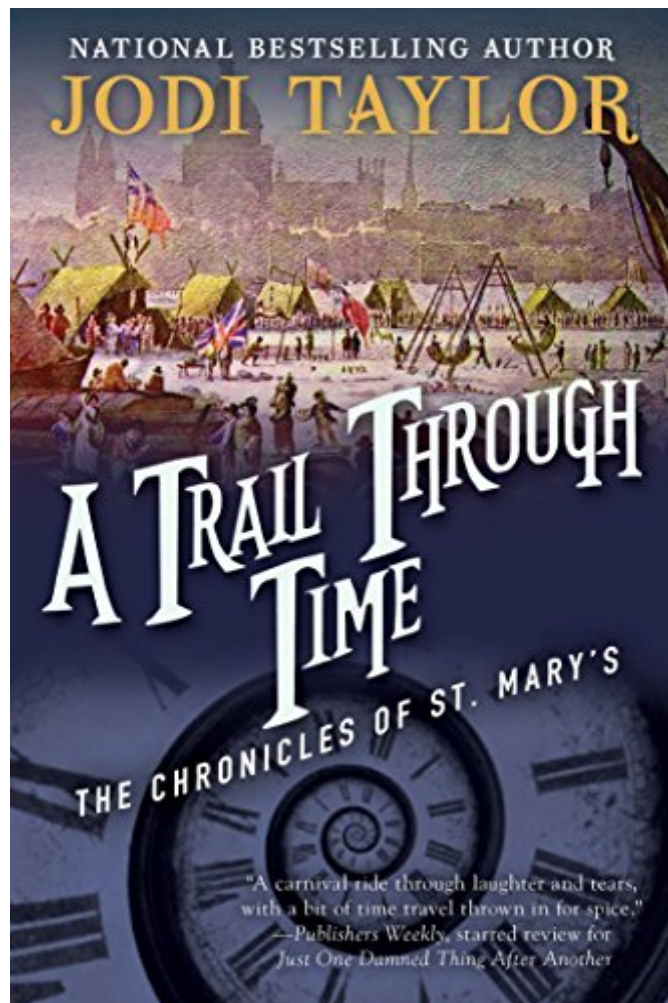


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Synopsis

St Mary's is back and is facing a battle to survive in this, the fourth instalment of the Chronicles. Max and Leon are re-united and looking forward to a peaceful lifetime together. But, sadly, they don't even make it to lunchtime. The action races from 17th century London to Ancient Egypt and from Pompeii to 14th century Southwark as they're pursued up and down the timeline, playing a perilous game of hide and seek until they're finally forced to take refuge at St Mary's - where new dangers await them. As usual, there are plenty of moments of humour, but the final, desperate, Battle of St Mary's is in grim earnest. Overwhelmed and outnumbered and with the building crashing down around them, how can St Mary's possibly survive? So, make sure the tea's good and strong...

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Customer Reviews

You know, Somebody--like the folks over at Torchwood, seeing as they're done with that series, or HBO (they sooo need to drop that dreadful True Blood series) reeeeeeeally should take a look at these books and run with 'em. Seriously, y'all, let's not even worry about telling dom & Ms. Taylor how BRILLIANT this book is and get down to brass tacks, hmm? Who should play Max? Ooooo, how about Rose "You-know-nothing-Jon-Snow" Leslie? Or Leon? Mrs. Partridge? Dr. Bairstow? I

know, I know, GOT & Outlander were out forever before they were wisely developed for the small screen, but I don't want to wait that long! HA! Again, my heartfelt thanks, Ms. Taylor, for the incredible ride.

I'm a huge fan of the St Mary's crowd and Jodi Taylor's hysterical stories about them and highly recommend the audiobooks for the incredible narration skills of Zara Ramm. However, this volume was a little bit of a letdown, I must admit. The tone was somewhat darker than the previous books and rehashes a lot of the story up to the time of this one. I wouldn't hesitate to say that you should absolutely read this series in order for that reason. Will Max and Leon ever have their happily ever after? It's not looking good at this point. Every time we think they might -- finally -- settle down, another crisis occurs. Honestly, I'm not sure I can take much more, and I know there are several more volumes to go! And is it just me or is Max becoming more annoying as we go along? Regardless, I will not give up on this wonderful series. I know I'll cry at the end, after all.

Wow! If you have not read any of the prior St. Mary's Chronicles, I advise you to begin at the beginning. It is a great ride and you will enjoy every book better if read in sequence. I highly recommend each and every book and short story in this series. If you have never met Max and all her cohorts, you are in for a treat. I'll say nothing that would give away Spoilers, but if your mind hasn't already been turned inside out and upside down with the implications of time travel, it will be by the time you are through. And it is so much fun along the way--great characters, hilarity, sadness, adventure, fear, joy, struggle, success, longing, love, running, scary men in black armor, explosions, jumping around in time, and much more. Jodi Taylor has a great grasp of history and an amazing imagination. Enjoy, read them all!

I love Max! It has been a long time since I've finished a book in so short a time. Thank you Jodi Taylor for St. Mary's, Max, Leon and crew. I'm on to their most recent adventures feeling the angst of failure, the radiance of success and the hilarity of Max. I laughed so hard and loud that tears rolled and my cat looked at me and touched me with his paw as if my mind exploded. But -- isn't there always a BUT? Ammo Clips are not the same as Ammo Magazines. However, the context of clip vs. magazine or semi-auto vs. auto (full on 'rock and roll') did not detract from the thoroughly captivating story line. I genuflect in your direction Jodi Taylor -- you are AWESOME!

We start up with our Maxwell meeting other timeline Leon. They are quite leery of one another, what

is the same between them and their other timeline selves. Then the next thing you know a bunch of crazy black clad military folks are chasing them all over the timeline, contemporaries be damned. After trying to ditch them in Pompeii and getting quite ash covered in the bargain, Max ends up at this St Mary's. As Mrs Partridge hinted this timeline really needs a Max and theirs has met her end already. I'm curious why we have sidestep timelines in an already rich environment but also curious that both Max and Leon died at same time in own timelines. Engaging fun romp through history

...or something like that. Jody Taylor's fourth St. Mary's book contains scenes of horrific fear and tragic sadness-- and I can't remember when I laughed as loud or as frequently. Her humour (sic) is wry, dry, and very British, except for when it's broad slapstick, and very British. Her pathos is very human. Her protagonist, Dr. Madeleine Maxwell, is a historian at St. Mary's Institute of Historical Research, which investigates major historical events in contemporary time ("the phrase 'time travel' is so sci-fi," as St. Mary's director pointed out in the first of these novels). Indeed, fans of 'hard' science fiction might do well to look elsewhere-- this book, and this series, simply postulates the existence of 'temporal displacement' (to use another euphemism for time travel) in order that the more important human stories, both of St. Mary's staff and of the people of the eras visited, may be told. Dr. Maxwell is dedicated, enthusiastic, highly trained, spontaneous (sometimes dangerously so) and very bright. I would love to get to have a cup of tea with Max, some time (line) or another. Preferably somewhere/when safe. This book starts off with her being stabbed through the heart at the Battle of Agincourt. Her life goes down hill from there...

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