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## **Keeper of the Atlas (The Atlas Chronicles® book 1) – Karolyn Timarkos**

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Book One of *The Atlas Chronicles* is an intriguing fusion of fact and fantasy. The ordinary becomes extra-ordinary and the improbable seems quite logical.

New Zealand twins Briana and Hamish go on holiday with their parents to stay with relatives in Wales. It's a journey that leads them to discover surprising truths about their ancestors. The ripple-down effect from past events has a dramatic impact on the fifteen-year-olds present-day lives.

Briana is a resourceful young woman with a firm grip on reality. She's often exasperated by her cheeky brother who is an enthusiastic Doctor Who fan. The teenagers have a typical brother-sister relationship. At times, they squabble and are irritated by each other. Yet, when danger threatens either of them or their family, they become a united force against their adversary.

When Briana buys an ancient Atlas at a book stall, the twins are swept up in events that challenge their sanity and courage. They learn that time can be turned upside-down and travel is not limited to conventional transport. But navigating time and space is hazardous for the inexperienced twins. Although two unusual guides come to their aid, the unlikely minders have their own problems to overcome.

As the plot unfolds, the twins meet a fascinating array of characters - all with important roles to play. Action-packed scenes and well-written dialogue move the story along at a cracking pace. Readers new to sci-fi will appreciate the explanations of time-travel and alternate realities.

There is more adventure and excitement to come in Book Two of *The Atlas Chronicles* series.

**Reviewed by children's book author Jean Bennett**

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