

PARTNERS IN TIME

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LOGLINE

Bumbling sidekicks, DOCTOR WATSON and CAPTAIN HASTINGS are transported into the twenty-first Century where they must solve a hundred-year-old crime before the killer strikes again.

SYNOPSIS

1917, London: at a gentleman's club, DOCTOR WATSON and CAPTAIN HASTINGS attend a demonstration of NIKOLA TESLA'S newest and strangest invention – an electrical device which can see into the future.

Unfortunately, the spectacular device doesn't actually work. The members of the club are disappointed, but expected nothing less of a foreigner and wonder what surprises the future has in store. Watson and Hastings take opposite sides in a debate about the future of criminology. Naturally, Watson favours Holmes' clue-based sleuthing whilst Hastings finds more value in Poirot's psychological investigations. The friends' rivalry leads into a discussion of a recent rash of seemingly random murders which has the police baffled. Holmes and Poirot are both on the case and the friends wager on the outcome.

The calm of the club is disturbed by a mighty thunderclap. Watson and Hastings are first on the scene: Tesla's machine has gone mad; they are struck by an electrical discharge and find themselves in a twenty-first Century restaurant.

They are befriended by LARA, an American student working as a waitress; but before they can fully come to terms

with their predicament, they stumble on a murder victim; a murder which has the same MO as the 1917 killings. The men realise the crimes are linked; the murderer must have come through from the past. Laughed at by the modern police, Watson and Hastings set out to solve the crime, each in the manner of their mentors.

Unfortunately, they are really, really bad at it.

Lara persuades them to adopt modern forensic and psychological methods and slowly the rivals learn to work together.

They discover the murdered man is the great-grandson of one of their 1917 contemporaries; the murders aren't random after all. If they can discover the link between the murder victims, perhaps they can stop him from striking again? A task made more urgent when they realise Lara may well be next on the list ...

PARTNERS IN TIME is a gentle comedy about changing attitudes and how we are all very much the product of our time. It's a tale of trust, friendship and learning to see the other person's point of view in a world where nothing is familiar except the very essence of human nature.

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