

## Time's a changing

Time-travelling hero Joe Hopkins is back in the third installation of the Scar Gatherer series. Previously, Joe has travelled to Roman Britain and the Viking era, while, this time, he remounts his horse after a fall only to find himself in Tudor England. He becomes engulfed in a gripping story which combines fantasy and history as he becomes reacquainted with Lucy, a girl he has met in previous journeys back in time. Wiltshire author Julia Edwards has a clear writing style and an eye for detail which brings individual scenes alive but occasionally slows down the plot. Nonetheless she paints a lucid picture of a boy's growing awareness of the adult world, and the range of burgeoning feelings he has for his friend.

In a coming of age tale which reveals how different life was in Tudor times, Joe also discovers the first feelings of love and loss that adulthood could have in store for him.

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