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## Book Review

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### Rating

Excellent

### Level

Intermediate, Young  
Adult

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404

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### Publisher

Henry Holt and Company

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to meet your ancestors from the Middle Ages, the Stone Age, and every time in between? In this terrific time travelling tale, brothers Jamie and Will are sent to stay with their mom's cousin, Elspeth, in their clan's castle in Scotland while their mother is held for ransom in a foreign country. Jamie, Will, and Elspeth's daughter Nan spend a day or two wandering the castle grounds, avoiding boring lessons on Scottish history. Then one day, Will discovers that he has "time sight"- the ability to look into the past and see his ancestors. He excitedly shares this news with Jamie and Nan, but while showing them his new talent, 5-year-old Jamie runs into the past. Will and Nan travel to the clan wars of the Middle Ages, Roman and Pictish times, and the Copper Age to try and bring Jamie, and each other, back home. In the end, the trio ends up safely back in the present, and they receive the wonderful news that their mother is safe.

Time Sight is an excellent book filled with charming characters, interesting time travel mechanics, and lovely connections between history and ancestral ties. Jamie, Will, and Nan have distinct personalities. Each character develops throughout the book. Will in particular sees war and death throughout history, and realizes that those things are not much different from what is currently happening to his mother. These characters bring the story to life with their shared and individual journeys. This book also has a unique method of time travel. It's interesting to think of time travel as an almost magical "second sight" or "time sight." Lastly, the connections to ancestral history are interesting and drive the story forward. The children can only travel through time when they are on land that was owned by their ancestors. They can speak any language their ancestors spoke, and they meet and interact with their direct ancestors, helping them overcome challenges. Time Sight is a unique and exciting time travel book that any upper-elementary or middle-school student would love.

\*Contains mild violence.