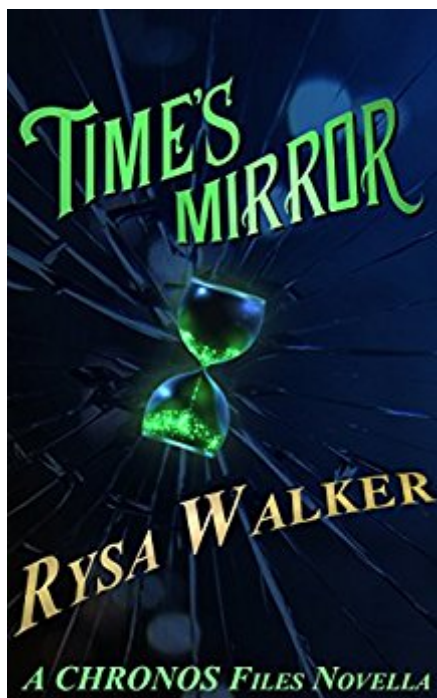


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# Time's Mirror: CHRONOS Files 2.5 (The CHRONOS Files)



## Synopsis

The second CHRONOS Files novella follows Prudence's story from her fateful first journey with the CHRONOS key to the point where her story intersects with Kiernan Dunne in the first novella, Time's Echo. It also helps sets the stage for Time's Divide, the third and final book in The CHRONOS Files, coming from Skyscape in October. It's 1984 and the only things on Prudence Pierce's mind are seducing her violin instructor and, with the help of her sister Deborah, avoiding the wrath of their mother for stepping out of the house dressed like Madonna. Her mother might also be a teensy bit angry about the medallion Pru swiped from the attic--a medallion that glows lime green and has an oddly hypnotic, holographic effect when Pru holds it in her hand. A simple blink is all it takes to yank Pru from the car with her dad into a world of hurt. She awakens in 2305 to find herself pinned under what's left of CHRONOS headquarters, thanks to a recent terrorist attack. Their prime suspect? Her mother, Katherine Shaw. And everyone wants to know how Pru got her hands on a CHRONOS key. Pru is convinced that the key is the answer to all her problems. She'll use it to stop her mother, fix her relationship with Deb, and even restore CHRONOS, so that her new friend Tate can return to the job he loves. She can't do it alone, however. Fortunately, she finds Saul Rand, and he's more than willing to help.

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## Customer Reviews

I read and really enjoyed Time's Echo, the novella written from Kiernan's POV, and was equally impressed with Time's Mirror, the novella written from Pru's POV. Both novellas pack in a lot of information in such a tight space, giving us that "other side" of the story that we learned about in Timebound and Time's Edge. In the full-size novels, as well as Time's Echo, Pru is definitely the antagonist, although we did get glimpses that hers may be a complicated tale. In Time's Mirror Rysa Walker peels back the layers to reveal why this sad woman became who she was. It did get complicated with all the different versions of people, but it is time travel, a very complicated concept. If you are a fan of the Chronos Series, I would definitely recommend reading the two novellas, Time's Echo and Time's Mirror.

I was happy to find this novella before reading the third book because I liked the one with Kiernan, and I hoped this would fill in some information. I still don't really like Pru very much after reading it, but I enjoyed reading how she was brought into the master plan. I just felt like she was pretty naive and so quick to believe the worst of her mother, but not of a shady guy she just met. While she doesn't like him in the end, she still adopts the mindset that she is too invested to turn back. I'm excited to read the third book. Maybe there will be some redeeming qualities in her to find. The only one I really felt from this one was that she loves her sister.

It's not black or white, good or evil, from where I'm standing. Here in the middle, everything looks gray. Prudence is the star in Time's Mirror. We left off in the previous book, Time's Edge, where Kate and Kiernan are gradually gathering medallions trying to stop Kate's grandfather, Saul, from changing everything about history, so he can be worshiped through his Cyrist religion. Walker has backtracked to the infamous car accident involving Prudence and her adoptive father; explaining where she went and how she discovered the CHRONOS medallions. Prudence has accidentally traveled to the bombing of the CHRONOS lab and is hence stuck in the future, where she learns of an opposite turn of events than Kate has been told. Prudence's character is different than was perceived in the previous novels, according to Kate and her grandmother's point of view. Thus far, I feel incredibly sorry for Prudence and the situation in which she found herself, although at the beginning

she doesn't see it that way. According to Prudence, she really can't decipher who is the evil one, her mother or father, because she has been told stories that her mother is behind the bombing of CHRONOS, not her father. So, here we have Kate and Prudence, virtually the same age, in separate times, being told two totally different stories, but which is correct? After reading what Prudence went through, I must say I'm a little perplexed, and not so gung-ho about bashing her for all the rotten things she's done; I'd agree with Prudence, everything looks gray. I cannot say enough about this series. This novella gives us Timebound fanatics another side of the story, Kate's Aunt Prudence's side. All this time we've thought Prudence was an evil, terrible, out of her mind lunatic, but now we get a little glimpse into why Prudence is the way she is. If this is the beginning of Walker's third installment of the Timebound series, I'm buckled up and ready! So many twists and turns in this book and a lot of ah-ha moments, that I'm not sure I can wait until October for the final book! In short, this novella was a tease, it sucked me right back into the world of time travel and learning why Saul is so egotistical. Although, not all my questions were answered, which leads me to believe they will be in the new book. I feel like it was another key for the Timebound road map. Be on the look out for an exclusive interview with Rysa Walker, author of the best-selling series Timebound: The CHRONOS Files only at Gilt & Buckram.\*\*\*\* 4

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I really enjoyed Time's Mirror in part because it wasn't at all what I was expecting. I mean, it was probably one of the biggest literary surprises I've ever come across. The first CHRONOS novella gave us a sequence of events from Kiernan's POV; likewise, in Time's Mirror we get a series of events from Pru's POV. I can't comment more without giving away the purpose of the novel, but I'll simply say that I finished this novella and wanted to go back and re-read the whole CHRONOS series with this new vision of Pru in my head. Fans of the CHRONOS chronicles will enjoy the description of Pru's first travel through time and will appreciate the deft way with which Walker plays with the time continuum. She made it easy on us readers in the first books, but she dumped us right into the complexity of time travel with the CHRONOS keys in this novella. Overall I really enjoyed this story, and only wish that there was more to it so I could get more information about Pru's journey. After reading this I'm even more anxious for the release of the third full book in the trilogy.

I almost missed this second novella, but I'm glad I didn't because it gave me insight into Pru's life

and how she became the way she was as the older Pru. Be sure to read this book before you read Book 3 since it paves the way for the series finale.

I enjoyed this book as well as the previous books by Rysa Walker. I will continue to read the time travel books that she writes. She keeps you interested in the characters and what they will do next. I liked the detail in this novella.

I can't even imagine trying to read book 3 without having read this novella. This story provides absolutely essential background information to set up some of the settings and places in the third book. I've read some reviews saying these books were too twisted and convoluted to be enjoyable, but that's why I loved them. It's not often as an avid reader that you get a book that challenges you. I plan to read these all again, just to try to wrap my mind around the concepts. I read Time's Mirror and the other novella 1.5 and felt this was even more essential than the first one.

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