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When Russ Peterson accepts an invitation to an all-expense paid vacation at a resort castle in southern France, the last thing he expects is to learn he has the power to travel through time. As a historian, it's a dream come true, offering the chance to find answers to all the great mysteries of the past. But it's not without risks, to himself and to the world as he knows it.

After a few short, supervised visits into the past, Russ still hasn't made up his mind about his newfound abilities. Then, on his first extended trip, he meets Quentus Maximus, second in command to the Legate of Nemausus. While learning more than he'd dreamed about the realities of life in Roman Gaul, Russ is shocked by his reaction to Quentus's dominant nature. He has only a week to spend with Quentus before his vacation is up, and he's faced with a decision he never expected to make: stay in the past with a man he's only known for eight days or return home to the only life he's ever known.

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Chris Jeffreys says

What a lovely little story! A time traveling story involving Russ (from Tucson Arizona) and his Roman centurion, Quentus.

Here's a little background. It is discovered that Russ is one of a select few that has a gene that permits him to travel through time. He is invited to Chateau d'eternite to explore his abilities. On one of his trips to the Gaul region of France (that is under the control of the Roman Empire), Russ falls in love with a high ranking Roman centurion, Quentus.

After a brief stay, Russ decides that he will take a year's leave of absence from his university position, to return to his Roman soldier. At the end of this story, we learn that Russ and Quentus may be making a go of it. I agree with some other reviewers that additional development of the story of these two lovers would be nice.

Overall, I give this four stars.

Vio says

Very good and its free a bonus! Now if only Ms Tachna would think about continuing this story for more adventures with Russ and Quentus I can see them working well together. I loved their sparring and the relationship was a fascinating mix of sexy and tender. Its an interesting time travel romance that could have ended tragically for me, so I am happy to say the conclusion was very satisfying its a wonderful story.

Becca Waldrop says

Nothing like going back to Roman times for some fun. A really good book.

A Girl Has No Name says

3.5 stars!

I can't remember exactly how this book ended up on my TBR - it has very likely been for a challenge. I am usually not a big fan of **time travel stories**, but I have to admit that *Chateau d'éternité* has been a very nice surprise. When Russ gets a mysterious invitation to a castle in France, he doesn't know that his life is about to change forever. He is able to travel in time and on one of his first experiments with time travelling he end up in the Roman word and meets Quentus Maximus, who ends up to be the man he is falling in love with. But is Russ willing to give up everything he knew thus far? And will he be able to hide his secret from Quentus?

Becky Condit says

Time travel stories are often difficult to read without finding holes in the logic, so I can't imagine how hard it must be to write them. I'm not sure you can call it world building when developing the rules and guidelines for time travel, so let's call it creating a timeline construct, for want of a better phrase. Ariel Tachna has done a beautiful job of doing this in her book CHATEAU D'ETERNITE.

There are so many what-ifs and Ms Tachna does not neatly tie up the story with a bow. Russ's future is in the past as we leave him at the end of the story. I hope there will be more stories about Russ and his time travels, perhaps including Quentus, perhaps not. This is such an interesting book I hated to let these characters go. What will happen next? Who knows?

Please see my complete review on July 16, 2012 at <http://mrsconditreadsbooks.com/index....>

Syfy says

Delightful fun!

LiveYourLife BuyTheBook says

4 Stars

I found this to be a very engaging story of self-discovery and love, set in a journey back in time to the city of Nemausus in Roman Gaul. This story was expanded from an original short.

Russ lives in modern day Tucson and although he enjoys his career as a historian, he leads a fairly lackluster life. When he receives a letter of invitation to be a guest at a French castle, he accepts – and thus starts a journey he could never have foreseen.

When Russ arrives in France at the Chateau d' Eternite, he meets the caretaker and his soon to be mentor, Bernard. He finds out that he apparently has a genetic mutation that allows for time travel – something that select few have had over the centuries – and that these people are tracked and brought to the Chateau to be told the news and to receive training if they wish to time travel. This design is never really expounded on in the story.

The whole scenario of Russ finding out about his genetic mutation and ability to time travel is handled very quickly, and is accepted with little fuss from Russ. Maybe because he embraces it so fully there is no need for him to thoroughly examine it or to be more afraid of it? The idea of actually seeing and experiencing the history that he has always found so fascinating is more than a little intriguing to him (this reader can relate to that!!). After a “test run” to the seventeenth century (with enlightening results), Russ decides to use a two week leave from his job to try going back to second century Gaul. Russ lands in a forest, literally in the path of a Roman Legatus, Quentus Maximus, who saves Russ from a wounded boar.

Very quickly, and I do mean very, Russ also lands in bed with Quentus...

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Teresa says

4.5 stars

Although I found it a little hard to get into at first, once Russ goes back in time I loved it. I loved seeing both main characters grow. I also loved the setting and how the author addressed some of the difficulties in time travel.

I would have loved to see the rest of their life together, but had to be satisfied with the epilogue :)

Emma Sea says

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Ije the Devourer of Books says

I don't normally like time travel stories but I found myself drawn into this one. Very engaging story with interesting characters and possible story lines, but just when I was getting into this story it ended and left me with questions. A great read though but I think a sequel is needed.

Thomaidha Papa says

2.5 stars

As I started reading this book I thought it was a remake of "Austenland", but very soon it became clear I was wrong. This is simply a different approach of "The Time Traveler's Wife".

The protagonist, Russ, has a DNA mutation that allows him to travel in time. The mutation would expose itself at his thirty-five birthday by sending him through time uncontrollably, hadn't other travelers found out about it before that time came.

The Chateau d'Eternite is a castle, own by traveler's around the world and it's their meeting place from where they are free to travel safely without compromising their strange ability and life. After learning how to control his time travels and the rules that bind him during them, Russ decides to go back in time to see and experience Roman Gaul.

He meets Quentus and they're attracted by each other immediately. Although Quentus is very domineering, Russ finds himself wrapped in lust and desire.

The one and only sex scene is quite hot and sexy and gives us a pretty good idea of Quentus' character.

In only the short time of 3 days Russ cannot imagine going back at his life and not knowing what could have happened if he stayed in the past, with the man of his dreams.

Altogether this was a decent time traveling novel.

What I disliked about it was the unrealistic portrayal of the protagonist. I didn't like him at all. He was so whinny and bitchy all the time it made me wonder what the attraction was...

Nothing about this character was appealing.

Also his fast and furious jump from just having an experience to totally abandoning his 21st century lifestyle to live the life of a Roman officer's lover was beyond unrealistic. But I suppose a HEA was in order so I'll live it at that.

Quentus on the other hand, although not well described and being pointed out as arrogant, I found great. He met my expectations as in what a Roman officer might have been like. I didn't see the bossy part as much as it was implied though and I would have loved some more detail about him.

The novel ends with things remained to be seen and I'm only guessing there will be a sequel, it surely has the grounds for it. So if you like time-traveling books and are a romantic soul this might be the book for you.

Lisa ~ Books Are My Drugs ~ says

I found the setting interesting although I didn't really connect much with either MC.

Thuly Tran says

It ended when it was getting good. Still so many questions left unanswered

Sineala says

When I found this e-book being offered for free, I was excited. I already liked the author's writing, and the blurb on this promised m/m D/s romance with time travel to Roman Gaul, and, hey, these are a few of my favorite things, right? Unfortunately, the execution was not quite as good as I could have hoped. I did like the time travel and the overall plot. The promised D/s turned out to be really more of the stereotypical alpha-male romance hero (this is a different thing from D/s, although I'm having trouble articulating why), which is not my thing. I would also have liked to see more about the culture clash.

Roman Gaul turned out not to be especially well-researched. And, okay, I know I'm picky, but Quentus is not a name. Quentus is also described simultaneously as a centurion and a legate and the governor's advisor -- hint: only a couple of these things can be true at the same time.

But, hey, it was reasonably cute. Gay Roman time-travel with happy ending! There's probably not too many books like this out there.

Fangtasia says

Time travel with a failed attempt at a D/s dynamic, or something like it. Everything was going nice and entertaining, a decently plotted time travel story with some possibly interesting characters, until the MC meets his dominant love interest in Roman empire times and out comes the "chick with a dick." You could have replaced Russ with Rose, tweaked a couple details in the sex scenes and voila! M/F time-travel romance.

One good thing: it was free at Dreamspinner Press. It was okay, but that's about it.
