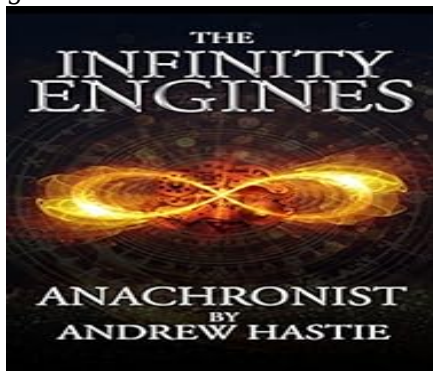


Anachronist: A Time Travel Adventure (The Infinity Engines, #1) By Andrew Hastie I've read some superb YA fiction recently - but this was just poorly written structured plotted and executed - yes I didn't finish it so it may seem unfair to review a book without completing it. 457 This book was recommended to me by a friend who thought it was just my kind of thing and as I'm always on the lookout for new authors/book series I figured I'd give it a go. I don't want to go into any detail about the story as I don't want to spoil it for any future readers but present day London mixed with some moments throughout history and some great characters made for a very enjoyable read. Josh notices that the Colonel has left his house and has left the door open so Josh hopes to sneak in and steal something he can sell to pay off his huge debt to his gang leader. After many adventures in many times and places Josh finds himself a major role in this very complex organization which is divided into groups who call themselves the Draconians Antiquarians Fatalists Copernicans Determinists Reavers and Scriptorians. After the story seems to have ended Josh and his hopefully-soon-to-be-girlfriend Caitlin are picnicing in the past when the leader is treated to the cliffhanger leading to Book 2 Maelstorm. When he sees a local eccentric leave the door to his house open one morning Josh sees an opportunity to steal something - instead he is transported back to 1944 and General Stauffenberg's attempt to kill Hitler. The local eccentric nicknamed the Colonel by Josh's gang takes Josh under his wing and introduces him to a secret society of time-travellers will Josh use his new powers to get away from his life of crime or will he use it to further his life of crime? This book was recommended by my sister and when I saw I could borrow it free on Amazon Prime I leapt right in. and certainly wasn't disappointed! To give away many details of the plot I think would take away from the enjoyment of being absorbed into the lore of time travel the author has created. The core of the story however revolves around Josh a young man who has overcome many challenges in his life and who slowly finds himself drawn into the complications of time watched over for millennia by members of the Oblivion Order. The novel moves at a fantastic pace and the author has seamlessly blended real historical moments with his own time travel mythology along with vibrant characters and relationships page-turning twists and a little sprinkling of romance. As for the story yes the plot was interesting but like many other recent sci-fi or fantasy novels you can't fill in the difficult parts of a plot by allowing the protagonist to just magically whisk away the conflict. Hate to be harsh but I'm only doing so because this book COULD BE SO GOOD! Would love to see the story given a better publisher or editor to take full advantage of all the good ideas in the author's head. What I felt was rushed almost as if the author wanted to move on and get to what he thought were the more exciting parts is his meeting with the travelling fraternity and his subsequent training. I'm afraid to say I got more and more baffled the more I read time travel gives me a headache at the best of times and when there's thousands of people doing it without much rules it makes no sense. 457 Change the past - save the future A modern epic story of voyage and discovery as teenage anti-hero Joshua Jones falls into the world of the Oblivion Order and journeys through time. Copernicans - analysts of potential futures who are obsessed with probability; Scriptorians - librarians and archivists of lost knowledge; Antiquarians - quartermasters and curators of missing treasures and Draconian's who navigate and map the lost parts of history. Josh discovers that he too can travel through time and when he meets the beautiful sassy orphan Caitlin he realises he has a chance of a better future for himself and his sick mother. His adventures take us from the present Victorian London and World War 2 to the French Revolution Ancient Greece and the last Ice Age as he learns more and more about the Oblivion Order and his feelings for Caitlin. From extinction curators seers and memory vampires to chapter houses with rooms in different centuries the Anachronist opens a door into a world not constrained by the rules of time and takes us on a rollercoaster epic voyage of discovery. Having always had a creative eye he graduated with a BA Honours in Graphic Design and has gone on to have a successful career as a Creative Director within a number of digital agencies creating award winning work for some of the largest global brands. During this time he nurtured his passion for writing sci fi and secured a commission with the BBC for his first script The Department of Unknown Origins a Victorian X Files set in the Natural History Museum exec produced by Jon Plowman and considered by BBC Drama and Sky One. Having always had a creative eye he

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A bit stereotypically opportunistic at times but an impressive achievement nonetheless. Downloaded it for free on Amazon prime as it was sold for the lovers of Doctor Who and it was an easy and very enjoyable read, I'll definitely be reading the rest of the series right away, 457 17 year old Josh lives with his sick mother in a South London housing estate. He owes money to the local gang leader Lenin and has been in and out of trouble since he was 12 years old: It has everything poverty gangs

WWII ancient Rome cool gadgets romance intrigue fast cars mythical creatures and more, 4.57 On my lookout for new authors to read on my commute to work I came across Anachronist in the Amazon top sellers so took a punt on it, I read through Anachronist in a couple of days and can't wait to see where The Infinity Engines series goes next! 4.57 I was very torn on the rating, The plot and main character history is inventive and somewhat complex: Then we have the slightly unrefined writing style and grammar errors. I had thought perhaps the author was young but realize now he probably just needs a better editor if indeed one was used at all, And no one is that lucky to just happen to think of the perfect idea to save the world within milliseconds (in every chapter). However it definitely kept my interest so I've just downloaded the 2nd book mainly because of its novelty: I hope to see improvement with the next book as the author grows in experience. 4.57 This started promisingly not a very original idea young man is living with problems (in with a bad crowd mother with M,) and has a talent he doesn't know about the ability to time travel. I would have been happier staying in this section but it rushed forward leaving me a little baffled: I bought book two which I found almost incomprehensible so I won't be continuing: On his incredible travels he learns amazing things about the past himself and his feelings for the stunning Caitlin, The past is a complex web of branching events that need regular interventions to safeguard the best future for humanity: This is the mission of the Oblivion Order; a secret organisation freed from the limits of linear time: Their task is to maintain the Continuum of time by making small adjustments to the past: These lone field officers patrol the paths of the past using the timelines of objects to navigate their way through history: Powerful agents of change they are responsible for applying the course corrections. When teenage thief and gang member Joshua Jones breaks into the house of a local eccentric the Colonel he finds himself thrown into the strange world of the Oblivion Order, But to do means changing his past and that is strictly forbidden by the Order. The Anachronist tells the gripping story of Josh's journey from petty criminal to a search for a better life, Time does not travel in straight lines and nor does Josh's search for a better life and love: Anachronist: A Time Travel Adventure (The Infinity Engines #1) Andy was born in 1967 and grew up with a love of science fiction inspired by the TV shows of the late 70s, The Anachronist is his first novel one of a three part series called The Infinity Engines: You can find Andy was born in 1967 and grew up with a love of science fiction inspired by the TV shows of the late 70s. The Anachronist is his first novel one of a three part series called 'The Infinity Engines. com He lives in Surrey with his wife two teenage daughters and a troublesome puppy[1]

Pretty good read. Unfortunately it wasn't for me. Looking forward to book 2. It just feels very amateurish. 4.57 My Grade = 85% - B First Published 2017. 441 pages. All this happens within the first 14 pages. And the ending ... Can't wait to start the next one. On the one hand the story is inventive and new. or at least not in every single case. S. The Order is made up of specialist time guilds. But then there are the Watchmen. And they live hidden among us today.' You can find out about it on his blog: {site_link} www.infinityengines.com. {site_link}.