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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Some fun light readingBy Camp RunamokMichael Crichton's Timeline was in a group of recommended books to read before our trip to Toulouse. It's a Sci-Fi time travel book that takes place in the Toulouse area, so it has quite a bit of history about the area, which was great fun. Not a must read book by any means, it reads like a screenplay, as many of Crichton's books do. But for some good light reading with some interesting history and some fun characters, we would give it a thumbs up.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Worth reading, but it is not one of Crichton's best books.By Clark HallmanTimeline by Michael Crichton - Michael Crichton wrote many very good books in the science-fiction, medical-fiction, and adventure genres. Unfortunately, Timeline is not one of his best science-fiction books, although it is interesting and suspenseful. Robert Doniger is a brilliant physicist and unethical billionaire entrepreneur who secretly developed technology using quantum science that enables time travel to the past. He also funds the research of an ancient castle, church and monastery ruins in France by a group of "Historians." Doniger allows the leader of that research group to travel back to the fourteenth-century version of his research site. Unfortunately, something happens and he is unable to return to the twentieth century. This results a rescue mission by a few of the historians, who travel to the mid-1300s using Doniger's technology. However, fourteenth-century France is a very crude, primitive, violent, war-torn environment; and the time travelers encounter violence almost on arrival. They become trapped in that brutal society. The book then becomes an adventure story about the incredible hardships and life-threatening brutality that they endure while trying

to rescue their colleague and get back to the twentieth century. Crichton included much intricate description and explanation about life, and the structure of society, in fourteenth-century France. He also educates the reader about the level of scientific development, weaponry, clothing materials and production, building techniques and materials, and countless other details. Crichton also provides a plethora of information, which exceeded my understanding and interest after a few pages, about the use of quantum science to achieve time travel. This book is much more historical-fiction than science fiction. It certainly had action and suspense, but that became a seemingly unending circle of captivity-torture- escape, which I found to be a bit tedious. Timeline is worth reading, but it is not one of Crichton's best books. BTW: I have not seen the movie based on this book, but it is rated 5.6 on a 10-point scale on IMDb as I write this review. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Timeline: Read it! By SandraRichly embroidered with fully fleshed-out characters, vivid descriptions of time and place, Timeline caught my attention from the first paragraph, and never let go. Crichton's words flame across the page taking the reader back and forth through time with a sense of urgency that I found completely credible Oh, how I would love to take a trip back to another century, and still be able to return to my own. That one might not return is fantasy of the first order.

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