really important in life. Juliet ends the story with a strong message, though it never feels preachy. The book is full of very funny moments as well as extremely touching ones. One minute I was giggling uncontrollably and the next my eyes were welling up. I'll be looking out for all of Juliet's future novels.

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### **Swati says**

Kelli is gorgeous, thin and aspiring supermodel. It's her twenty-fifth birthday and today she should be wearing thong and celebrating her birthday with her smoking hot boyfriend and a super amazing best friend but instead she woke up as fifty-years old with roll of fat, a husband who is looking forward to kinky sex and as if it is not enough than she has children too, one gay and one pregnant. Kelli has no idea that how and why her life has taken such a big leap but all she knows that now she has to do the things she has never done cue bungee jumping and stay under one roof with people she hardly knows. She wants her life back but she doesn't know how. She has to find answers and way to get back her old life in her old flat. This is the super funny and fabulous debut by Juliet Madison. I totally loved Kelli. She is sweet, caring and bit crazy. When I picked up this book, I had no idea that I was going to laugh so hard that it will bring out tears in my eyes.

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### **Sumaiya says**

I love love love this book. Simply beautiful. I love how the story goes and there is nothing that I don't like about it. The whole concept of the book and how the story unfolds. And the writing style. Its just wonderful.

I would recommend it to everyone to read it!

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## **Melody May (What I'm Reading) says**

Posted on What I'm Reading

My thoughts on Fast Forward:

First off Fast Forward reminded me a lot of 13 Going on 30, you know that movie that starred Jennifer Garner who turns 13 and on her birthday wishes she's 30. The next day she wakes up 30 and still has 13 year old mind, but looks older.

Well, Kelli Crawford is about to turn 25, but the day of her birthday she jumps ahead 25 years and now is 50. Eek, talk about a bad dream. She has no clue why she has woken up at 50 years old when she's suppose to be 25 and having the time of her life. Plus, she's about to have a promising career as a model and dating a hot photography, but those things are no where in sight.

As you read the story, what Kelli planned for her future and what her future actually turns out are two completely different lifestyles and she's trying to figure out why. Well, she starts to realize the life that she's destined to live actually isn't bad and learns that she's experiencing a fast forward. Which happens because something monumental happens and is sent to the future to help her understand why she chose the life she does.

Now you can understand why Fast Forward kind of reminded me of 13 Going on 30. Overall, I enjoyed. I thought it was a cute read with an interesting premise. How would you handle jumping to the future and seeing why your life turned out different from what you plan? I honestly thought Kelli handle the events quite well, better than I would. So, if you loved the movie 13 Going on 30, I'm sure you will enjoy Fast Forward.

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## **Rebecca Raisin says**

I was also lucky enough to read an advance copy of Fast Forward. I have never laughed so much in any book ever!! I stopped reading and immediately emailed Juliet and said, I really am LOL'ing, and not the computer LOL'ing, the real Laugh out loud, I've forgotten I've had a bad day, this is hilarious kind of laughing. It's a great fast paced story with a nice message. Loved it and can't wait for the next book by this author.

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## **Tara Chevreton says**

This is already going on my "best books of 2013" list and I'll be watching greedily for anything else this author puts out.

I laughed so hard...and I sniffled from "I'm so touched" tears more than twice.

Imagine.. You're 25, your whole life is ahead of you, you're a supermodel with a sexy cameraman

beau...what more could a girl ask for?

But then you wake up 50 and find you have two kids, a roll of fat, a husband named McSnelly, and wrinkles!

Kelli has one day to figure out why she's suddenly time-traveled 25 years in the future, what happened to change her life course, and decide what she's gonna do about it.

So incredibly funny!!! There's futuristic stuff, sarcastic wit, some kind of spandex bodysuit that may endanger the entire female race...I really can't say anything that will do this book justice. Let's just say I like to read in bed, in the wee hours of the morning, and my husband will be sleeping next to me...and I laughed so hard, I woke him up.

Full review on Book Babe...I'm certainly not done. <http://wwwbookbabe.blogspot.com/2013/...>

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## **Michelle says**

Fast Forward is Juliet Madison's debut novel, published by Harlequin's digital imprint Escape Publishing. We will be part of Juliet's big release blog tour later this month when we have her in for an interview, but before that I have a review of her debut novel Fast Forward.

I loved this book! I found Juliet's writing style to be emotive and witty with some extremely beautiful scenes that had me reaching for the tissues.

Fast Forward isn't what I think of as a time travel story but I don't know what I would call it instead. Main character Kelli did lose quite a large chunk of time but it was more a case of her skipping 25 years. Regardless of what you'd call it, I was still left with the basic time continuum questions that plague me everytime I read a book where people have moved outside of their timeline.

To read the rest of my review: <http://bookgirl.beautyandlace.net/ebo...>

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