

# The Lynda Engler Newsletter

## March 2018

I'm writing this month's newsletter from Indianapolis, where I have spent the week making my 6-month old granddaughter play hokey from daycare to hang out with grandma. We've had a great time. It's cliché to say they grow up so fast, but alas, sometimes clichés are also true. I thought I would get some writing done while she naps, but you know what they say about the best plans of mice and men (and grandmother's). She is adorable and happy, and I wouldn't miss a minute. Soon enough I'll be driving back to North Carolina and I'll be missing this cutie pie. Sometimes, writing can wait!

This month I have the pleasure of having a guest blogger to my website, Laura Vosika. Laura's *Blue Bells of Scotland* series is the time travel adventure story of Niall Campbell, noble and upright medieval Highlander, caught in modern Scotland and mistaken for someone else, and seeking a way back across time to save the people he loves.

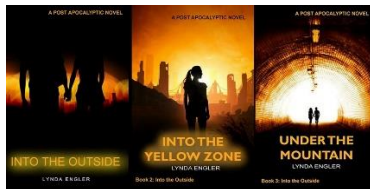


### Guest Blog: Time Travel, Medieval Scotland... and Trombones?

Laura Vosika shares with us her story of wandering into time travel as a child by reading *In the Keep of Time* by Margaret Anderson in the 70s. Her novel *Blue Bells of Scotland* came out in 2009, spending most of a year in the top 100 in all three of its categories. It was followed by *The Minstrel Boy*, *The Water is Wide*, and *Westering Home*, telling the story of Niall and Shawn's growing friendship as they work together for the Bruce, and seek a way to get Shawn home. The fifth and final book, *The Battle is O'er*, is available March 23, 2018.

To read her guest blog, please visit [www.lyndaengler.com/blog](http://www.lyndaengler.com/blog).

Laura will be doing an 'author takeover' at **Liter (ar)ily Speaking—Nurture Your Books** on March 24, from 4:30 to 7:30. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1747003978939464>



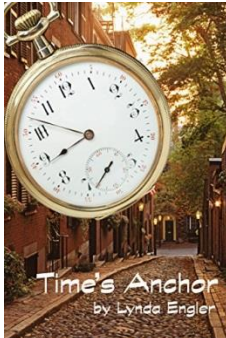
### *Into the Outside* Trilogy Dystopian/Sci-Fi

"Lynda brings the troubles of both the shelter people and outsiders to life in such a way that it truly makes you wonder if this could really happen. She combines the action/adventure of the outside with an uncanny love story that truly melts the heart." ★★★★★ Amazon Review, Zora Marie

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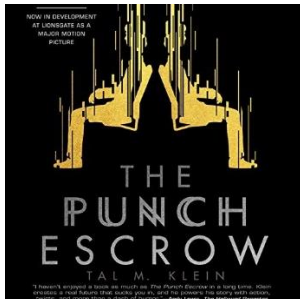


### ***Time's Anchor***

Time Travel/Sci-Fi

Ophelia's husband disappears at the most inopportune times. After 10 years, she's not sure why she puts up with it, other than the fact that she's loved him since she met him in college, before the physics experiment that started Will involuntarily sliding through time. She leans on her friends for support – the partners of the unwilling time travelers – until one returns from a slide beaten to death. The shock of this tragedy reverberates through the group, and they make a decision to try to prevent the experiment from ever taking place. A human story of love, friendship, and life's joys and sorrows, set against the backdrop of a mystery that ranges from modern day Boston to Civil War Virginia to the casino building boom of Las Vegas.

\$0.99 on [Kindle](#) and \$6.95 on [Audible](#). Visit [Amazon](#) on **March 20** to download your free Kindle copy.



### **AUDIOBOOK Reviews**

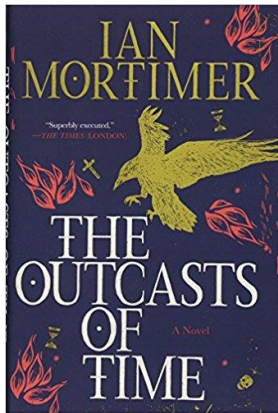
**[The Punch Escrow](#), by Tal M. Klein**  
Techno-Thriller/Sci-Fi

Overall **\*\*\*** Performance **\*\*\*\*\*** Story **\*\*\***

In the year 2147, advancements in nanotechnology have enabled us to control aging, genetically engineer mosquitoes to feast on carbon fumes instead of blood, ending air pollution, and teleportation has become the ideal mode of transportation. Joel Byram, our smartass protagonist, is an everyday 22nd century guy. He spends his days training artificial-intelligence engines to act more human, jamming out to 1980s new wave – an extremely obscure genre – and trying to salvage his deteriorating marriage. Joel is an everyday guy with everyday problems, until he's accidentally duplicated while teleporting. Now Joel must outsmart the shadowy organization that controls teleportation, outrun the religious sect out to destroy it, and find a way to get back to the woman he loves in a world that now has two of him.

Author Tal M. Klein's first novel is a solid 4-star novel, with a 5-star narrator. The protagonist is a somewhat predictable character – but then so was James Bond – and the ideas were well developed and executed quite well for a first-time author. Klein is worth watching, and I look forward to his future novels, especially on audiobook.

\$19.95 or 1 Credit on [Audible](#)



### BOOK Review

[The Outcasts of Time](#), by Ian Mortimer  
Time Travel/Sci-Fi

Overall \*\*\*\*\*

December 1348. What if you had just six days to save your soul?

From the author described by the London *Times* as "the most remarkable historian of our time" comes a stunning, high-concept time-travel adventure. With England in the grip of the Black Death, brothers John and William fear that they will shortly die and suffer in the afterlife. But as the end draws near, they are given an unexpected choice: either to go home and spend their last six days in their familiar world, or to search for salvation across the forthcoming centuries – living each one of their remaining days ninety-nine years after the last. Of course, they chose the future.

Soon they find themselves in 1447, clueless of almost everything going on around them. 1546 brings no more comfort, and 1645 challenges them in further unexpected ways. It is not just that technology is changing: things they have taken for granted all their lives prove to be short-lived. As they find themselves in stranger and stranger times, we see the world through their eyes as it shifts through disease, progress, enlightenment, and war. But their time is running out—can they do something to redeem themselves before the six days are up?

Dr. Ian Mortimer has been described as 'the most remarkable medieval historian of our time'. He is best known as the author of 'The Time Traveller's Guide to Medieval England,' which was a Sunday Times bestseller in 2009 and 2010. *The Outcasts of Time* is Mortimer's latest, and if you are a fan of British history, don't miss this well-written romp through history.

\$8.69 on [Kindle](#)

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