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Victoria is sure her mother was never 14--never knew what it was like to hang out with friends, and maybe accidentally get into a little trouble. Then, Victoria bumps her head, and wakes up in 1944--where she discovers firsthand what her mother was really like at her age.

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Mrs2b says

I borrowed this from the library when I was 13 or 14 maybe. I loved this book so much. The characters were so spontaneous and full of life, I remember feeling like I was actually a part of the book myself. Kinda silly I guess, but it was a boring summer that year. I loved this story and remember reading it in just a day or two. Then I read it a few more times before it was due back to the library. I'd like to find a copy of this book someday.

Tracey Hook says

I read this book many years ago. I found it in the basement of The Strand on 12th Street in NYC. Funny how we strive to be so unlike our mothers, but what happens if we were to meet them as their younger self and discover they're the coolest person on the planet? Awesome! A great coming-of-age story.

Alannah Davis says

I originally bought this book back in the '80s. I loved it so much that I bought a copy for my mom (who herself grew up in the 1940s, and she loved the book, too). I still have that original copy among my "keep forever" books. I recommend it to every daughter who feels misunderstood by her mom.

elissa says

This was one of my very favorites when I was about 11 or 12. I think it's Pascal's first book. I re-read it in the early 90's when I was first a librarian, and it held up well, so I booktalked it occasionally. A cute story about a teenager who goes back in time and meets her mother as a teenager. Re-issued in 2003 as My Mother was Never a Kid (the same title as the Afterschool Special).

Li Sian says

HAHAHA this was so weird. I've definitely seen Francine Pascal use the 'time travel to better understand someone' conceit in the Sweet Valley High series, and it definitely doesn't get less cheesy? I am also entirely unable to suspend my disbelief, like. Wouldn't traveling 30 years back in time mess you up for good, or at the very least a good long time to come. Did Cici name her daughter AFTER THAT BEST FRIEND SHE HAD WHO DIED MYSTERIOUSLY IN AN AIR RAID. Did she ever notice the resemblance growing up. Whaaaaat.

Cici was very cool, though. Enjoyed that 40s slang.

Also, is it just me or did Pascal just basically give up on that "I can't stop getting myself into trouble" characterisation of Victoria after this first book.

Shelly says

This is a fantastic book I read way back when I was a teenager. I loved the book so much I actually kept it until recently. I passed the book on to my half sister who is 16 (I'm 42!!!) She loved the book too and read it very quickly. It holds your interest and is quite fun while also making a parent/teen relationship message. Well worth reading if you can find a copy.

Mikka says

I like and don't like the book. Most of the parts were boring but the plot did make me always ask what would happen next. It was thrilling, waiting for what would happen next. And the meaning itself was good since I also have a love-hate relationship with my mom. The downside was, it had too many details for me and some of the details kept on repeating so it kind of made the book boring. Plus, it made me wish that I was done reading while reading because I got bored.

Kendall says

Much like the movie *Peggy Sue got Married*, for those who like trivia...

This book is much better than Pascal's subsequent Sweet Valley High series, although I must admit that I read those with gusto as a tween. This book is much more complex in plot, and it shows that Pascal definitely has more depth as a writer than many believe. It's a fun fantasy read for girls, and I recommend it for grades four through seven or eight.

Madison-chan says

This book is obscure as hell, but really good. It's like *Back To The Future*, just with 40's nostalgia. (Actually, you don't see very much 40's nostalgia nowadays...) Better than the *Sweet Valley* series, anyway.

Xtina Marie says

loved this book. loved Victoria Martin

Tiffany says

I got this book on my 13th birthday and I think I read it all before the night was out. I loved the story, and the

main character was so sarcastic and funny without meaning to be so. I never really was into any of Francine Pascal's other works, but this one got top billing from me then and I just re-read it and it still is totally fab. After reading this as a kid, my Mum borrowed it, it being about a girl and her mum in the 1940s, when my own Mum came to be a young girl, and it was one of her favourite books that I owned, that she bothered to read and like. SO there are two reviews in one. We both totally dug this novel!

Jody Kihara says

This was one of my most-loved books when I was a teen! Francine Pascal at her best, long before she started doing the Sweet Valley High series.

A teenage girl travels back in time to when her mother was a teenager - and befriends her! The book is funny, charming, and heartwarming. Now I want to find a copy so that I can re-read it!

Joyce Cai says

I didn't know at the time I read this book that it was an oldie! Nevertheless, I thought it was a fun read. I bought this book at the time when my mom is just being impossible and one look at the title, I knew I had to buy this! (funny, my mom smirked at me upon reading the title when we were about to pay) I loved this book! it was and oldie but a good one!

Celia Ross says

I had no idea that this was written by the same author behind the later "Sweet Valley" series. I just remember really liking this book as a kid...it's sort of a pre-Freaky Friday-esque story where a girl goes back in time and ends up becoming friends with her mother. This book made me want to be nicknamed Cici.

Madelyn Rose says

This book wasn't terrible, but definitely wasn't the best book I have ever read. I found myself wanting to know what would come next in this book. The book did have a good meaning and message directed towards mothers and daughters. However, this book seemed oddly specific and had too many details which in my experience really interferes with the flow of the book. But, the message of the difficulties between mothers and daughters as well as the joy is still shown and demonstrated quite well in this book. I realized that this book is an older book (as old as 91' is... ?), and the actual topic of the book of the mothers "not understanding daughters" according to Victoria is really reflective of the time period.

Overall, this is a good book and I think that this is something that people should still read despite my three-star rating. Happy Reading!

-Madelyn

