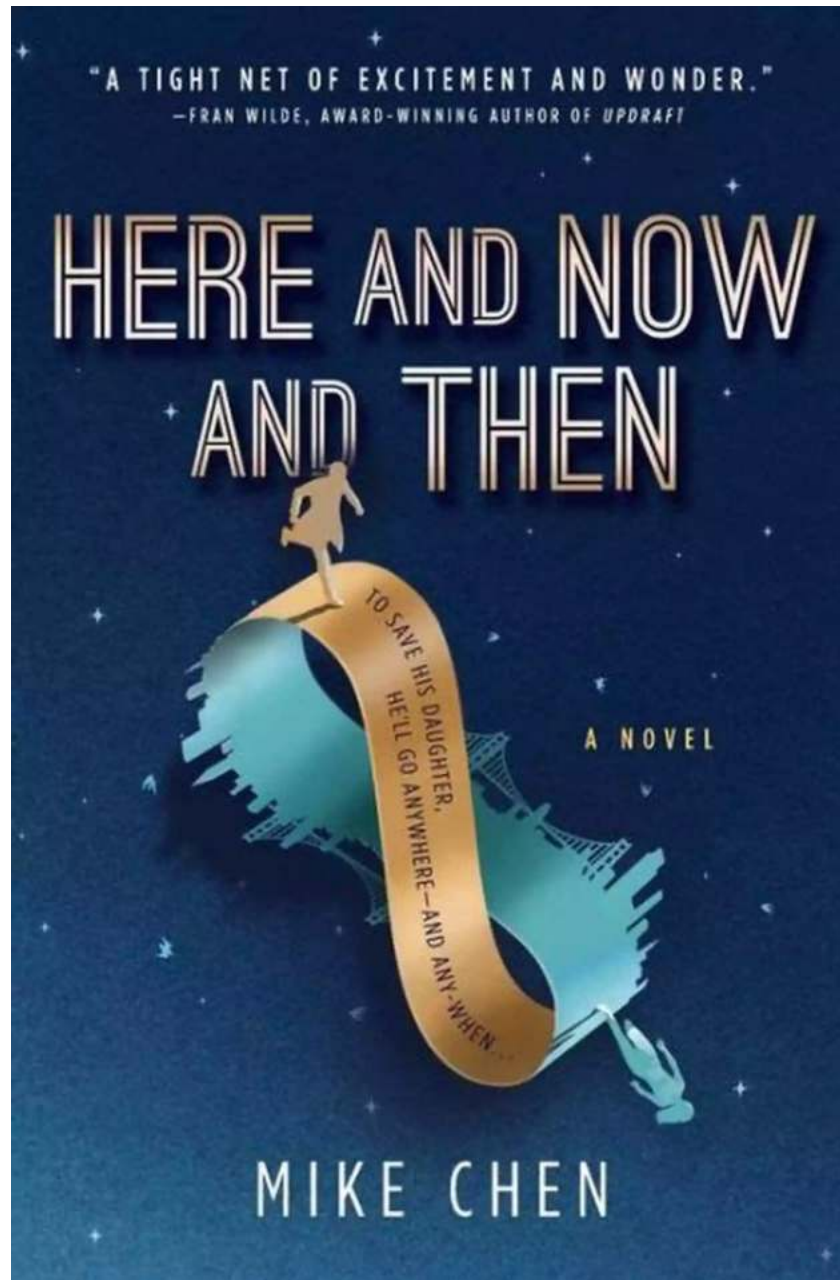


# Here And Now And Then: A Captivating Journey through Time



In this era of rapid technological advancements, time travel has always intrigued the human imagination. It continues to be a subject that captivates readers, as they ponder the possibilities and consequences of such a

phenomenon. Charles Yu's novel, "Here And Now And Then," perfectly encapsulates this fascination, taking readers on an unforgettable journey through time, blending science fiction and human emotions in a remarkable way.

## The Plot

The story revolves around Kin Stewart, a time-traveling secret agent from the year 2142, who gets stuck in 1990s suburban California while attempting to save stranded time-travelers. As Kin adapts to his new life in an unfamiliar time period, he becomes a husband, a father, and a valued member of society.



### Here and Now and Then: A Novel by Mike Chen(Kindle Edition)

★★★★☆ 4.3 out of 5

Language	: English
File size	: 992 KB
Text-to-Speech	: Enabled
Screen Reader	: Supported
Enhanced typesetting	: Enabled
Word Wise	: Enabled
Print length	: 339 pages



The novel beautifully weaves between Kin's present life in the 1990s and the future he left behind. Yu's masterful storytelling keeps readers engaged, as they delve into the complexities of Kin's existence. The emotional moments, dilemmas, and conflicts Kin faces tug at readers' heartstrings, making them question the very essence of time and its impact on their own lives.

## **The Themes**

"Here And Now And Then" explores numerous thought-provoking themes that resonate with readers on a deep level. It delves into the delicate nature of identity and the struggle to reconcile past and present selves. The novel beautifully explores the bond between parents and children, highlighting the sacrifices, love, and challenges that come with the responsibility of parenthood.

Additionally, the book touches upon the concept of time itself, questioning its linear nature, and whether it can be altered or controlled. This concept creates a sense of intrigue and suspense throughout the narrative, leaving readers in awe of the possibilities that time travel could present.

## **The Emotional Impact**

What sets "Here And Now And Then" apart is its ability to evoke a wide range of emotions. As Kin goes through the highs and lows of his life in two different time periods, readers are taken on an emotional rollercoaster. They experience moments of joy, heartbreak, love, and despair alongside the protagonist.

The connections forged between readers and the characters make the novel's emotional impact truly gripping. Yu's skill in crafting relatable, flawed, and deeply human characters allows readers to not only sympathize but also empathize with their struggles and triumphs.

## **The Author's Craftsmanship**

Charles Yu's craftsmanship shines through every page of "Here And Now And Then." His ability to balance intricate details of time travel with meticulously developed characters is commendable. The prose flows

effortlessly, capturing the essence of each moment and immersing readers in the story.

Yu's keen observations about human nature, love, and the longing for a sense of belonging are evident in his writing. Through his words, he explores the complexities of relationships, the impact of technology, and the importance of cherishing the present while being aware of the past and the future.

"Here And Now And Then" is a mesmerizing novel that prompts readers to delve into the depths of time and the human experience. Charles Yu's skillful blend of science fiction, emotion, and intricate storytelling captivates readers from beginning to end. As they turn the final pages, they are left contemplating the complexities of time, the value of relationships, and the profound impact of our choices.

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He'll go anywhere and any when to save his daughter

Kin Stewart is an everyday family man: working in IT, trying to keep the spark in his marriage, struggling to connect with his teenage daughter.

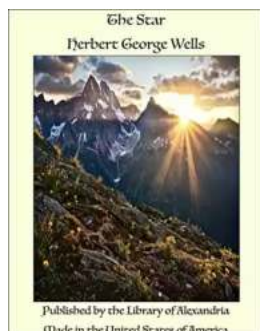
But his current life is a far cry from his previous career...as a time-traveling secret agent from over a century in the future.

Stranded in suburban San Francisco since the 1990s after a botched mission, Kin has kept his past hidden from everyone around him, until one afternoon, his "rescue" team arrives—eighteen years too late.

Their mission: return Kin to 2142, where he's been gone only weeks, not years, and where another family is waiting for him. A family he can't remember.

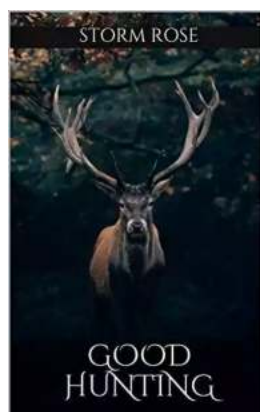
Torn between two lives, Kin's desperate efforts to stay connected to both will threaten to destroy the agency and even history itself. With his daughter's very existence at risk, he will have to take one final trip to save her—even if it means breaking all the rules of time travel in the process.

“Heartfelt and thrilling... Chen’s concept is unique, and [his characters’] agony is deeply moving. Quick pacing, complex characters, and a fascinating premise.”—Publishers Weekly, starred review



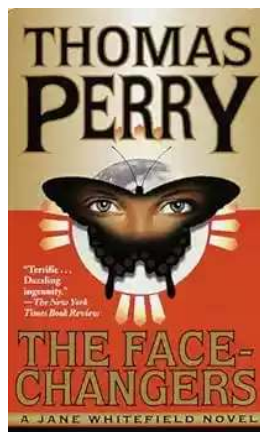
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