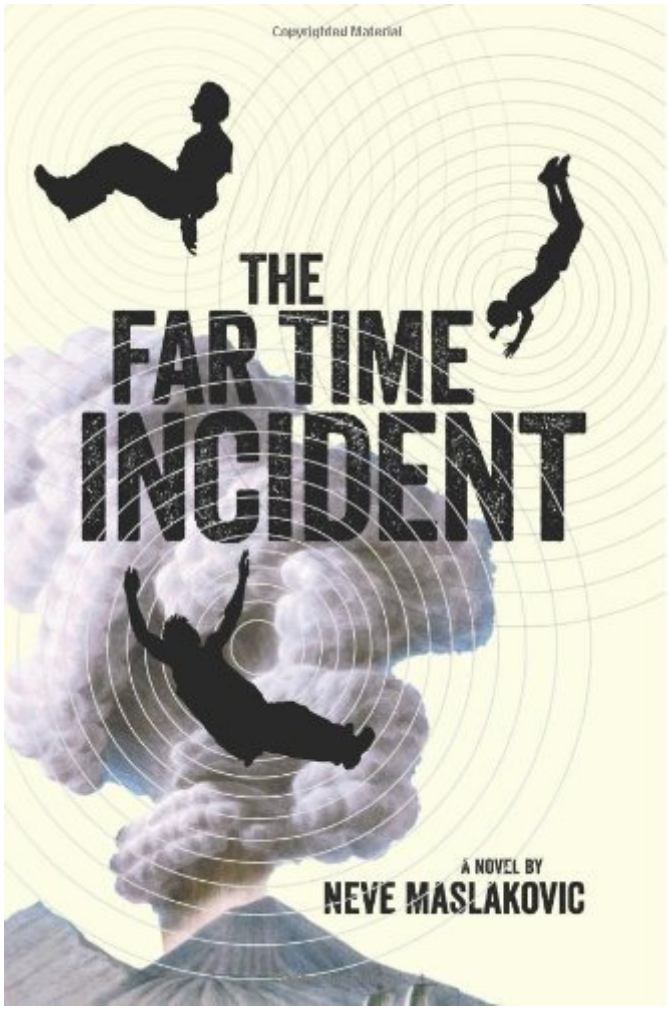
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Synopsis

When a professor's time-travel lab is the scene of a deadly accident, the academic world and the future of St. Sunniva University get thrown into upheaval. As assistant to the dean of science, Julia Olsen is assigned to help Campus Security Chief Nate Kirkland examine this rare mishap...then make it quietly go away!But when the investigation points toward murder, Julia and Chief Kirkland find themselves caught in a deadly cover-up, one that strands them in ancient Pompeii on the eve of the eruption of the world's most infamous volcano. With the help of their companions--a Shakespearean scholar and two grad students--Julia and the chief must outwit history itself and expose the school's saboteur before it's too late.The Far Time Incident is a smart, richly inventive novel that skillfully weaves together mystery, history, and science to create a mesmerizing and addictive read.

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Customer Reviews

"The Far Time Incident" is a riveting tale that blends together elements of mystery, time-travel,

science and history. The story opens when Dr. Xavier Mooney is found missing from his Time Travel Lab (TTE) at St. Sunniva University. Julia Olsen, the Science Dean's Assistant, is assigned to Campus Security Chief Nate Kirkland to uncover the truth about the incident. What they find is a mystery, an attempted murder, and cover-up that will lead them into the past to Pompeii just before the volcanic eruption of Mt. Vesuvius.It's an action-packed page turner that from time to time gets bogged down in scientific and historical explanations, but is nonetheless filled with adventure and mystery. I loved the characters; Julia, the conscientious assistant and newly awakened sleuth and history buff; the mysterious Security Chief Nate Kirkland who hides his past and his emerging feelings for Julia in his determination to stay impartial in solving the case; the intelligent but snappy English Professor Helen Presnik divorced from the brilliant but indecisive Dr. Mooney. Even the minor characters are as likeable as they are interesting; the post grads, Abigail and Kamal, the young Pompeian girl Sabina, her dark-eyed father Secundus and his conniving mother Faustilla.Merged into a background that titillates the senses with the sights and sounds of an ancient city, an erupting volcano, a tsunami and other historical events, the story is as captivating as it is imaginative. I thoroughly enjoyed it and hope in the next book to see more of the romance brewing between Julia and Nate.

I picked up this book because I like Science-Fiction, Time travelling and mystery novels and the plot was irresistible. If you are considering picking up this book for these reasons spend it on something else. If on the other hand you want an in-depth description of the thoughts of a deans secretary at a university in a strange situation, this is the book for you.The plot is really good but the long endless details of random thoughts about; cookies, colleagues, clothes, fashion, suitors etcetera really drag this book down. Apart from the disappearance of the professor nothing of interests happens in part one. I was surprised that the author is an engineer because the math in this book with regards to time travel does not add up and for a geek like me that is really annoying. I do not want to spoil it if you choose to pick up this book despite my warnings. So do not read on if you are going to buy it.SPOILER ALERT!!!: 1 min 33 of our time is 1 hour spent in the past. The professor arrives at a certain point in time in August. Some one investigating his disappearance arrives at roughly the same time at the most a few days later. But when they meet the professor he is 5 months older than he was when he disappeared (a few days earlier)and blending in the time he is in living with a family. So if the investigators arrive just as he does how can he have been there 5 months? Question would you age at the time in the present or at the same rate as the time you are experiencing in history? I pose this question because when the investigators manage to make it

back they come back 5 months after they left. By the math 1min:33 =1 hour the time they have spent in the past equals something like 18 years!! The only other explanation is that it is possible to time travel into the future which makes real trouble for this book since the story defines history as unchangeable and that point is strongly emphasized. Logically time travel into the future from the present should be impossible as present events will change it. The book sets the premise that there is no such thing as fate or destiny. END SPOILEROk Thinking about time travel is making my head spin. So if any one can explain the seemingly inconsistent math in this book to me I would be happy.Thanks for reading

Loved this book. I'm a fan of sci fi, mystery, history and these are all those rolled into one.Very easy to read, interesting history, and interesting explanation of time travel as well.Synopsis: Julia Olsen is administrative assistant to the Dean at St. Sunniva. It's a world where time travel is possible and done all the time at the college. Pictures are taken, life experienced and then part of a History Alive exhibit. A professor goes missing in the time machine and foul play is expected. The chief security officer, Julia, a professor and two grad students decide to go investigate. Someone sabotages the machine and sends them where they least expect. They have to survive, solve the mystery and somehow get back to their own time

I love sci fi, and I love the sub genre of time travel, but this was unbelievably boring. I have to admit that I am not yet finished with it, and don't know that I can make it to the end. The first few pages tells you there is a professor lost in time. Then the next 20% of the book relates, in the most boring way possible, the daily life of the assistant to the Dean of the university. She walked to this meeting and got cookies, and walked to that meeting and got cookies, real interesting stuff. Then we have, literally in 2 sentences, the fact that that it waws a crime of murder. Then we go back to all the boring stuff.The concept to the story is not bad, but it is unbelievably poorly executed.

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