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When Clara wakes up on Christmas morning next to her husband Drew, she's filled with joy because she has the perfect present: she's seven weeks pregnant with their first child.

But no sooner does Clara tell Drew the news than an earthquake strikes in nearby San Francisco. The next thing Clara knows she's waking up in bed-alone-and discovers she's three years in the future. Where is her husband and what has happened to the child she was expecting? Clara is no stranger to unusual occurrences, but the last thing on her Christmas list was to time travel...again.

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Clare says

This is a sequel to If Only In My Dreams. I got one free and paid a couple bucks for the other one so feel I got a bargain. You would really need to read the first book before reading this one I think. Again, the time travel thing fascinates me. In the first one the heroine travels back in time and in the second, forward in time. Interesting.

Cindi says

This was my Christmas-season read, and I can't quite remember now who recommended it, but it was a wonderful choice! I enjoyed the storyline (and probably would have liked it even more if I had read the 1st book in the series - I'm a stickler for reading in order!), the writing style (Ms. Markham is actually Wendy Corsi Staub, an author I already liked) and the enduring romance between Clare and Drew. I also felt the author did a remarkable job making this time-travelling novel seem so very possible, even reasonable. Finally, I have to admit that I cried several times during this heart-rending novel and I'm not usually a cry-er (is that a word?).

Clare and Drew are crazily in love and very, very happy in their 3 year marriage even though they have gone through more crises than any couple should have to go through; due to the loss of Drew's investment banking job, they have relocated from Clare's native Manhattan to San Florintino, California and into their dream home with its view of the sea. Its Christmas morning and Clare has a surprise gift for Drew, just as he does for her. All is perfect, until Clare experiences her first earthquake. This sets off all kinds of scary (not "Chuckie"-style, tho!) events that led into a roller-coaster of emotional reading for me. I started TBG late last night, could hardly sleep, and took the book to work today (luckily it was S-L-O-W) so I could finish it. I run a remodeling company and today my crews probably wondered why I sat on the back porch reading and crying all day . . .

Ms. Markham did a great job filling me in so I didn't really feel like I missed anything by not reading If Only In My Dreams before this one, but after I recover from this sweet book and maybe find the man of my dreams, I plan to rectify that :)

Ruth Ann Maynard says

Different

This is a strange story, about time travel. I began reading it because I thought it was a love story centered around Christmas. It was but it had a weird twist to it.

Tasha says

The Best Gift was getting to read this wonderful story that was beyond amazing and so much fun. I am glad I didn't skip over this book

Patsy Fox says

I think Wendy Markham is a really good writer. I like the story and the never ending love that Clara and Drew had, but I don't like stories about time travel. I was to far into this story before I knew about the time travel so I had to finish. It's hard for me to quit reading a book, it has to be really bad. I like the happy ever after ending but I still had questions at the end. Like does the time traveling still go on? Do the children have that ability?

If you like time travel you will love this story so please read this book.

E.rai says

Thought it would be interesting it wasn't ...thought it would be fun, nope not that either. Sad, boring and really an extended epilogue.

Susan says

This is part-two - so good - the Time Traveler returns again. Excellent story and you really care about these characters. Book One - If Only in My Dreams deals with time travel to the past - if you've ever wondered about Time Travel to the future - this is dealt with in The Best Gift. SPOILER ALERT - I really thought Drew was gone.

Melissa says

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This time travel romance is sure to keep you on your toes. Clara can't stop traveling from the present into the future. In the present, her life appears to be wonderful with a loving husband and baby on the way but in the future, she is lost and alone.

Ms. Markham creates an interesting time travel with a twist. Not only are Clara and Drew husband and wife but were meant to be. Clara had met Drew in his previous life when she time traveled back to the past.

The secondary characters were very memorable. I loved Dickens and Doris. Each one was so well thought out and unique. My only complaint about the story was the constant switching from the present to the future. It left me (and Clara) confused about what was going on in the story. Ms. Markham uses this technique to keep the reader guessing about whether or not there's a happily ever after. If you enjoy time travel stories with a twist, you're going to enjoy The Best Gift.

Loreta says

The second (and final) book of this time travel series was well written and the characters well developed. I may have been scratching my head had I not read the first book, *If Only in my Dreams*, before this one. For someone who doesn't normally read this type of book I was pleasantly surprised that I enjoyed it.

Janelle says

Time travel mystery - how cool is that?

Jennifer says

Not a fan of this book. Perhaps if I had read the previous book I would have been more engaged. The book was hard to follow at times and I had a hard time with all the errors.

Michelle says

Good book

You people should just read this book yourselves and write your own review on this novel yourself and I really enjoyed reading this book very much so. Shelley MA

Deb Bartram says

This is probably more of a 2.5 stars. This was a sequel to an earlier book, which I didn't realize when I got the book. That said, it wasn't hard to follow the general plot that had occurred previously. However, I felt this story, though pretty short, still was draggy and kind of thumped you over the head with the story such that I was just feeling "get on with it"! So, not a bad read, but not a great one either.

Wall-to-wall books - wendy says

Ok, I'll admit, because this was a sequel, it was a bit confusing! It felt scattered and I wasn't sure exactly what was going on and who was who.

BUT... I liked it!!! The more I read the more I liked it. This was my first "Time travel" book! It was fun, what a trip! Great character development, I loved Clara! Like it says above - Clara was literally "ping ponging" back and forth between the future and present. The Author did an amazing job at keeping everything straight, I wasn't lost at all.

This was also my first Wendy Markham book. I won't hesitate to try another one. Maybe the first book to this one :-)

Tracey says

I am a HUGE Wendy Markham fan but this book was a little confusing. A little bit out there. Time travel? It was quick and easy but I kept waiting for it to be funny like her other books. Not my fave.
