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Aileen Quin Wietstruk’s *The Timepiece* offers readers a captivating foray into the world of time travel, blending historical intrigue with a coming-of-age narrative. This middle-grade adventure promises a delightful escape for young readers and those young at heart, as it explores themes of discovery, self-awareness, and the enduring allure of the past.

Wietstruk crafts a narrative that is both imaginative and grounded, using the fantastical element of time travel as a vehicle for personal growth. Joe’s initial discovery of the Timepiece sets a compelling hook, immediately drawing the reader into the mystery. The author skillfully builds anticipation, allowing the initial questions about the device’s origin to simmer before plunging Joe into his first unexpected temporal displacement.

*The Timepiece* is a charming and absorbing middle-grade novel that successfully combines the thrill of time travel with a meaningful exploration of personal development. Aileen Quin Wietstruk delivers a story that is not only entertaining but also subtly educational, sparking curiosity about history while encouraging introspection. It’s a delightful read for anyone who enjoys a good mystery, a dash of history, and a protagonist who grows with every turn of the page. This book is highly recommended for young readers seeking an imaginative adventure that leaves them with more than just a good story.

— Stephen Munich, Independent Reviewer

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