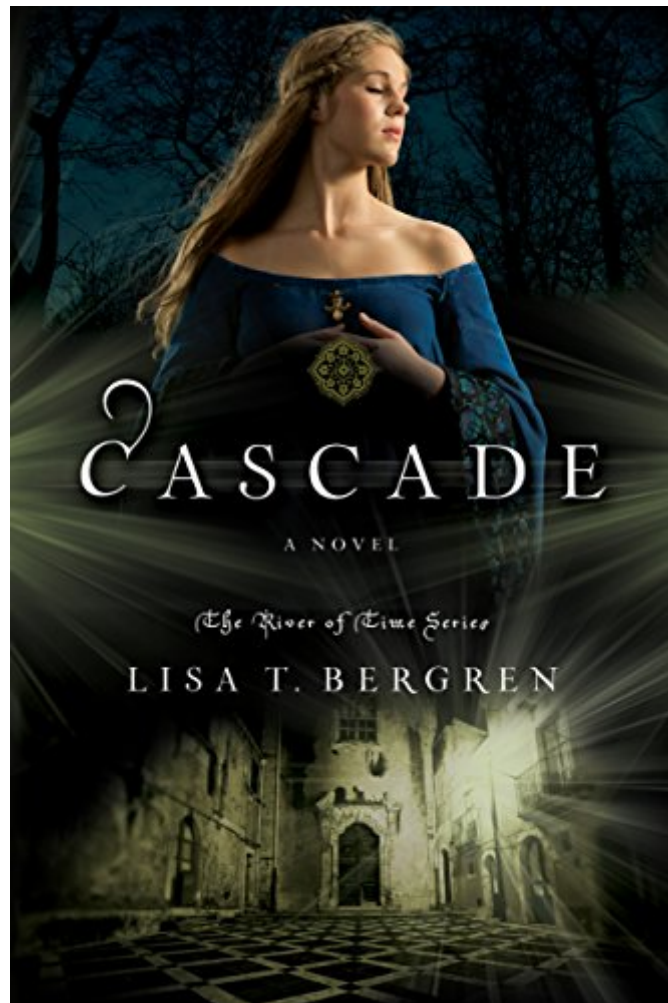




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“A Mom touched my underdress” a gown made six hundred years before” and her eyes widened as she rubbed the raw silk between thumb and forefinger. She turned and touched Lia’s gown. “Where did you get these clothes?” “In Cascade, the second book in the River of Time Series, Gabi knows she’s left her heart in the fourteenth century and she persuades Lia to help her to return, even though they know doing so will risk their very lives. When they arrive, weeks have passed and all of Siena longs to celebrate the heroines who turned the tide in the battle against Florence while the Florentines will go to great lengths to see them dead. But Marcello patiently awaits, and Gabi must decide if she’s willing to leave her family behind for good in order to give her heart to him forever.”

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Customer Reviews

Well I have become less enchanted with this series. The girls are 17 and 15 but they are soooo in love. No really it's the real thing. Not like every other teenager who thinks their love is forever. They

really mean it. Yada, yada, yada. Then there is the absolute improbability of their battles. 1) 17 year old Gabi learned fencing. She is able to use those learned moves with a huge broadsword and fight expertly against trained full grown soldiers and win everytime. 2) 15 Lia is an expert in archery. Even with completely different medieval bows she can shoot with the accuracy of Robin Hood and hit any target moving or otherwise. Plus despite 50 arrows shot at her none hit. 3) Middle aged mom who has never fought before picks of bowstaff fighting in two days becoming an expert who beats every soldier she fights. These women escape nearly every time no matter how improbable. Their comrades in arms don't but they barely spare a thought and never even shed a tear for those who die protecting them. Finally one character gets exposed to the plague and overnight has huge enlarged lymph nodes. Two days later he is completely healed. I guess it was just the 24 bug version of the plague. How convenient. This is an exciting read but the "forever love" and "invincible warriors" could only be believed by the very young or completely naive.

Just finished book #2 Gabi and Lia have returned bringing their mother with them. Love has strengthened between Gabi and Marcello, Lia and Luca, the girls cannot imagine life without their knights. Their mother approves but wants to use the time tunnel to rescue their father who was killed in an accident several months before the story began. The girls agree to try. In the meantime battles are spreading across the country side. Castle Forelli is under attack and there is a price on the girls. The enemy has given them a name 'The She Wolves' and are determined to see them dead. Marcello and Luca are equally determined to keep them safe but we know how that works, where you go I go. It's a strange world where girls their age are already women, have children, don't wear skinny jeans, date, go to college, definitely don't fight and are never heroes.

I was so hooked on this series by the time I finished book 2 ... I have ALL of them downloaded so I don't have to wait. Fantastically written (there are some editing problems, but I have been too interested in the next twist of fate for the She-Wolves that I have ignored them). I downloaded the first two books because they were 99-cents, not paying attention to the fact they are in the YA category. But I love the way the writer has kept the main characters real, while they are definitely maturing much faster than they would have in their own time. I am glad that I can share these stories with my teenage granddaughter, and hopefully help her to gain a love for books as well.

Wow. I can't remember the last time a sequel was as good as its predecessor. I loved this book! Once I got going I couldn't put it down. Once again it ends with an amazing cliff hanger that has

been antsy to read the next book! This book starts off right where the last one ended. I was a little surprised by that, and for some odd reason I did have a little bit of a hard time getting into this one. However, once I had the chance to really sit down and read I was totally hooked. I HAD to know what was going to happen next. Gabi is a great heroine. She is easy to relate to and very easy to like. I like that her toughness is believable, I like her courage and loyalty. When everything seems overwhelming and futile, she is still brave and speaks her mind. She uses her wits and I just loved being along for the ride. Her sister Lia is equally cool. I liked that they were together a lot during this book. Marcello and Luca were awesome as usual. Both are very dreamy, and all-male. Their individual relationships were fun to read. Lia and Luca have a fun banter between them. I also liked our bad guy Lord Greco. He's very mysterious and I'm very curious to see what happens with him in the next book. I hope there is more of him. While I totally loved this book, I think I liked *Waterfall* a touch more. It's still an awesome book though and definitely holds its own. I have no idea what's coming in the last book, but I can't wait to find out!

I didn't like this one as much as the first but despite that I couldn't put this book down. It has that same suspense and action from the first book. I loved seeing Gabi's relationship grow with Marcello. I kinda wish we got to see some of the events from Lia's perspective as some things happened as well as Gabi's. My only complaint is, their reasoning for going back in time and staying for as long as they did seemed weak to me. Especially since they had their mother with them, it made me wonder why their mother didn't drag them back to the tombs at the first sign of trouble. Her daughter's love life just didn't seem like a good enough reason to me when it's life or death. Despite that it all came together in the end and the story kept me interested. I liked it so much I bought the 3rd book right after I finished this one. Good series so far.

I can't say it enough - I LOVE these books. They have it all - romance, action, drama, death, destruction, life and love. Beautifully written and the setting is fantastic (though I may be biased because I'm half-Italian and would love to visit Italy someday). It continues right where *Waterfall* leaves off. We meet Lord Rodolfo Greco in this next installment, a mysterious knight of Florence who is hell-bent on capturing the "She-Wolves of Siena", as Gabi and her sister Lia have been named by their adoring Sienese public. He is dangerous, deadly and of course, drop-dead gorgeous. I actually imagine him as the actor Rufus Sewell, who plays Count Adhemar in *A Knight's Tale* (the movie with Heath Ledger - if you haven't seen it, go watch it). There is a depth to him which we come to see as the story progresses, and only time will tell if he's as bad as he seems.

This is a great sequel and as a side note, I've read all these books (including the subsequent novellas) about three times in the last three months. They really are that good!

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