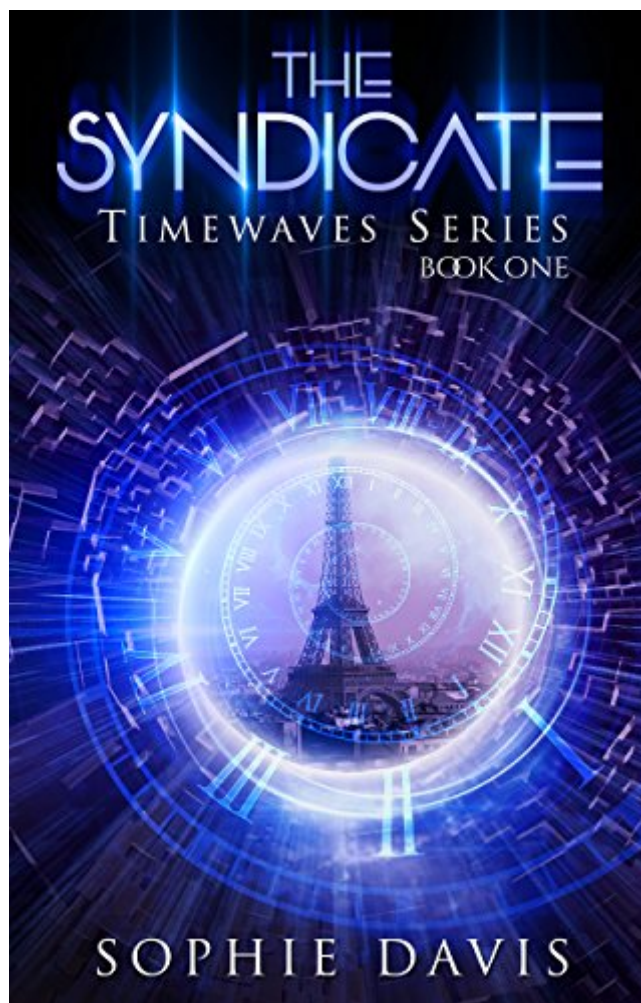


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# The Syndicate (Timewaves #1)



## Synopsis

From the Author of the Worldwide Bestselling Talented Saga Retrieving a lost book manuscript becomes a heart-stopping fight against a madman and time itself. From a dystopian future, Stassi 2446-89 slips through the timewaves to recover cultural items once lost to history. In her native era, time travel has been outlawed. Yet a black-market syndicate exists for those with the money, power, and nerve to purchase items from days past. Stassi's next assignment: Paris in the 1920s to find a lost manuscript by one of the twentieth century's greatest writers. Swept up in the City of Light during the height of fashion and culture, Stassi is soon befriended by Ernest Hemingway, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Gertrude Stein, and a handsome, mysterious local. But a seedier side of life lurks beneath the glamorous facade. Stassi quickly learns this run is more dangerous than any of her previous missions. History isn't playing out as it should - a first for the syndicates. Suddenly, the stakes are much greater than merely living or dying. Ultimately, Stassi must decide how far she'll go to protect her native era, the future as they know it....

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## Customer Reviews

I have never been much of a history fanatic, so when Sophie Davis released the description for their new Timewaves book series, I was a bit wary. As an avid book reader and a huge fan of her other novels, I decided I owed it to myself to give it a shot-- and I'm so glad I did! This book is truly enjoyable to read! It's as fast-paced and entertaining as her Talented Series, but in addition to the likeable characters it forces the reader into a time-period culture nobody yet knew they were obsessed with! Hemingway's "The Old Man and the Sea" is probably my least favorite book I have ever been forced to read... yet Davis' depiction of the man behind the book almost made me want to try it again (although, "almost" was probably the keyword there!). One of the best parts about Sophie Davis' writing is how much you truly want to love all of her characters, even the bad ones! You truly get invested in her characters' story, and while I would have liked the book to have a few more "oh my goodness, did that just happen?!" moments, The Syndicate still ropes you in from the very first chapter! There's no doubt in my mind that the books-to-come in the series will pull us in even farther! Looking forward to getting lost in time again!

By far one of the best books I've read in awhile. Taking place in the future where time travel has been discovered but eventually outlawed due to people messing up history, there is a group called the Syndicate who has perfected the art of time travel. For a very high price, the wealthy can hire the syndicate runners (time travelers) to go back in time and collect rare artifacts for them. Which leads us to our protagonist, Stassi, one of the runners for the syndicate. The story follows as her and her partner, the charming and somewhat goofball esque Gaije, travel to 1920s Paris in search of a never published manuscript. We meet such characters as the Ernest and Hadley Hemingway and other great authors. However things don't go as planned. Soon there is a serial killer on the loose and Stassi might just be their next target. Filled with intrigue, suspense and the roaring 20s in Paris there's not much this book is lacking. The characters, like the world, are lush and full of life. I didn't

want the book to end. I honestly can't wait to read the next one.

I love time travel novels, and *The Syndicate* was no exception! Definitely pick this one up if you love time travel. There were so many twists and turns, and Sophie Davis does an amazing job bringing 1920s Paris to life. I can't wait for book 2!

This book was very intriguing to me as I love time travel books. The fact that this one is set in the future but takes place in the past is even more exciting. Stassi is a runner for a company that sells highly coveted items from the past for lots and lots of money. Stassi and the rest of her gang travel to the past and steal precious documents, artifacts, paintings, etc. These items don't exist in the future because people have screwed up Earth. People will pay a lot of money so Stassi is always kept busy. She gets to go to Paris in the 1920s and is super excited by the location and the mystery surrounding the missing manuscript that she is collecting. She gets to hobnob with famous writers, poets, and enjoy the sites and sounds of Paris. She doesn't expect to meet an intriguing, handsome young man that seems to be smitten with her. She tries to focus on her job but he keeps turning up wherever she is. I have to give this story 4 stars instead of 5 because there were some things that irritated me. It seems like when someone uses the phrase "with that" to add dramatic flair to a sentence, they over use it. You'll read it once, and then it becomes a crutch and is used in every instance to seem more exciting. There is also another phrase that I can't stand and it was used in this story "---released a breath that they didn't know they were holding." I don't think I've ever in my life held my breath and didn't know it. This seems to be something that gets used over and over and over again in books and it needs to die.

I just love the time travel theme and *The Syndicate* did not disappoint. If you are a fan of Rysa Walker's *The Chronos Files* series, you will definitely enjoy this one as well (so far, I actually like this one more). I first became obsessed with the Sophies when reading *Talented* (which I highly recommend if you haven't read that series yet!), and I was happy to see that the characters in this book are just as lovable and memorable. The relationships are beyond realistic and I smiled throughout the fun banter and witty dialogue. I adored Charles and can't wait to learn more about him during the next installment. I was left wanting to know more about The Night Gentleman. Who is he? How does he know Stassi? He seems to know a lot more about her than she does, which has me very intrigued. I really hope he continues to be a villain because he makes a great one. I also thought it was amazing how the Sophies wove fictional

characters with non-fictional characters. I majored in statistics, so I never had many English classes, and I enjoyed learning of these famous historical figures. It was trippy experiencing alongside Stassi and Gaige the day-to-day lives of such important and impressive people.

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