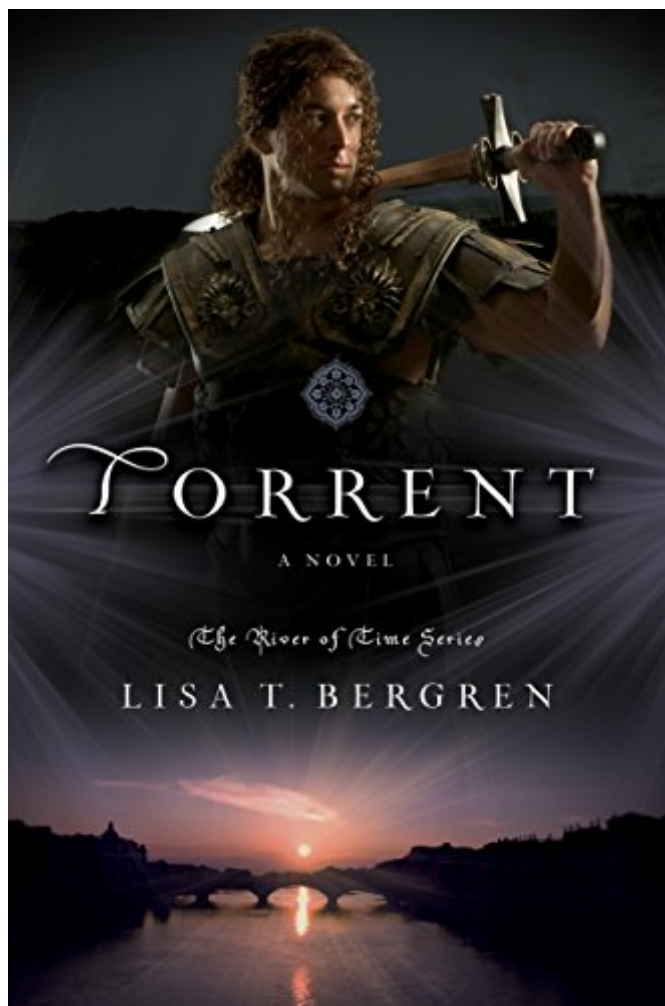


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Synopsis

When Gabi and Lia finally learn to surf the river of time, they realize they must make hard choices about life and love in Torrent, the third and final book in the River of Time series. Gabi and Lia Betarrini have learned to control their time travel, and they return from medieval Italy to save their father from his tragic death in modern times. But love calls across the centuries, and the girls are determined to return forever—even though they know the Black Plague is advancing across Europe, claiming the lives of one-third of the population. In the suspenseful conclusion of the River of Time series, every decision is about life and death.

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Customer Reviews

This is a good series to read if you like time travel romances. This book in particular was probably my favorite of the bunch. Granted, all three books in the series follow the same formula: two girls go back in time, one of them gets captured, she's saved by the really hot guy she loves, there's a big battle and then during the last half of the book a bunch of spoilery stuff happens I can't talk about, but it almost seems like the author uses the same outline for all three of her books. Normally, this

would really bug me, but the characters were very well written and even the minor background characters came to life which can be really hard to do especially when they're only introduced in the final book of a trilogy. The author also does an amazing job of painting a relatively accurate picture of what life was like during this time, without making it seem like a history lesson. The battle scenes were well thought out and kept me on the edge of my seat most of the time, so much so that I was actually late for work one morning because I lost track of time. So I can forgive the predictability and occasional corniness of the plot, because it worked. Would definitely recommend this series to a friend.

Once I got to the 3rd book I was a little disappointed with this series. It felt like a repeat of the last 2 books. I think the author should have summed up Gabbi and Marcello's relationship a lot quicker within the first 2 books then had the 2nd book about Lia and the 3rd about their time traveling. I was hoping she would elaborate more on the mystery of why they were able to travel back in time and specifically why only Gabbi and Lia? BUT that said, this book was still good. If you loved all the suspense and battles and emotional triumphs of the last books you'll still enjoy this one. It was written well and the characters are still just as likable. I just wasn't as sucked into this last book as the other 2.

Book 3 of the River of Time series delivers a dream punch over and over again. Regardless of one's age, the desire to time travel to find adventures and love stir the imagination. Torrent concludes the adventure of two, sisters whose heroism rises to unimaginable heights, introduces them to lovers of faith and peace. Once again, Bergren creates a tale of faith, family, and love.

Have I mentioned how much I love this series? It is so good. I can't remember the last time I read a series where each book was equally awesome. I love all the characters in this book. Gabi is a great leading lady and you can see why everyone around her loves her as well. Marcello is dreamy and you can't help but love him. Luca and Lia are also amazing and I hope that we get another trilogy with their story. There is once again a lot of adventure in this story, Bergren weaves the historical elements in so nicely that you hardly realize your learning something as you're reading. While the story takes place in 1344 Italy, you don't really feel like you're reading a historical novel. Bergren really brings everything to life. The plot is great and executed well, you have to keep reading to find out what is going to happen and how Gabi is every going to get out of the trouble she finds herself in. There is even a bit of a love triangle in this one, which added a lot to the story. The series is

awesome and keeps you reading; you love the characters and setting and any series that is this good deserves five stars. My only complaint is that I wanted a tiny bit more at the end, and epilog or something. I wanted to know what happened with certain characters. I also wanted to see more of Lia and Luca in the story, they both were awesome in book two and I missed seeing them in this book. I really do hope that Bergren writes a series about them. If you haven't read these books...DO IT. It's such a fun series that anyone would enjoy.

I think out of the first three books to this series, Torrent is my least favorite but that still isn't enough for me to dock it a star. Like the previous books in the series, the editing has some teeth-grinding moments. There are punctuation and capitalization errors, and not all of the historical facts are correct. Sometimes things went a little too easily for Gabi, and a few characters seemed to be thrown in for the hell of it. The time travel logic was full of holes, and made me cringe. To be honest, I wasn't a fan of Gabi's dad. He didn't have much impact on the story in the long run, and most of the time I couldn't help but feel that I should be waiting for him to breakdown. He got sucked back through time with his family that is spontaneously several years older than the last time he saw them but after his brief initial reaction he just gets over it. I was expecting more conflict surrounding him that never came. Other characters, such as Rodolfo, didn't play as big a part in the story as I had expected. At first, it felt as if Rodolfo was going to create a bit of a love triangle between the main characters. There was a hint of it just a little but then he too stepped to the sidelines and let Gabi and Marcello have their way. It was a little too easy. I wish there had been more conflict there. Those points aside, I genuinely enjoyed the book. Like the first two books in the series, the narrative was action-packed, full of daring adventures, battles, tragedy, and heart-warming moments of love. I literally squealed in delight a few times. Despite all the negative things I could nitpick about this book, and this series, none of it matters in the long run. The book is so well put together, and the characters so vivid and well-written that it is hard to let the little negatives get to me. I loved the story despite its problems, and that's a sure sign of a great book. Would I recommend this book? Yes. Definitely. Would I read it again? In a heartbeat. If you enjoy YA fiction, you'll love this series. I'm honestly anxious to move on to the next two books. I can't wait to see what happens!

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