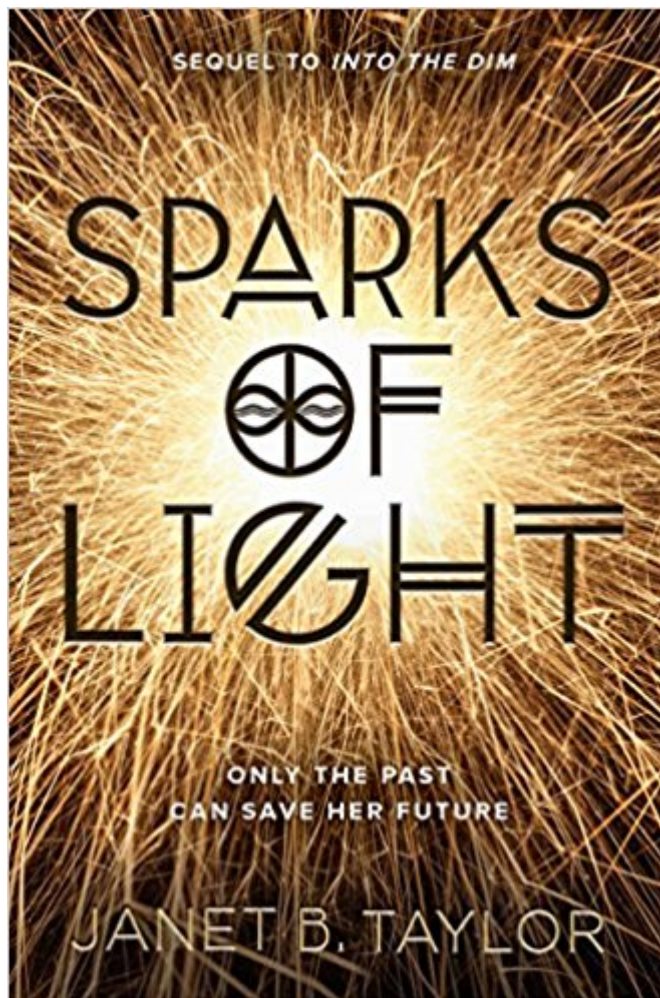


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Sparks Of Light



Synopsis

The perfect blend of mystery, sci-fi, action, cute guys, romance, history and gorgeous Scotland. Justine magazine on Into the Dim For the first time in her life, Hope Walton has friends . . . and a (maybe) boyfriend. She meets a Viator, a member of a long line of time-traveling ancestors. When the Viators learn of a plan to steal a dangerous device from the inventor Nikola Tesla, only a race into the past can save the natural timeline from utter destruction. Navigating the glitterati of The Gilded Age in 1895 New York City, Hope and her crew will discover that high society can be as deadly as it is beautiful. In this sequel to the dazzling time-travel romance Into the Dim, sacrifice takes on a whole new meaning as Hope and Bran struggle to determine where or when they truly belong.

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Customer Reviews

The 2013 winner of the coveted #PitchWars, Janet B. Taylor has four years' experience writing web content for a major television network fan site (CBS) that garners over a hundred thousand hits a day. Janet travels extensively to those places where her novels are set, often roaming around at night to commune with the famous historical figures about whom she loves to write. She is a member of several writing organizations, including the SCBWI and the Historical Novel Society, and lives in a tiny town in Arkansas with her family. Visit her at janetbtaylor.com and on Twitter at @Janet_B_Taylor.

Great Read, slow start for me, but then thoroughly engaged, finding it hard to put down, Janet

captured much "real history and historical characters" in her fast paced, action packed time travels. I was hoping for a better (more romantic) ending for Hope and Bran. Excited and looking forward to her next travels

Sparks of Light is the second book in the Into the Dim series by Janet B. Taylor. In the first book of the series we met Hope Walton as she was attending her mother's memorial held about eight months after it was believed that her mother had been a victim in an earthquake while traveling overseas. After the service for her mother Hope received an invitation from her mother's sister to come for a visit while her father travels. Not wanting to be left with her grandmother that had never accepted Hope into her family since Hope was adopted, she battled her anxiety and boarded a plane to meet her mother's family. When Hope arrived at her mysterious aunt's home she is told that her aunt had to leave for a few days. Hope is full of questions, especially when it let slip that her mother had been there right before her supposed death but no one was answering Hope's inquiries until she stumbles upon some strange artifacts and costumes beneath the manor. Only after Hope's discovery did her newly acquired family let Hope in on their secrets. They are a group of time travelers and her mother had been trapped in twelfth century England, left by another group of time travelers who had been in somewhat of a feud with Hope's family. Sparks of Light picks up Hope's story a couple of months after the end of the first book in the series. Hope and her family have returned to the present time and are trying to regroup and figure out what their next step needs to be. Meeting up with the person spying on their enemy they find out about plans in the making for the other time travelers to steal a dangerous device from the inventor Nikola Tesla. Another adventure awaits the group as they will need to also travel back to the same time and stop the device from being stolen or the future could be in danger. This series is one that for me the more I read the more I love what the author has come up with as far as the world and characters as the story develops. Starting off the series I was a tad worried if I would like it or not but everything has just grown on me so much. Hope was a character that was plagued with a slew of anxieties and phobias and had been home schooled and protected but she has grown so much during the two books. The other characters are also a mix of strong and quirky and fun to follow. For the history buffs the time traveling aspect of the books leads readers to explore different times and places and I'm certainly looking forward to seeing where the next book takes us. This time the book included one of my absolutely least favorite settings in the story when the group traveled back but after the first few cringes I ended up understanding where the author was taking us and found that it was done in a

way that I still enjoyed the action this provided for the story. When finished with this second installment I'd rate it at 4.5 stars and would recommend any fan of young adult sci-fi fantasy type of books to give this series a try although I do suggest starting at the beginning of the series. I received an advance copy from the publisher via NetGalley.

This sequel to one of my favorite books of 2016, *Into the Dim*, definitely did not disappoint. This time the characters have a different time period that they will have to visit in order to solve their current issues. Hope's mother is back, but she is suffering basically PTSD from dealing with being left with the cruel man she'd been stuck with back in time. Not only is she back, but Hope has a new little sister. Her father is asking for a divorce, happy with his new wife. This makes one more emotional issue for Hope's mother to deal with. While Bran had to go be with the woman who had tried to say she was his mother up until now, their enemy, he comes back to see Hope when he can, but when he comes back, he has some alarming news, news that sends them on their next trip back in time. This time they will need to meet up with Nikola Tesla, and hopefully get him to stop working on the instrument that could mess up the careful time travel the Viators have tried to perpetrate. This time we have Doug going back, and he's never been able to go because of his seizures. But since he is best to work with Tesla, being the one who knows the most about what is going on, and kind of a Tesla expert, he is chosen to go, despite Phoebe's pleas about his safety. Of course the fact that he is partly black will cause issues in how he can be a part of the group back in the time period. It is after the civil war, but still things are not good for black, or even mixed race people like Doug. I liked that not only did we get a glimpse into a world with John Jacob Astor and the Vanderbilt's, a look at Nikola Tesla himself, but a dangerous glimpse into the world of the insane asylums of the time, women being committed by their husbands, the type of experimentation with lobotomies and other cruel procedures. This added an aspect to the overall story that wasn't expected, but definitely made for a very interesting twist. While they still also talked about the rules of not knowing about your past self/future self, as well as not changing any big events, like the fire that destroyed Tesla's lab, a very tragic death of someone in the team makes the rules seem like maybe they were made to be bent at the right times. Of course we're once again left without the villain being brought in, not to mention that there is now someone even more dangerous out there, working with, or around the villain from before. That means that there MUST be a third book. And I will be waiting on the edge of my seat to hear news for that one.

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