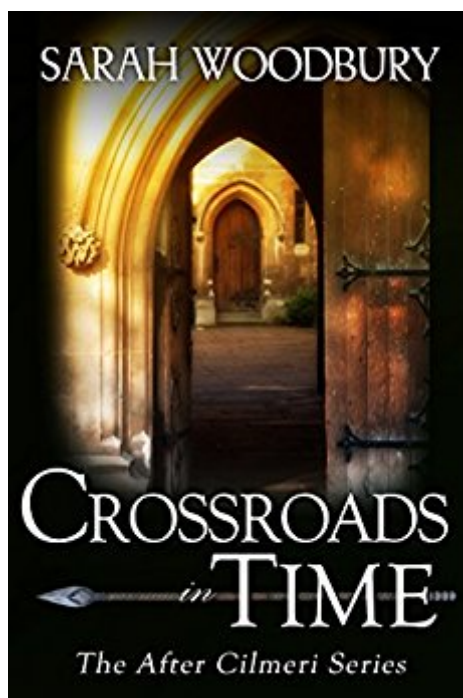


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Synopsis

Three years have passed since the events chronicled in Prince of Time ...Anna has made a place for herself in thirteenth century Wales as a wife, mother, and healer. David has taken more of the kingdom's rule on his shoulders, even as his relationship with Lili has caused friction with his father, King Llywelyn. The King wants his son to seek a political marriage that will benefit his country--and possibly place the crown of England on David's head.England and Wales have shared a border and an uneasy peace for three long years.And that peace is about to be broken ...

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Customer Reviews

I am playing catch up on this series and because I am reading back to back stories before I write my reviews I can see the genius of Ms. Woodbury. She rarely does the expected so all the things some reviewers complain about are addressed in future books in such a way that you see why she went this way. Anna and David meet Humphrey de Bohun at a Welsh church in the middle of the night.

He comes with a small guard and his young son William. He informs David of a plot by some of the Marcher Barons to take back their Welsh lands in a carefully orchestrated attack on David and de Bohun. He does not know who his enemy is and wants his 12 year old son to be safe. He wants David to agree to keep him. Since de Bohun is one of the bad guys in the last book, this is a surprise. They quickly come under attack and they must scramble to try to save Wales and uncover who is behind the latest attack. Because we are talking ethnic cleansing of Wales, the forward progression of how each character from the future is settling in must wait. We see how these siblings have to work independently of each other and their parents to help their underdog country. We see mentions of the other characters as the action reaches them, but the emphasis is on how this small country and this family protect the people they love against the superpower of England. The twists and turns of the plot makes each turn reveal the baron you thought was behind the mess was as surprised as you are. Can David, Anna, Math, Ieuan, Bronwen and Lily all survive the twists and turns of this conspiracy in time to save Wales?

I've read every book in the "After Cilmeri" series thus far, and loved all of them. The concept of time travel is always something that's intrigued me, and I love how Sarah Woodbury incorporates it along with a rich history of Wales and the excitement of battle. However, I was expecting there to be a little more elaboration on the personal lives and relationships of the characters. If this was the first book someone were to read of the series (which hopefully, it wouldn't be and they would start with book 1), I don't know that the story would actually draw them in enough for them to want to continue on and read the rest of the series. There are plenty of exciting battle scenes and situations that surprise, but unfortunately in writing those, the author left out a lot of what I loved in the other books- and that's the actual lives of the characters. Hardly anything is said of Meg, who is pregnant with her 3rd child in this one, or of Bronwen, who has just come to live in Wales in the previous book. Honestly, I was really hoping Ms. Woodbury would elaborate on that character, as a lot could have been said about the adjustment Bronwen must have had to go through now living in Wales, then marrying a Welsh man, and becoming pregnant. While Anna is one of the main characters that most of the action centers around in this one, not much is said about her new life as a mother and healer, other than that she is one. I did appreciate following the story of Cadell, however. :) Of course I enjoyed this book, as I think Ms. Woodbury is an excellent author and historian. I am looking forward to the next in the series and really hoping that I can feel closer to the characters in it!

This is the third book in this fascinating time travel series. Anna and David are now grown up. Anna

has made her place in this medieval world as a wife ,mother and healer. David is slowly taking his fathers place and ready to assume the rule of Wales when his father wishes to retire and spend more time with his mother---the Kings wife. Sadly the King does not approve of David's choice for a wife and David will have no one but Lili. There has been peace on the border for 3 years but the trouble is brewing. The child King of England died and there is a mad scrabble for the empty throne. Treachery on the part of greedy castle guards puts Anna and then David in danger. Many of the modern ideas that David showed them (like watch towers) have given Wales an edge on the larger English force. The weathers sudden change helps defeat the enemies but almost costs the King his life. A very surprising ending to this book. Ready now for the next one. Alice Boni

I got Daughter of Time as a free book and learned that it was a prequel to The After Climeri Series. I am glad I read it first because I think the back story was helpful in fully appreciating the rest of the books. Each book involves time travel between present day America and 13th century Wales. While the time traveling characters are fictional, many of the other characters and events are based on historical happenings of the time. They are love stories sprinkled with history and social lessons of the time. I loved this whole set because of the characters I came to care about. The last book in the series and a follow-up book which is comparable to a TV spin-off were not available on Kindle at the time I wanted them, but I was willing to buy them for \$14 each because I wanted to read them that much. That is the only drawback. Once you start them, I can't imagine not wanting to continue the series.

After being so in love with the previous books in this series, I was a little worried that the next might not live up to my (quite large) expectations. Crossroads in Time didn't live up to my expectations, it exceeded them! The book moved along very quickly, with the author doing a fantastic job of building the plot and adding unexpected twists and turns. When I had to take a break from reading, I found myself thinking about the events and trying to guess what would happen next...and usually, I was wrong! I loved that Anna played a big part in the events of this book, and enjoyed seeing how David had developed and changed in regard to his role as King Llywelyn's heir. Lili also had a bigger role in this book, and her relationship with David gave new insight into his character. If there were any shortcomings, it was that Meg and Bronwen only had small mentions in this book. I'm hopeful that the next one will include more of these women, especially Bronwen, as I am eager to hear her thoughts on her new life in thirteenth century Wales. Overall, a wonderful, well thought out, well-researched, and overall fantastic book by one of my favorite new authors!

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