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# Once Again: An Inspirational Novel Of History, Mystery, & Romance (The Rewinding Time Series Book 1)



## Synopsis

Professor Merrideth Randall has a tool that other historians can only dream of—computer software that virtually rewinds time! It comes in handy for historical research and for her sideline genealogy business. When her colleague physics professor Brett Garrison asks for help with his family tree she can't resist, even though he's far too attractive for her peace of mind. And amazingly, he seems to be pursuing her, despite the fact that everyone knows dating a co-worker is career suicide. Using her software, Merrideth gets a first-hand look at Brett's ancestors, the courageous pioneers of the Illinois Country who withstood Indian attacks, hardship, and loneliness to settle there in the 1780s. One of the settlers is James Garretson, who risked his life to take the Gospel to the very tribe that wreaked havoc on his family. Merrideth is amazed that he could forgive a crime so huge. She would love to tell Brett that he is descended from heroes, and that he inherited his black hair and green eyes from James Garretson. But she is determined to safeguard her program, and discretion is not Brett's strong suit. She also has secrets about herself that she'd just as soon he didn't find out either. One virtue Brett does have is patience, and he's quite willing to wait for Merrideth to figure things out.

WHAT READERS ARE SAYING

- Love, love, love these stories! • (Dale Stanley)
- So much great and terrible history... well-woven into the story!!! • (Nicole)
- Love the way history comes alive so that you are inside the minds of historical characters, living their experiences and feelings as if they were your own. Wow! Connections. These books are awesome. • (Lyndo)
- I highly recommend this book as a light inspirational read. It is Christian without being preachy. It is suitable for teens and young adults, though I know it can be appreciated by adults of all ages. It is simply delightful. Don't miss this one. • (Rev. Amy Bickel)

Merrideth's historical adventures and her search for love and faith continue with book 2 in the series, *Only One Way Home*. The Rewinding Time Series: Christian Time Travel with a unique twist—computer software that time-surfs through the history of old houses. It's also squeaky clean romance, guaranteed to be flinch-free. And the kind of historical fiction you like to read—believable! And check out the History Mystery Trilogy, the prequel to the Rewinding Time Series, to meet Professor Randall as a bratty 11-year-old and to see the origin of her amazing computer program.

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## Customer Reviews

I liked the story line. There were actually two stories in one present and past. Unfortunately, you have to purchase other books to finish it. Terrible trend of tricking people into buying more books. If I like a book I will follow up but IAlso, it is a bit pushy and preachy. I have read Christian fiction and am a Christian. I don't remember ever feeling pushed into a point of view in those books like I do in this author's books (I have read two so far) and I can't figure out what is different except that it doesn't flow naturally, it preaches it. I appreciate her passion, tho. But the story premise is interesting and I did enjoy the book until it stopped with unanswered questions.

Having read the trilogy, it was easy and fun to jump back in to the lives of Merri, John and Abby. Of course, I've long believed in the capabilities of their software, "Beautiful House". One can actually enter the daily lives of folks from more than a century ago! This novella was an easy and pleasant read. Deborah has a unique way of mixing past and present seamlessly. If I were to change anything, it would be to refer less to faith and religion, but having said that, I understand this series is geared toward the Christian community and she does it well. In this book, Merri is all grown up and a college professor. She has a chance to stay with the children of the now-married John and Abby and there she reconnects with "Beautiful House". As a favor to a fellow professor, she agrees

to do some genealogy work for his aunt and to research an old, abandoned foundation that once supported a home/fort to protect from invading native Americans. What she finds while time-surfing there is not only the terrifying story that happened there, but also some surprising connections to her present-day life. As an added bonus, there are links included to allow the reader to find out more in-depth historical information.

I won this book a long time ago from the author and just recently discovered it. The story is built around the forgotten history of Fort Piggott in downstate Illinois and the lives of the courageous settlers that faced Indians uprising and hardships, Professor Meredith Randall is new to McKendree College, but is pleased that she chose the smaller college to teach, especially when she learned about the dig to find the fort! She and her mom had lived in the area and she was glad to reunite with her old friends and their little girls. Years ago, John had a laptop that gave them the ability to time travel, then it suddenly stopped working and the three friends had forgotten it. Now a hottie, Professor Brett Garrison, who had a rock star quality and could have any woman that he wanted started to pay attention to her and wanted her to help in Aunt Nelda to trace her family tree. Unknown to Brett and Nelda the old laptop chose that time to work again that let her find Fort Piggott and learn about the Garrisons!

Combine genealogy, archaeology, history, time-travel, mystery, and Christian fiction and I'm hooked. Add to this mix a story told in my home state of Illinois by an Illinois author and I'm your biggest fan. Deborah Healy's new "Rewinding Time Series" begins with "Once Again." This series picks up fifteen years after the end of her last series, "The History Mystery Series" which I haven't had the privilege to read yet (but it is now on my "must read" list). Returning characters have grown in the ensuing years and the focus shifts from Abby and John Roberts (the heroine and hero of the first series) to the all grown up Meredith (Merri) Randall, now a history professor at the southern Illinois school, McKendree College. A computer program called Beautiful Homes which allowed the characters to visit the past without ever leaving this century stopped working several years ago. But now it's back up and running. Because of its unique qualities Merri is able to use the program to visit historical sites in Illinois that not only boost her credibility as a historian, but also allow her to begin a side business helping others research their family trees. The stories concept is unique and charming. I love learning more about the history of my home state, as well as reading about places that are so familiar to me. I wish I had a Beautiful Homes program. It would make researching my own family tree much easier. I highly recommend

this book as a light inspirational read. It is Christian without being preachy. It is suitable for teens and young adults, though I know it can be appreciated by adults of all ages. It is simply delightful. Don't miss this one.

I found this book to be very engaging from the beginning. This book follows the History Mystery Series but I didn't find it necessary to have read History Mystery first. There was enough given in this one to get me up to speed. What a cool idea for historical fiction. Using a computer to move around in the past is super. I can hardly wait to begin the next in this series. Totally great and highly recommended.

The 4th & 5th book in this series is as awesome as the 1st 3 were!!! I love all of them and kept turning pages until after daylight LOL! Be sure to read these on the weekend, so you don't drag butt all week!

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