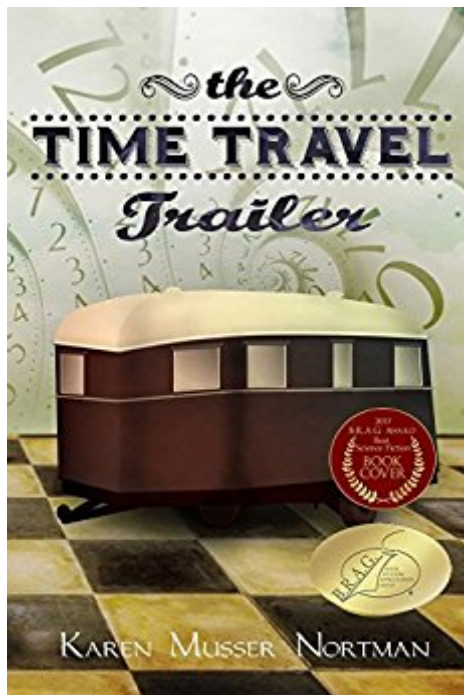


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The Time Travel Trailer



Synopsis

A 1937 vintage camper trailer half hidden in weeds catches Lynne McBrier's eye when she is visiting an elderly friend Ben. Ben eagerly sells it to her and she just as eagerly embarks on a restoration. But after each remodel, sleeping in the trailer lands Lynne and her daughter Dinah in a previous decade—exciting, yet frightening. Glimpses of their home town and ancestors fifty or sixty years earlier is exciting and also offers some clues to the mystery of Ben's lost love. But when Dinah makes a trip on her own, separating herself from her mother by decades, Lynne has never known such fear. It is a trip that may upset the future if Lynne and her estranged husband can't team up to bring their daughter back.

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Customer Reviews

When Lynne McBrier acquires a vintage camping trailer, she can't imagine that her camping trips will be journeys not just to new places, but to former times. Struggling to raise rebellious teen-aged daughter Dinah after separating from her husband Kurt, Lynne buys the 1937 camper on impulse from her old friend Ben, who used it to take trips with his now deceased wife,

Minnie. Dinah, who like most adolescent girls considers anything her mother wants her to do as boring, agrees reluctantly to go on one sentimental weekend camping trip before Lynne converts the trailer into an office. It's pretty cozy as Lynne and Dinah settle into a local campground and tuck in for the night. But when they wake up, things around them have changed—there are no big trees, no paved roads, and the large cement bathhouse is gone, in its place, two wooden outhouses. They are forced to realize that, impossible as it seems, the trailer has transported them back in time; people talk to them about their fear of Russian spies, and everyone is dressed in outmoded costumes. Certain clues to the transformation allow them to reverse the process and return to 2014. They agree not to talk about their misadventure. But Lynne secretly takes a time trip on her own and Dinah wants visit the past once more, having become obsessed with classic books about time travel. Each jump lands them in a different portion of the twentieth century. Lynne tries to get the truth about the trailer from Ben, but he is in hospital, raving incomprehensibly about Minnie. Then Lynne and Kurt are forced together to test the mysteries of time travel when Dinah goes missing, almost certainly carried away by the camper. Author Karen Musser Nortman has cleverly constructed this fantasy with many small but important particulars. Mother and daughter, whose testy relationship is realistically portrayed, visit a vintage store to get mid-century clothes and add an old-fashioned radio and other details to the camper so they'll seem plausible to people they encounter in the 1930s, 40s, and 50s. Reminders of historical events—teen hobos in the Great Depression, Roger Bannister's four-minute mile, the McCarthy hearings—contribute authenticity to the story, while touches like the strong family similarity in appearance and rebellious temperament between Dinah and her then teen-aged ancestor add poignancy. Well-drawn characters, tight plotting and the alluring possibility of returning to, and possibly changing, the past make "The Time Travel Trailer" an engaging, mind-tickling trip and a fun read for an arm-chair vacation.

~H.G. Wells had a Victorian time machine. Doc Brown had a DeLorean. Lynne McBrier, well, she has a used 1937 travel trailer—it works for me!~I liked this one because the time travel was not planned. It happened and was a major surprise for mom and daughter. There were some family issues that came up—and the author dealt with them realistically.~There were no time traveling super villains that had to be fought and overpowered to save humanity—however, there were some bad people. No spoilers, let's just say it all worked out.~I like it! It was good escapism reading—it made for an

enjoyable story. If you like down to earth main characters, sci-fi, problems that can be solved without blowing something up, and a story with a good plot including some twists and turns this one is worth looking into.~Excuse me, I need to look at the newspaper ads I'm interested in a used trailer!

I enjoyed this book not only because I love sci-fi / time travel stories but also because this one offered unique views on history. I did not like Dinah (the daughter)'s character at first but she grew on me once she stopped being just a bratty teenager. I liked all the references to other time travel literature as Dinah is trying to process what is going on. All in all, a very entertaining read!

As with any good time travel book this is a page turner. I like the switch in points of view and think the author handles them well. The historical aspect of the book was well researched. Most of the reasons the book is so gripping, however, are not due to the time travel at all, but some peril, the heroine's daughter, Dinah happens to fall into in that particular time period. I would have preferred perils that hinged on the time travel itself.

It seemed like a good book, the storyline was feasible and I identified with the characters. What really killed it for me was the ending. None of the relationships progressed. What happened to mom & dad? Did they stay together or not? What about the guy in the library? I think the author was too consumed with trying to make the adventure seem so real that she forgot about her characters.

I have a vintage trailer so of course, I had to read this book. It is a unique story and well written. The author goes into just enough detail to describe the scene without overdoing it. The characters are well formed and the reader can relate to them. I appreciated the author's writing style -- a bit of history with some humor thrown in. Looking forward to reading the next book.

I have to admit that I never considered interior decorating as a means of controlling time travel; but that is the premise of this book. There is no attempt to explain the process and there is no logic applied to the conditions under which it can be used. There is also no observable repercussion to its use and even changing history or traveling with your grandmother is perfectly harmless. Stephen King and "11/22/63" is at the other end of the spectrum.

A cute story in which a woman who is separated from her husband buys an old travel trailer so she

and her teenaged daughter can go camping together for a little bonding time. What they don't know is that the trailer can transport itself and its occupants back in time while they are sleeping. They take a few short trips into the past t, which give some interesting insights into life in the 1950s and 1960s. But after an argument, the daughter uses the trailer to run away into the past. Her parents must work together to go back into the past, find her and bring her home. This book turned out to be better than I expected. Decent action, good characters and interesting storyline. The only thing lacking is any real explanation, but that is a minor item. This is more of a fun fantasy than real science fiction. Really nothing to dislike or complain about,

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