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Liz says

Each Book Is Better than the Last!

The story of Ginny and Katie's amazing trip to 1964 is such a trip for a baby-boomer!!! And John Heldt makes you feel like you are there once again!

Heldt makes it all seem so plausible and real... A wonderful ride!

Melissa says

I have been getting a lot of review requests lately but have found myself skipping over most (at least for now). But when I saw the description for The Mirror by John Heldt I immediately said yes.

The Mirror is a stand alone book in the Northwest Passage series. Ginny and twin sister Katie Smith were born on September 11, 2001. It is now September 11, 2020 and they are celebrating their 19th birthday at a fair in Seattle. They have a great time till they encounter a strange fortune teller. Ignoring her warnings they decide to visit the house of mirrors. Soon both girls are traveling through the mirror and back into 1964. They decide to bide their time till they can get back to 2020 but things like boys begin to complicate things.

The good news is that even though this book is part of a series you can read it without reading the other books. When I started the book I was worried that one of my biggest pet peeves was in there...the dreaded head hopping (changing first person perspective). I was worried because the chapters had the name of the different sisters. But I didn't have to worry as this was not first person and there was no real head hopping. Believe me I gave a sigh of relief.

Of the two sisters Ginny was my favorite right out of the gate. But I loved the relationship between the twins. Each one was unique but they had that special bond that twins seem to have including communicating without speaking.

I used to be a HUGE fan of time travel stories but this one was unique in that it takes place in the 60's. I can't remember another time travel book that I've read that has done that. I love that it was close enough to have been in recent memory for some people but yet far enough away to seem a whole lifetime ago (which I suppose for some it is).

I really enjoyed the book and plan on checking out at least one other book in the series.

4 out of 5 stars.

*I received a copy of the book in exchange for my honest opinion.

Dee says

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April Wood says

When Ginny and twin sister Katie ignore the warnings of a carnival fortune-teller and enter a house of mirrors, they find themselves time-traveling back to the 1960's. Exiting into a *very* different world, they use their wits to survive. Along the way, they meet their great-grandmother, experience some serious culture shock, and even find love.

"Two time travelers with knowledge of the future could make a big difference in this world – or make a big mess."

What made this installment of the Northwest Passage series special to me was that Ginny and Katie were twins and experience time-travel together. I loved the idea of how they entered a house of mirrors and exited into the past. What was also of interest is that the story begins in 2020.

My favorite part of this book was when they see their great-grandmother in the grocery store they are working at. That was a really fun scene!

The Mirror was a satisfying conclusion to the Northwest Passage series. I would recommend it to fans of time-travel sci-fi!

In the interest of fair disclosure, I received a copy of this book in exchange for a fair, honest, and thoughtful book review. This in no way swayed my opinion nor rating.

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Jackie says

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BOOK SYNOPSIS

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My Thoughts

Twins Ginny and Katie Smith are like night and day. Ginny is outgoing, bubbly and always up for an adventure while Katie likes to think things out, take her time and plays it safe. However the one thing the girls do have in common is their love for each other and their family which plays a big part in the decisions they make when confronted with the reality of what to do with no valid currency, ID or contacts in 1964 Seattle.

Like the other four books in the [Northwest Passage series](#) the reader is emotionally invested with the characters and caught up in their story from the very first page, in this particular book it is even easier as both Katie and Ginny are very engaging young women whose ability to make one smile goes a long way toward cementing affection for them.

As the twins find themselves employment, a place to live and make friends things progress rapidly and we

find ourselves caught up in the girls struggles to try their best to limit the impact their presence makes before they can leave and return to the year 2020. It comes as no surprise when they both find themselves more involved than they had counted on and forming emotional attachments that they tried very hard to suppress knowing that the people they left behind would never be seen again.

We are taken through a period of time that was full of unrest politically as the country faced division over the civil rights movement as well as backlash from a very unpopular war that erupted in Vietnam. During this time period we also had the influx of some of the greatest talents in music as well, the excitement generated by appearances in the States from The Beatles was even touched on when the Smith twins and their friends got a chance to see them perform.

The heart wrenching decisions that Ginny and Kate face at the end of the four month period when their time is up will have you wrecked as much as it did them, the surprising twists that come to light when all the dots are connected clear up the mystery of their journey back into time and add even more romance to the joyous ending of the book.

Totally engrossing with so many topics that struck a chord with me from beginning to end. This is the end of a series that just so happened to have taken place during a period of time that I can identify with being a child of the 1960's which added to it's appeal very much for me

To say that this is just a simple time travel romance in no way does the book justice as it is so much more than that, it is a story of family, a story of love, a story of new beginnings, a story of pain and loss and hope for a better tomorrow, most of all it is a story of friendship that bonds two people together stronger than even the blood they share!

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Sheri says

The Mirror (Northwest Passage #5) by John A. Heldt

The fifth installment of the Northwest Passage series has Ginny and Katie (twins) celebrating their 19th birthday at the county fair. They find themselves in 1964 when one sister goes back in time in the house of mirrors.

Once there they meet their great grandmother and a few boys. Soon they have a life altering choice to take, what direction will they chose and how will it all end?

A fast paced adventure, filled with secrets, suspense, love, family and friendship. I really liked Ginny and Katie, I being a twin myself, could really understand the bond the sisters had. Twins are unique in so many ways and John A. Heldt got it spot on, how it feels to be a twin (at least in my opinion). I strongly recommend The Mirror, for those who love time travel/adventure stories.

Also recommend the first four The Mine, The Fire, The Show and The Journey.

Karen says

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Dianne says

...And we are off on another romantic journey to the past that proves love knows no boundaries, not even time itself. **The Mirror** by John Heldt seems to put the final bow on Northwest Passage series with a few loops and knots that change up the field a little while keeping the feeling of love and warm romance alive.

Before we go back in time, Mr. Heldt takes us forward, to 2020 when the twin daughters of Joel and Grace, (other time travelers from previous books) are celebrating their nineteenth birthday at a county fair. Warned by a fortune teller to go straight home because they are in danger, of course, with all of the brilliance and invincibility of youth, they ignore the warning and head for the house of mirrors and are catapulted back into the year 1964, a time when the youth of America were gaining their voice, the Beatles were storming the country and Vietnam was a nightmare in full force. The fight for Civil Rights is tearing the country apart and Ginny and Katie witness a world they had only heard about. Armed with the knowledge of their parents' time travel, they see firsthand how different life was "back in the day."

The girls find love both from the great-grandmother they never knew as well as from two young men that belong to a different time. Torn between staying and going back to the future when the timing is right, each girl must make her choice, must be honest with those they care about, will one stay and one go home? Will the issues of the past become a beacon that draws them in, fighting for causes that are just or will the fear of tampering with the past send them running back to the mirror, heartbroken?

Were you around for the invasion by the Beatles, the racial riots of the sixties? Did you know friends and family who fought in Vietnam and if they were fortunate to come home, were met with jeers and taunts? The sixties were like a youthful awakening, when some of the innocence died and John Heldt capsulized these events perfectly, while using the contrast of Ginny and Katie's world via their shock and reactions to validate the differences. Mr. Heldt delivers amazing details, rich in color, feel and emotional depth. Where I once walked the streets of a much younger Seattle, I could "see" the changes in the sixties version! Each character adds something special, more heart to the story. Can you imagine meeting your great-grandmother for the very first time, knowing how she will die and not being able to tell her? Being able to tell her of friends that left her behind, how they have done, what they have done and share the joys of their lives, gave these girls a clarity into how precious life was, how important family is, no matter when and where they are.

John Heldt started this series by setting himself a high standard to beat, yet with each consecutive book, he did it, over and over. Not only did **The Mirror** continue that upward climb, but the fresh changes and more contemporary feel brings the series full circle as it flashes through my mind!

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Aly says

I have to say that I almost wanted to not open this book. Not because I wasn't looking forward to it but because I knew that this was the last book that had been published. I didn't want to read it and then find myself wishing it could go on forever when it came to an end. But I couldn't help it. I just had to know what happened.

Like the previous books things are different in The Mirror. Nothing is really the same except that some of the characters remain as old friends. While they're not the focus they are in the periphery. And it's comforting. It's like they're a comforting blanket for readers who have read the whole series. Even while the emotional scenes are taking place you take comfort in the fact that there are familiar characters mixed in with the new characters. It was nice.

What was even more interesting about this book is not that two characters travel in time as that has happened before but two sisters, and more specifically the twin daughters of Joel Smith. I'm not going to name their mother because that would mean spoilers for the first book. But it was interesting to see the problems that can come from two people travelling back who are related and especially when there is someone who knows about one of the previous time travel adventures. It presented new problems of its own.

I found this series intriguing as John A. Heldt was able to recreate the adventure and emotional turmoil in every book. There wasn't really anything familiar except for a few characters. It was refreshing and I enjoyed it.

If you love time travel, series' and romance than this is an amazing series, one that I was sad to finish. Have you ever read the Northwest Passage Series? Did you enjoy it? What did you think about the different time travel scenarios?

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Jude says

Quick and easy read with some fun nostalgia thrown in for good measure! This story is about 19 year old twin girls who travel through time from the year 2020 to the year 1964. The pop culture references -- popular music (The Beatles, for example) cars, hairstyles, slang -- as well as the current events of the time (dealing with the aftermath of the Kennedy assassination and U.S. involvement in Vietnam) were really interesting for someone who grew up in that era.

I liked The Mirror a little more than the previous installment (The Show - 4 stars), but not as much as the first, (The Mine - 5 Stars).

Connie Oliver says

Heart warming

This book was wonderful. Kept you interested the whole time. A great love story. Also a book about a great family.

Dee says

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Boundless Book Reviews says

If you have read the other books in this series then you have met Grace and Joel numerous times. They met in the past came to the future and have had many adventures in between. Well this book follows their twin daughters Ginny and Katie.

They find themselves at a carnival while celebrating their 19th birthday. Once there they go on a sudden and unwanted trip to 1964 through a House Of Mirrors. Stuck in the past they find jobs until they can find the way home. Along their journey they find more out about life and love than they could have ever imagined.

This was a great story to finish an already amazing series. Each book was better than the last and I can not wait to read more from this author. He writes in such a way that captivates. I loved each book! ...Stormi

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DubaiReader says

Journey into the past.

This was the second time-travel book I'd listened to by this author, unfortunately from two different series. I preferred The Mirror (Northwest passage 05) to Class of '59 (American Journey 04), mainly because it was less confusing in the early chapters. I also favoured the narrator of The Mirror.

Ginny and Katie Smith, nineteen year old twins, have come from a family of time-travellers, and while they never expected to find themselves in another time, they seemed to have some awareness of how things worked and how to go about returning to their own time. However, they were aware that they needed to be very careful not to make significant changes in the past, and not to fall in love and leave heart-break behind them when they left. Whilst they pretty much achieved their first objective, they were far from achieving the second.

The era in which they find themselves is 1964, with the rise of The Beatles, the build-up of racial riots and the impending Vietnam disaster. This was also the era in which their great-grandmother lived. Meeting her and her daughter, their grandmother, was one of the highlights of their trip and they were able to fill her in on the fates of some of the people whom she'd loved and lost.

The characterisations were good and I loved the different social feel of a time when courtesy was the norm. The dialogue, however, was a bit stilted and I felt for the narrator in tackling an endless stream of 'he said, she said'.

Although this does work as a standalone, I was sorry I hadn't read the previous books in the series. I struggled with the the ending, which brought together the fates of all the previous characters and was rather confusing. I still plan to go over the last few chapters again to really understand who everyone was and how their roles in the story panned out.

I'm a bit surprised that this is not listed as a YA book as it struck me as a coming-of-age novel rather than adult fiction.

Mary Enck says

This is a novel that continues a story found in earlier books of the series. I enjoyed remembering some of the characters from that one and the progression of their lives. It becomes challenging to go along with the

author when it comes to the movement in time and how it affects those doing the traveling. The story of what takes place whilst the characters are in the past seems to be one that would be more appealing to teens or young adults. As such, this novel has something for all different kinds of readers. It was intriguing to me and I enjoyed it very much.
