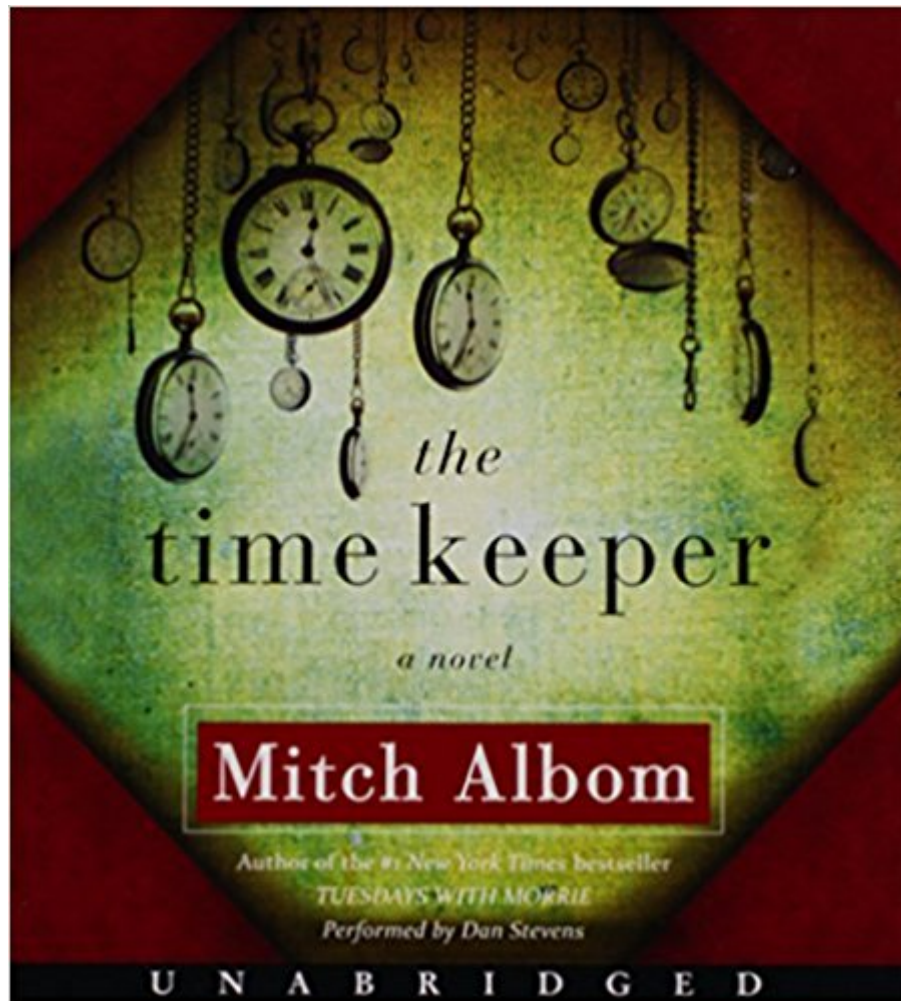




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# The Time Keeper



## Synopsis

From the author who's inspired millions worldwide with books like "Tuesdays with Morrie" and "The Five People You Meet in Heaven" comes his most imaginative novel yet, "The Time Keeper"--a compelling fable about the first man on Earth to count the hours. The man who became Father Time. In Mitch Albom's newest work of fiction, the inventor of the world's first clock is punished for trying to measure God's greatest gift. He is banished to a cave for centuries and forced to listen to the voices of all who come after him seeking more days, more years. Eventually, with his soul nearly broken, Father Time is granted his freedom, along with a magical hourglass and a mission: a chance to redeem himself by teaching two earthly people the true meaning of time. He returns to our world--now dominated by the hour-counting he so innocently began--and commences a journey with two unlikely partners: one a teenage girl who is about to give up on life, the other a wealthy old businessman who wants to live forever. To save himself, he must save them both. And stop the world to do so. Told in Albom's signature spare, evocative prose, this remarkably original tale will inspire readers everywhere to reconsider their own notions of time, how they spend it, and how precious it truly is.

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## Customer Reviews

For Albom fans, this adult fairytale will inspire and satisfy readers in search of a more meditative approach to life in a fast-paced yet wonderful world Irish Independent The theme of the book is not so much that we should gain more time, but that we should spend the time we have more wisely.

And in that there is certainly a message for us all Irish Catholic This is an unforgettable story, poignant, inspirational and beautifully written. Splendid Image magazine --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Mitch Albom is an author, playwright, and screenwriter who has written seven books, including the international bestseller *Tuesdays with Morrie*, the bestselling memoir of all time. His first novel, *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*, was an instant number-one New York Times bestseller that has since sold more than six million copies worldwide. For *One More Day*, his second novel, was also a #1 New York Times bestseller. Both books were made into acclaimed TV films. Mitch also works as a columnist and a broadcaster, and serves on numerous charitable boards. He lives with his wife, Janine, in Michigan.

This unusual book is for deep-thinkers. He takes the 'simple' concept of time, and relates it to a few characters, who represent the bulk of society. He jumps back and forth in time, and between alternating scenarios. However, he does this effectively by using very short excerpts with 'bolded' sentence headings. The author is examining the myth of 'Father Time' and the reality of 'actual' time. My favorite saying is: Wear death on your shoulder as a friend, and you will live life more fully. It's the one certainty in life. But this author takes it a step further... He examines time within the circle of life. This author's unique writing style, the mysterious way he's exposing the plot, along with his 'simply-told' lofty concepts, is most-likely the reason he's garnered accolades for this book. I enjoyed it thoroughly! P.S. Don't ask for more time to read it... An inside joke...

Mitch Albom is one of my favorite authors. His books are quick, thoughtful reads. I really loved the beginning of this story but as it went on, it became a little predictable. Still thought provoking, though, which for me makes it worth it. My favorite line from the book reads "You marked the minutes...but did you use them wisely? To be still? To cherish? To be grateful? To lift and be lifted?" I don't appreciate book reviews that tell you the whole story, so I'm not going to let on too much. But I will say if that line gets to you, you'll surely enjoy this book! As with all of Albom's books, it left me examining myself; my priorities; my goals.

Beautiful. Beguiling. AND .... Mitch Albom's talent as a story-teller is on display in this short fantasy - or was it reality? He tackles some of life's perennial questions: What is time? Why can't I have more time? Who's keeping time? ... From time immemorial to today's time, we travel on a beautiful,

sensitively written time machine. Serious. Humor. OMG, "Is this all there is?" PLEASE read this relatively short story so you can better deal with "What time is it?" in your own life. Kudos to Mitch Albom.

The story in itself really made me think and appreciate the concept of time more in different ways. I suppose that's what a story should do: keep you pondering. I also became fond of the main character. That is why I gave it three stars. Other than that, the supporting characters and dialogue/writing at times was laborious and painful to get through. Overall the story was very touching and heartfelt, and had a moral to it, as expected. But I'd like to have had it been more intelligent.

I have really enjoyed Mitch Albom's other books, so when I heard about this one, I was instantly interested. When I read a brief synopsis (that it was a story of Father Time and how people had become obsessed with time), I was even more interested. When I was in Peru, I realized how obsessed with time I am (and every American I know is). It was very eye-opening to see a society that really lacks the obsession that we have. It was a huge adjustment when I got there, and an even bigger adjustment when I got home. (I remember my husband--boyfriend at the time--asking me on dates for 7pm. I'd be out running errands, get home at 7:10 and be absolutely shocked that he was already there.) OK, back to the book: I'm starting a book club with some friends and I was in charge of deciding the first book. So I chose this one. Here's my review: Great! I think that as I continue to think about it, I'll have more insights. But first impressions: It certainly makes me think. How am I obsessed with time? Do I want more time at times? Do I want less at times? What do I fear about time? What do I like about time? In what ways does calculating time make life easier? In what ways does calculating time make life harder? How are skyscrapers and wealth a symbol of our constant quest for power? Am I constantly on that quest? How is that detrimental to my relationships? Is calculating time a method of feeling in control? How come it makes us feel out of control? Have I ever had a moment in my life when I actually wasn't thinking at all about time? What was that like? Why was that different than every other moment that I've had?

This story was very thought provoking. It was a bit difficult in the beginning to get a handle on where it was going. Then WOW, it took off and hard to stop reading when I had to. I have enjoyed everything I've read written by Mitch Albom.

You will never look at a clock the same way again. Read this book in 2 days, couldn't put it down.  
Will make you appreciate the "time" you have

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