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Wren's dream changed the course of history. To regain his world he must travel back one hundred years. This time, the "Angel of the Titanic" must ensure the ship of dreams fulfils her destiny. And he's willing to sacrifice everything.

A young woman experiences nightmares of a terrifying collision; a collision with a mountain of ice that dwarves even the magnificent ship taking her across the Atlantic; the Titanic. These visions are so realistic, Carina demands that extra vigilance is taken especially on the night of April 14th. Captain Smith and his crew are convinced by the youngster's vivid descriptions and steadfast belief that she has seen the future; consequently the disaster is averted and Titanic steams safely into New York harbour, with devastating consequences.

Eventually realising that the alternative world he has woken up to has been caused by a ripple in time, Wren learns he must somehow travel back one hundred years, to the year 1912 and ensure the ship of dreams fulfils her destiny.

Helping him with this quest is Carrie, a descendent of Carina, and Wren's hedonistic cousin Rhyllann. Once on board the great ship as the tragedy begins to unfold Wren is faced with unthinkable choices: In order to restore the world to this timeline, and save his own life, hundreds of innocent women and children must perish.

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Holmes Girl says

Like another reviewer, I found this quite confusing & disjointed throughout the majority of the novel. The plot premise was intriguing & did have interesting elements; but the story dragged on & on when the action seemed to keep repeating itself.

The characters never got a chance to stir any solid emotion as to how you felt about them. I didn't really like them, didn't hate them, didn't envy them, feel their plight or was moved when they were supposed to be afraid, happy, sad, or frightened.

It took around 65% of the book to finally get on the Titanic. I did like this section better. The story & action seemed to go 'somewhere'. All in all, can't say this excited me too much. Shame I was looking forward to a time travel novel (with whatever the author did with the concept) & the Titanic was a great subject choice.

Amy Lichtenhan says

A Ripple in Time was a wonderful read!

At the beginning, it took a little bit for me to pick up the flow of A Ripple in Time, most likely because it was written by an author who is not American so the styling was a bit different than what I'm used to. I'm so thankful I pushed through, because once I got into, it was beautiful and incredibly creative. I loved that it was so fast passed and there was something changing their course or bringing them closer to their ultimate goal throughout the entire book.

The only drawback for me was I felt there were a few questions that remained unanswered or perhaps could have been clearer, but nothing that would lead me to rate this book anything less than a 5. Very excited to know when the next will be coming out!

Tara says

This isn't something I'd normally read, and whilst I enjoyed it, I did spend some time after finishing it trying to categorize it by genre – I'm thinking it's somewhere between fantasy, dystopian, and historical fiction – and yes, that does make for an interesting mix!

The story does tend to jump around a bit at the beginning and end, and I admit, this did confuse me a little until I clicked what was actually going on. The story follows Wren and his cousin Rhyllann, and their adventures when the fabric of time tears, rewriting history, and causing Wren's spirit to become trapped at Stonehenge. This leaves two problems – how to get his body back when he can't leave the stone circle, and how to change the events in this reality so that reality goes back to 'normal'.

I have to say this was a very original read – I haven't read anything like this before! There was clearly a lot

of research into the events leading to the Titanic's demise, and this was very important in the plot of the story, and I don't think it would have worked so well as it did had this not been so well done.

Generally, the characters were interesting – the reader sort of watches Wren grow up throughout the book, and whilst Rhyllann seems a bit... brusque at points, he does come through and is likeable. Again, I found myself hoping things went okay for Carrie, although she did seem to have some mood swings sometimes!

One of the only things I would have liked to hear more of is what happened when time was returned to normal – did Wren and Carrie ever get together? Did Carrie remember anything? I very much hope so, but I didn't feel this was particularly well explained. That said, it could be argued that this leaves it open to interpretation by the reader.

This said, it was an enjoyable read, and I found it to be a pleasant change of pace in my reading.

Stephen Spencer says

With "Angel," Ms. Hughes didn't quite knock it out of the park. She did, however, bang the ball into the gap for an easy stand-up triple--and for that, she deserves every one of the five stars I'm giving her. (She's British, so I hope she'll forgive the baseball analogy. I guess the cricket equivalent would be hitting a "four" instead of a "six.")

Time travel's been done before, of course; so has the *Titanic*; so have Merlin and Excalibur--but to put it all together and make it work demonstrates not only imagination, but also artistry of a high order. I won't give away the added twist, except to say that it pushed me out of 4 stars and into 5. I think you'll like it, too.

The book is excellently formatted and well edited. I found a very few errors that survived the proofing process, as they are bound to do in any book, let alone a self-published one: the most significant of these was the reversal of "its" and "it's" throughout, but the author rarely uses those words in this book (no more than a small handful of times for either) and so the effect is negligible.

Ms. Hughes clearly knows her *Titanic*; the research on the ship and the disaster are impeccable. There are one or two minor historical solecisms (Stonehenge was not one of the original Seven Wonders of the World, the ancient Greeks having stuffed the ballot box with all their own creations); but that doesn't detract anything from a great story, well told. I can recommend "Angel of the Titanic" to you wholeheartedly, and look forward to hearing more from Ms. Hughes and the Celtic Cousins.

L.K. Jay says

I'm currently in the middle of reading this and I have to say it is quite a page turner. It combines the idea of time-travel, altering events and ancient Briton mythology in the form of Merlin and Stonehenge.

I'm really enjoying the concept of what happens when a particular historical event is changed and the consequences that happen as a result. In this case, a complete change in world history. There is also the relationship between Carrie and Rhyllann, would this be the same in a different set of circumstances - that was a really interesting concept to explore.

This Celtic Cousins adventure was an original read, looking forward to any more that might come out!

Cathy says

The first Celtic Cousins novel, *A Raucous Time*, introduces the two cousins of the series title, Rhyllann and Wren, who adventure through a sequence of escapades and an on/off relationship with the taciturn but kindly Detective Inspector Crombie. I liked these three main characters and wanted to read more about them.

It's true to say that *A Ripple in Time* wasn't quite what I was expecting. D.I. Crombie doesn't really feature at all other than through a couple of tangential references and the paranormal aspects of this novel are developed much more than in the first volume. However, I enjoyed reading the book and still found the characters of Rhyllann and Wren engaging and interesting. Author Julia Hughes has introduced a new main character, a young woman named Carrie, who is central to the storyline and proves to be the catalyst for much of the drama in the plot. There are some great supporting characters especially the dictatorial Gabriel and Carrie's eccentric Grandmother.

There are some good passages of descriptive writing which give the novel its sense of time and place and this is really important because the structure of the novel is extraordinary. With its interesting characterisation and complex plot *A Ripple in Time* is a thoroughly enjoyable and unusual book.

A.B. Shepherd says

This is a creative novel involving one of my favorite elements - time travel.

While I found the beginning of this novel a bit confusing, about half way through it started to make a bit more sense to me and I caught on.

It is the story of Wren, a time traveler who has inadvertently wreaked havoc on the world by saving the Titanic from sinking. He, his cousin Rhyllann, and the spunky Carrie, must find a way to go back in time and make sure the Titanic is not saved in order to restore order to their world.

A harrowing ride, where it seems the good guys aren't always good and ethical challenges abound Julia Hughes shows a great deal of imagination. I enjoyed this.

? Kimberly says

A Ripple in Time - Angel of the Titanic was a time traveling fantasy. It started off rocky for me, so stick with it. I felt like I was dropped in mid-story and it took me a while to get my bearings. My reward came to fruition quickly, as I embarked on an exciting quest; filled with famous characters, places, events, villains and lovable heroes.

The premises behind the tale started with Wren's dream of the sinking of the Titanic. His dreams became

entangled with those of a young girl who lived a hundred years ago. Based on those dreams, her knowledge averted the sinking of the ship. This action altered the course of history. Wren (who no longer existed in his current timeline) had to convince his brother Rhyllann and Carrie, the granddaughter of the young woman from Wren's dreams to help him restore the timeline. The story that unfolded was delightful.

Hughes wove a tale using both fantasy and fact. While there were some errors in her historical references, her knowledge of the subject was apparent. It was highly entertaining the way she brought famous persons throughout history to interact with our heroes. Character development was good, and the romance that developed felt fresh and believable. I found Rhyllann, Wren and Carrie to be enchanting. I cheered this trio on throughout their quest. Hughes tale posed several questions regarding the butterfly effect. The novel emitted many emotions from me and I did get weepy at the end.

A Ripple in Time - Angel of the Titanic, is currently only available as an eBook, and I recommend it to anyone who enjoys mystical fantasies.

I want to thank the author Julia Hughes for sharing this book with me, in exchange for my unbiased review. you can see more of my reviews on my blog: <http://www.kimbathethecaffeinatedbookrev...> or facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/kimbathethecaff...>

Kate's Reads says

Julia Hughes' debut novel, "A Ripple in Time - Angel of the Titanic" is a wonderful novel with a unique concept. It's not your every day time travel story.

The story begins in the present day with Wren's dreams intertwining with the dreams of Carina, who is a passenger on the Titanic. As a result of this entanglement she learns from Wren's mind what actually happens to the ship she is sailing on. She warns the captain and disaster is averted. Or is it?

The change in the course of history from this ripple in the fabric of time results in a different world that is darker and much less advanced. World War I has never ended and has become a 'cold war'. Women still do not vote and life is hard.

Wren knows that he needs to make things right again. He enlists the help of his cousin Rhyllann and Carrie, who is a descendent of Carina. He shares a special mental bond with Carrie and they grow close along the way.

Once they make it on to the Titanic the difficulty lies in allowing the crash to occur and not changing the original history.

This is truly a fascinating read! I loved the whole concept of the altered reality. The pace and action kept me rooted to the pages. There was a little bit of everything in it. Love, danger, humor and fantasy.

Literary Chanteuse says

I found I was quite intrigued as I began but was easily confused throughout. I did really enjoy quite a few

injections of history and the scenes that take place at the end however it was not enough to really make me enthusiastic about this one.

Monica Porta says

What a ride! A Ripple in Time reads like a movie and transports you far away from the mundane, and into a universe where everything is possible. I enjoyed the mysterious setting and the complex characters. I am a fan of what-if stories and I was blown away by the intricacies of the alternate Earth where Carrie lives. I also like how Ms. Hughes combines post apocalyptic elements with mystical places and time traveling. Now, I'll go back and read the cousins' previous adventures, because I'm not ready to let them go.

Julia Hughes says

This is my first indie published novel. The four stars reflect the ratings given by customers who purchased from Amazon.4 star mainly with one five star. And I'm thrilled to know that others are enjoying this little story; I'd love for you to take the time to tell me what you think: This is the latest four star review on Amazon:

I enjoyed this ebook. The author presumes her audience is already familiar with some legends regarding ancient Britain, before going on to deal with the tantalising possibilities and problems which might materialise if time travel were possible. In this case a major event in time doesn't happen, creating a domino effect. This leaves the lead characters with a terrible dilemma; They have to ensure said event happens even though it is going to result in tragedy. Some points were dealt with a little too crisply, but this added to the overall tightness of the story which is fast paced and has some unexpected twists.

What others said:

"What an extraordinary idea! Ms. Hughes has a gift for melding fantasy with reality. Taking one of the most famous events in history, Julia Hughes offers a glimpse as to what might have happened had the Titanic never sank. For every action, there must be a consequence. That is the heart of the story. How will Wren's choices affect him and those around him? Will he be willing to make the sacrifice needed? Great philosophical ideas presented in a great story."

(Amazon.com customer review)

"Although not my usual genre I found myself captivated by the story. The characters develop well throughout and the way they interact is plausible and heart warming. The book itself is well written and thought provoking, leaving the reader guessing as to what will happen next.

The action and history elements of this story stop it from being a romantic novel, meaning so many more readers will enjoy the content."

(Amazon.co.uk customer review)

Stephanie says

Before you pick up this book, you'll need to put down your preconceived notions of time travel, ripple effects, and the paranormal. Hughes makes her own rules for these things, leaving much to be wondered at, but the effect is a tale filled with twists, turns, mysteries, and really, really strange stuff.

When two people's dreams entangle 100 years apart from each other, history gets rewritten. A passenger on the Titanic gets tipped off from Wren's dreams 100 years later and succeeds in thwarting the disaster. The world is torn asunder into two parallel universes: what happens after the Titanic sinks and what happens after the Titanic safely docks in New York. Big changes exist between the two worlds, but Wren has to correct this mistake.

He embarks on a difficult journey where he receives help from his cousin Rhyllann (well, parallel universe Rhyllann) and the Carrie, great-great-great-granddaughter of the visionary who stops the ice berg accident. Amid all this mess, a young romance blooms between Wren and Carrie, two strangers from different worlds who know there's no way to be together. At least, not in that world.

What ensues is a maze of twists that will keep you reading, flying through that last 50 pages at lightning speed. In the meantime, you grow to love this unlikely trio and cheer for them every step of their unusual journey. I'll even admit to some misty eyes for a little bit there toward the end.

If you can let go of reality to make it through this quick read, you'll enjoy the ride for sure. Hughes displays her expert knowledge of the Titanic's tragedy without overwhelming you with details. Her romance story line is a delicate thread woven throughout the story and tying things nicely together. And her ability to keep you guessing helps turn those pages just that much faster.

Read the full review: <http://loveonthebookshelf.wordpress.c...>

Nikki Bywater says

Wren needs to convince his cousin Rhyllann to bring the sword Caliburn (Excalibur) to him at Stonehenge. The only problem is that Wren has been dead for the last five years and if he steps out of the stones protective circle he will cease to exist. Wren needs to turn back time to make sure that one of the biggest events in history takes place, the sinking of the Titanic. Wren is in an alternative reality were the Titanic captain was forewarned about the ship hitting the iceberg so he changed course and the Titanic never hit the iceberg, so it never sunk. Due to the Titanic not sinking this caused an even bigger disaster, World War I did not end in 1918, and many more lives were lost as a result of this.

Wren must make sure that the Titanic fulfils her true destiny and sinks. The only person that can see Wren is an old lady. She gives Wren the name Angel of the Titanic, and her Granddaughter agrees to help Wren on his quest.

Can they change the timeline back to its normal course?

This is a great idea for a storyline, very original and makes you think what if the Titanic had not sunk. The story mixes fact and fiction and uses some well known legends and they do gel nice together turning the story into a good adventure. The story is written in a fast pace that goes straight into the heart of the story. The book has a great cast of characters. If you like mystical adventure stories with a touch of romance then this is the book for you.

Lisa Arrington says

The story revolves around the sinking of the Titanic, a subject that I am absolutely fascinated by, so that really drew me to the story. It took me awhile to get into the story of Wren and Carrie. A long while. I was on the verge of giving up when something sparked my interest and I continued to read on. Once I was able to keep track of who was who and where they were in time, it was easier to read and exciting to see if the protagonist and his cohorts would succeed in righting a wrong that rewrote history as we know it.
