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# A Time To Speak (Out Of Time)



## Synopsis

What happens when you live longer than you wanted to? Parvin Blackwater wanted to die, but now she's being called to be a leader. The only problem is, no one wants to follow. The Council uses Jude's Clock-matching invention to force "new-and-improved" Clocks on the public. Those who can't afford one are packed into boxcars like cattle and used for the Council's purposes. Parvin and Hawke find themselves on a cargo ship of Radicals headed out to sea. What will the Council do to them? And why are people suddenly dying before their Clocks have zeroed-out? Book Two in the "Out of Time" series.

## Book Information

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"A Time to Speak ... is well written, keeping readers thoroughly engaged through effortless dialogue and vivid descriptions that are a feast for the senses."--Marta Tandori, professional reviewer for Readers' Favorite  
The plot is complex and imaginative and will appeal to all ages. --RT Book Reviews

Carol Award winner and Christy Award finalist, Nadine Brandes is an adventurer, fusing authentic faith with bold imagination. She never received her Hogwarts letter, but rest assured she's no Muggle (and would have been in Ravenclaw House, thank you very much.) This Harry Potter super-nerd has been known to eat an entire package of Oreos (family size) by herself, and watches

Fiddler on the Roof at least once a year. She writes about brave living, finding purpose, and other worlds soaked in imagination. Her dystopian trilogy (The Out of Time Series) challenged her to pursue shalom, which is now her favorite word (followed closely by bumbershoot.) When Nadine's not taste-testing a new chai or editing fantasy novels, she and her knight-in-shining armor (nickname: "hubby") are out pursuing adventures.

It was better than the first. which is a grand achievement, as there tends to be a lull in many YA distopian or any YA series. The story was faster-paced, full of life-threatening circumstances, heart-wrenching decision making and an amazing man who would do anything to stay with the girl he loves. (swoon) Parvin was so much more likable. I loved the first book, but she was so whiny in the first book. I'm so happy to see her progress significantly. SOLOMON ... 'swoon." Man I love his character. I loved the message in this book! God can use you, even if you are weak, maimed, whiny, timid, scared to death. Even if the world hates you. (or you just think the world hates you) God can use anyone for his glory. God can use your mistakes, God can use your weaknesses and make something amazing happen. Again, this book is rather dark - ish. Definitely for teens who aren't easily frightened. Also, things can get very emotional. Still I did NOT like her family (except maybe her father, but I'm still indecisive about him. Not a fan of the other ladies. Tawny - Gah. Maybe I didn't like her because Parvin didn't? who knows. SPOILERS BEYOND THIS POINT A few of my favorite scenes: When Parvin is being pelted with food and basically hated on, and when her father and Solomon rescue her and she's crying and she asks, why does she still have a deep love for these people, even when they hate her?? THAT was the turning point IMO for her character. 2nd favorite: when she was being choked to death and Solomon was literally crying as he tried to stop the guy from killing her. 'swoon". Also, when he dove off the docks after the ship. AGAIN I love Solomon. I definitely recommend this book!

Installment #2 in the Parvin series, A Time to Speak follows her and Willow as they face persecution back in the West. When the government betrays the people of Unity Village, destroying their clocks and making them Radicals, Parvin is forced into leadership along with Solomon, an Enforcer. She and Solomon have an adorable romance (though my heart still tugs towards Jude), and Parvin learns lessons of courage and independence that are challenging to consider. I can relate to her reluctance and fear about speaking up when God prompts. Her confidence as she makes decisions on her own initiative in obedience to God is convicting, though I would like to see her study the Bible more and not just rely on God's inner voice in her heart. The action is tight and non-stop, with

character actions and reactions in a powerful domino effect that makes it impossible to rip yourself away from the pages. I read myself into a headache more than once because of it. With a suspenseful climax that rallies together a disparate group of allies, *A Time to Speak* catapulted me straight to to read the sample of *A Time To Rise*, so I could end the dreadful suspense. (Stop throwing tomatoes. I did it for the sake of my sanity. )

*A Time to Speak* is the second book in the *Out of Time Series* by Nadine Brandes. I was extremely honored to receive an advanced copy in exchange for an honest review! Book two picks up immediately where book one leaves off. Now Parvin Blackwater is left to lead her people against the Council after what she had thought would be her death day. True to her form in book one, Mrs. Brandes kept me guessing in book two, as well. When I thought she would duck, she juke. When I thought she would zig... well, you know. Each page held a reason to turn to the next page, and I found myself breezing through chapter after chapter as I followed Parvin through her latest journey. Before I began reading book one, *A Time to Die*, I wondered if I would be able to root for a hero like Parvin Blackwater. I go for the Harrison Ford or Bruce Willis type of heroes. The tough guys who end up beating up the villain and getting the girl. Parvin is weak and quite unsure of herself. I mean, her pastime was sewing! But, after two books, I must say that I'm a Parvin Blackwater fan! Her weakness is what makes the story so gripping. It's what makes me wonder how she will get out of the next predicament. It is real in that we're all just as weak as she is when we face our own version of the Council. Her weakness makes her believable. Her weakness makes God's strength... perfect. I root for Parvin because I'd be just as lost as she is when she realizes that she's called to lead her people against the USE. Like her, I feel God calling me to do something, but I put up a fight. Like Parvin, I hear Him speaking to me, but I make up excuses for why I'm not ready. Like me, when it's time, she doesn't have a choice. She has faith. She also has a cast of characters around her that I've really grown to love and it was good to see their development. I feel somewhat connected to Solomon, like maybe he's a future relative. Seriously, he's an Enforcer, I'm a Soldier. He braids hair, I braid hair. He's probably taller than me, but that stuff skips a generation. As I had hoped, we get to know Parvin's mother a little more. Just a little. She seems to be a tough woman to crack, so I'm sure it will take all of the three-book series to get her figured out. We're also introduced to several new characters. With them, Parvin travels to some pretty awesome places that I hope to see more of in book three. Oh, and my new favorite name is "Rufus McTavish"! I really enjoyed *A Time to Speak*. It is hard to compare it to *A Time to Die*, because they are both so well written and infused with Truth-based messages that I would have a hard time

choosing a favorite. I will say that there is no letdown in book two. Mrs. Brandes delivers a powerful follow-up to her award-winning debut novel. One that will leave you with many questions, as she has quite a knack for ending her books in a way that will keep you watching for the sequel. *A Time to Speak* is full of many powerful quotes. I thought I would share the two that impacted me the most: -I became someone someone new--someone weak, but wrapped in God's strength.-(On God's voice) t's a whisper inside my soul, not an audible voice in my ear. There are really too many to quote. I found myself rereading several lines throughout the book that really spoke to me. These are just two great examples. I highly recommend this book for those who like Dystopian fiction or really any Christian fiction fans. It does have a tad bit of violence and blood, but it isn't gruesome and the author doesn't go into detail in these scenes.

Out of a tangled jungle of repeated and stolen ideas emerges a fantasy novel as fresh and unique as it is surprising. Triplets are born into a world where everyone has a clock that counts down the days until they die. To this unusual concept, add the twist that there are only two clocks shared between the three children. One has very little time on it and soon only two children remain with a single click between them, but who's time does it keep? This begins a twisting, racing adventure with unexpected surprises, plot twists and fascinating characters that kept me resenting anything that came between me and my Kindle until I had finished the first two books. No character is safe, no plot twist is predictable, and I find myself checking constantly for the final book in the series to be published. Not since the hunger games have I found myself so anxious to finish a series.

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