

When Destiny Calls—Reviews.

Definitely 5 stars!—"An intensely intimate portrayal of life in war-torn London."

Review by Barbara Baldwin--author of *Spinning Through Time*

Tricia McGill has a definite hit with "When Destiny Calls"! She has woven a treasure trove of history into an intriguing story of a woman in London during WWII. Everything from the nightly bombing raids and rationing to the titbits about cinemas, clothes and lack of indoor plumbing will have you feeling like you live right next door to the McGraces. There's just one problem. Chloe lives in 2020 in Australia yet because of an accident, finds herself struggling to adjust to life in 1940's London. It's a history; a love story; a family saga with past and present so carefully entwined you can't predict the ending.

Any book that keeps me up half the night is a hit! Especially when the remainder of the night has me dreaming about the characters and wondering what will happen next.

Janet Walters 5 stars **Unique Time Travel**

Reviewed in the United States on 4 June 2021 Verified Amazon Purchase

"This is a well-written book with some intriguing happenings. A time travel with a twist and I missed the clue to what was happening until after the time travel happened. An enjoyable read."

5 stars **"Travelling in Time from 2010 Australia to 1940 London"** Rosemary Morris

Reviewed in the United Kingdom on 19 June 2021 Kindle Verified Purchase

"How would you feel if you were Chloe, an Australian aide at a nursing home, who is transported to London under attack during the second world war? On her way home, muggers leave her unconscious. When she regains consciousness, Bill rescues her and takes her to his parents' over-crowded house, where she is welcomed. From then on, Bill helps to create a new identity for Chloe, be issued with ration books and much more. She reconnects with Minnie a young woman, who was a hundred-year-old lady in the nursing home, and other people from the past. Adapting to her new world is extremely difficult without something as simple as a good shampoo, not to mention 21st century washing machines, mobile phones, etc. Chloe lives on a knife edge never knowing if she will return to Australia."

<https://the-avidreader.blogspot.com/2021/07/26-Review-Tour-Giveaway-When-Destiny-Calls-by-Tricia-McGill-GF.html>

Chloe Simpson works at a nursing home in Australia during the pandemic of 2020 known as Covid-19. Chloe loves her job as a caregiver. After leaving the nursing home one night after her shift ends Chloe is about to get in her car when she is attacked by a couple of guys who demand her car keys.

Chloe wakes up in London during the war in 1940. Chloe has no idea what has happened to her or where she is. When she wakes a man and his dog is standing over her. Chloe has no idea what to do or where to go. Will she ever get back home in 2020?

Bill is very nice to Chloe, he takes her home with him. Bill helps Chloe obtain a new identity and a rations card among other things. When she travels to 1940 Chloe gets to meet the young Minnie, of the lady Minnie Clacton she was taking care of in the nursing home, in

2020. She also gets to meet her own Great Great Grandmother Aggie in 1940. WOW! Can you imagine getting to meet your own Great Great Grandmother?

The author Tricia McGill pulls you in from the first page making you feel as if you are right there with Chloe and Bill in 1940. The descriptions are so vivid that you have no problem seeing it all play out in your head as if you were watching a movie. I would love to see When Destiny Calls made into a movie.

When Destiny Calls has enough twists and action to keep you tied to the past as you race to the end to see how it all turns out. When Destiny Calls left a few unanswered questions for me like what happened in 2020 after Chloe disappeared? What did her co-workers or friends think happened to her? Did Chloe just simply disappear off the face of the Earth without any trace? Or was there another version of Chloe in 2020?

I would recommend When Destiny Calls to anyone who loves a good time-traveling romance! One-click your copy When Destiny Calls today!

<https://traveltheages.blogspot.com/2021/05/review-of-when-destiny-calls.html>

Chloe's trip back to the World War II era changes her life dramatically. She's a young woman living in Australia in modern-day times. Her work with the elderly had gained her some friends with stories that draw her in. One day, she is mugged and suffers a head injury. She wakes up in England, found by a man and his dog. Chloe discovers her predicament and wonders if it would be wise to tell those around her the truth of her origins.

A kind-hearted family takes her in while London is being bombed by the enemy. Chloe lives with them in a shelter, knowing the war will go on for years. Reading about her day-to-day living through this difficult time is like recalling a grandparent's account of their youth. It's fascinating and personal. The author really takes the time to develop the setting, not forgetting to build complex characters and events that are touching.

Chloe falls in love with Bill. She tries to tell him the truth, but he doesn't believe her. She decides to put the past (or is it the future?) behind her. Can she survive without all of the modern conveniences she is used to? Life around them is so chaotic and uncertain.

Readers follow Chloe and Bill through time, their ups and downs, creating a homey, delightful storyline. However, as all of this is happening, readers are left to ponder if Chloe will be ripped out of her life in the past and dragged back to her present. The looming threat remains throughout. A family mystery appears. Will she ever get answers? **This is a fun story that will leave readers wondering what will happen to Chloe until the end.**

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Chloe was a kind, caring person. Her life was upended when she traveled through time to England during World War II. She found her great love in Bill who accepted her truth and fell in love with her. **The idea was a very intriguing one, and the story was well told.**

Seven Troublesome Sisters

This is a difficult book to review without giving too much away, so I'm going to start out by saying it is a well told story with likable characters and then approach it in chunks in hopes of doing both the story and my review justice.

First, I loved the opening chapter. I've got a soft spot for compassionate care givers like Chloe and the set up was well done. I'm going to love this book, I thought.

Then in the second chapter, Chloe hits her head and goes back in time. Really? I suppose there are only so many non-technical ways to move characters about in time, but as life-long science fiction reader, I've had it with this one. Ugh, I thought. Am I going to make it through this book?

In the next several chapters, we get two things. One is a fair bit of fish out of water humor as Chloe deals with the seamed nylon stockings and sanitary pads of the 1940s. The other is a surprisingly hot sweet romance. (As in you don't see them do much but it really works.) I flew through this part and I think most reader's will.

Then, you get chapter after chapter of Chloe's life. It's a pleasant life, with some ups and down, but it's not the sort of life that makes for much of a novel. She's likable, he's likable, and I was delighted the two of them were happy, but at this point I'm turning the pages to find out what I really want to know. What's the deal with the time travel? What is the universe doing? Why did this happen? What's the meaning of life? I want answers.

Suffice to say, I didn't feel I got them. I know, explaining how the universe works is fraught with problems, but this author didn't try.

Then I realized she never intended to. She wanted to write a sweet romance book that started in the 1940's and ended up with lots of happy people. The going back in time (I wouldn't call it time travel) was an artefact for making the story happen.

I wanted to read science fiction (which I prefer over romance) and I wanted intricate explanations of the nature of time and the cosmos. So, I didn't get the book I wanted.

However, I do think the author did a fine job of writing the book she wanted to write. I DNF a lot of books, and I made it to her last page based not only on my curiosity, but also on the likability of her characters, her competent storytelling, and the sweetness of the world she created. I suspect those more inclined to overlook the entire time travel thing and enjoy the author's focus will love this book!

<https://ginaraemitchell.com/when-destiny-calls-by-tricia-mcgill-review>

When Destiny Calls is a very entertaining story, starting with Chloe in 2020 Australia working at a nursing home and continuing to the same Chloe mystically sent back to 1940s London. I became invested in this group of friends and their lives from the opening pages.

Since the tale is told from Chloe's perspective, we don't get a look at what happens after she disappears during a mugging in 2020. However, there is enough action as she learns to adjust to life during the London Blitz of WW2.

The pacing pulls you from one page to the next. All the essential characters are fully fleshed out, and the details are superb. I have been on a roll lately with books having a wonderful canine character. Tiger captured my heart.

I stayed on the edge of my seat while turning page after page, always worrying if Chloe would unexpectedly be pulled forward to 2020. My emotions ran a little high in the final chapters as the story was incredibly gripping.

I recommend this time-travel, historical fiction saga to all lovers of great fiction.

I received a copy of the book for the tour. This review is my honest, unbiased opinion.

[Our Town Book Reviews](#)

Sometimes we readers become so engrossed in a book that we become that person or we live in that setting. That's what happens to Chloe in this book only much of her absorption comes from listening to a dear lady in a nursing home. A lady who has handled the worst and the best of it and lived right through a WWII blitz in London. Now Chloe seems to have fallen into that time. Is it real or in her mind? I'm not sure she knows.

The author sets each of these scenes so perfectly that it isn't hard to feel or believe that you're there yourself while reading. First in the nursing home talking with Minnie about her friends, her life, her family. Then picked right up out of the woods by a sweet and good man in the 1940's era.

This is a sweet book. I won't deny that romance is not my favorite genre, but this didn't strike me as a romance. I think the reason was because there was nothing uncomfortable, nothing lewd, just sweet as I said. **Everybody likes a little bit of sweet love, don't they? It was the historical side of this that made it all so interesting.** Tricia McGill has several books published. She has crossed genres in her writing, but it looks to me that it is this sort of historical setting that has given her the highest reviews. Check them out here: <https://amzn.to/2SWupVy>

[Harlie's Books](#)

I just don't know where to start with this one. The first thing that comes to my mind is that this book talks about Covid-19. Weird, huh? Second, I love a good time travel romance and this one delivers. Third, the history. Oh my word, I really felt like I was in the Blitz. When I read that Ms. McGill is a Brit by birth and now lives in Oz, the whole tone of the book changed for me. I finally got it. I know, I'm slow sometimes.

The history is so interesting and at times weird. Like no bathrooms in homes. Having to use public baths once a week. Spit baths the rest of the time. Shaking my head...Okay, so I wouldn't have made it during that time but the other parts of the story, I totally understood. I watch too many documentaries in regards the WWII, so I was aware of the times during the Blitz. What was intriguing to me is how the women dealt with everyday life and then wondering if their loved ones would ever come home. Not to mention what happens when they do come home.

Chloe is a great character. She never lost her identity throughout the whole book. She always knew where she came from and just learned to live with it. However, I was a little perplexed while reading the book about the "hook" to see her try to get home. Most time travel books do that but Ms. McGill didn't do that all with this one. This book is more about the family saga that follows Chloe and the rest of her life. Bill is a dream but I could see why he just wanted everything swept under the rug in the beginning. There was a scene that just didn't sit right with me in regards to the photo album but in the end, it made sense.

This is a sweet/sensual love story that transcends time. It's historical, the pacing and flow are phenomenal, the characters are a breath of fresh air, and did I mention that there is a dog, too? If I had one thing to say somewhat perplexing to me is the ending. I swear I read it three times and I still don't get it. I hope that maybe a fourth time, I will finally understand the

ending. Or maybe I will have to email Ms. McGill. But hey, a re-read will be in order before I do that.

If you like time travel, WWII, and an epic love story/ family saga, this one is for you. I found myself totally immersed in Chloe's story and so will you. You might chuckle a time or two, sigh more than a few more times, and overall, want to re-read it again just like me.

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This is one of the hardest books I've ever tried to review. Every single thing I'd like to talk about would be a spoiler, and I don't like spoiler reviews. So, I'll do the best I can.

In summary, Chloe, a 21st century Australian woman is transported back in time to World War II London during the Blitz. She is taken in by people whom she feels as if she already knows, and in a way she does. Chloe worked in an Australian nursing home and cared for an elderly woman who shared her photo album and stories of World War II. After seeing all these people in the album, Chloe now has the chance to meet them in real life. She likes the people very much, and that includes Bill the man who found her when she first was transported to London.

Things I Liked:

Chloe eventually tells Bill the truth about where she came from. To me, his reaction is very realistic. In a nutshell, he doesn't want to hear it. It makes him too uncomfortable, which I can understand.

I liked how Bill's family takes Chloe in and treats her as one of their own. I did think they were a little naïve, though. Even in 1940s London people would have had questions about Chloe that they wanted answers to.

It was interesting to see Chloe interact with people whom she previously only knew as people in a photograph, especially her own great-grandmother.

The plot was interesting, the setting well done.

The last line of the book was brilliant. It will make the reader think hard. I've never read a time travel novel that posed such a scenario.

After making a life in the past, Chloe worries that she will unexpectedly be transported back to Australia. This gives a nice element of suspense to the story.

Things I Didn't Like So Much:

The book is billed as a romance, and there is some romance, but not like you are probably imagining.

This was a short book that spanned many years so it was a fast-paced work that didn't go into much detail about Chloe's later years, and in several places I wished that it would.

All in all, I found it to be an entertaining read. If you enjoy time travel, I think you will too.