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# TIME EVERLASTING

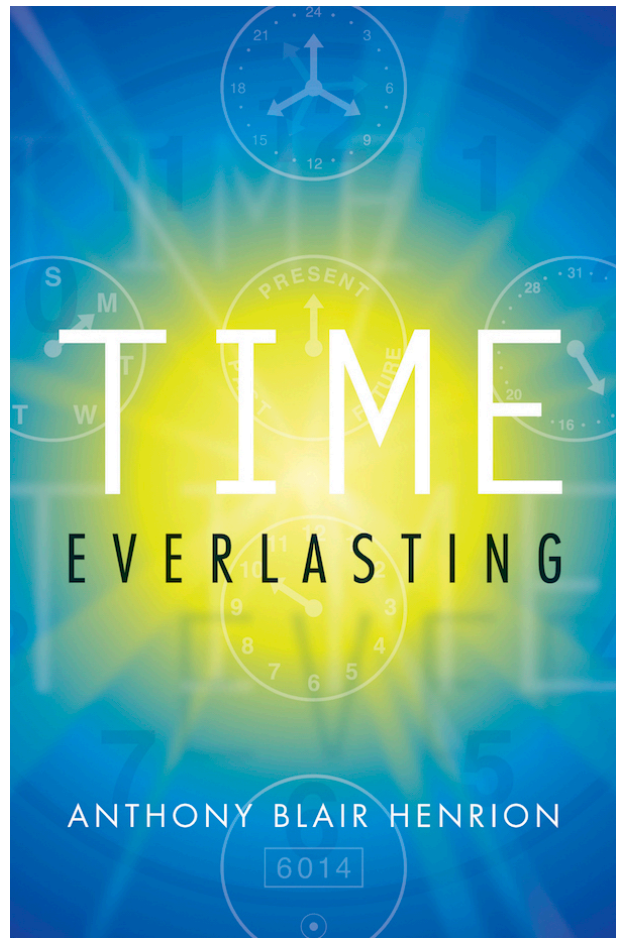
ANTHONY BLAIR HENRION

Are the events of our lives simply random coincidences? ...or are they meant to be?

On a chance encounter, Ben Ryder meets Renee. He quickly realizes that she is the woman of his dreams, the one who is meant for him and always has been. She is his soulmate and he can't picture the rest of his life without her. Yet obstacles stand in his way: she is already in a serious relationship and her faith in God is not quite the same as his. Still, she is the one. He can feel it.

Fortunately for Ben, he has an extremely valuable asset to overcome these challenges—the ability to travel in time. Through much study, effort, and a very special clock created by a timeless soul named Alden, he is able to head back to a crucial time in his and Renee's past. He can alter their destinies, securing the future he believes is meant to be.

However, winning Renee's heart just isn't that simple. During his journey, Ben's faith is tested and he discovers more than he ever could have anticipated. He starts to realize that there may be a greater purpose at work, and it may be beyond his control.



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# About the Author

## **ANTHONY BLAIR HENRION**

Anthony Blair Henrion, called Tony from birth, grew up as an army brat. He moved eight times by the age of 14, finally settling in Longview, Texas for his high school years at Pine Tree High. He went on to graduate from The University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History. He has been married to his lovely wife, Shelley, for more than 23 years. They currently reside in Seminole, Florida, and are blessed to be the parents of two wonderful children, a boy and a girl, both teenagers. In addition to being a husband and father, playing USTA tennis, and being a fan of NFL football, Tony is still trying to figure out what God has planned for his life.

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# *What Others Are Saying About* **Time Everlasting**

*Time Everlasting is compelling. Like a riveting movie with two plots—you can't wait for each one to resolve. The more you read, the more your anticipation is aroused, and you must read on. This is a story woven with moments of the divine and eternity, with revelations of the mysterious, but real, life in the present. The author makes the invisible become real. Could we influence and change the present and eternity? This book will move your heart, mind, and emotions to figure it out for yourself. Don't wait!*

**—Dan Bishop, National Director for Training and Leadership Development,  
Fellowship of Christian Athletes**

*I found Time Everlasting to be not only informative but also spiritually uplifting.*

**—Brittany Lincicome, LPGA Professional**

*I find this story compelling. It offers hope that we are not alone, in spite of our present circumstance. I am reminded that there is more “in play” than only what we see and how our true character can and will shine through no matter the variables that may influence our free will or try to alter our destiny.*

**—CEO Pastor – Michael Watkins, Fundación Centro de Sueños, La Antigua,  
Guatemala**

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# Suggested Interview Questions

## For Anthony Blair Henrion, author of *Time Everlasting*

### **Q: What prompted you to write this book?**

**A:** I have friends, some agnostic, some atheist, who were always saying they don't believe because they can't comprehend a God who would allow such awful things to occur—murder, torture, disease, natural disasters, all kinds of suffering. I understand where they are coming from with regards to these questions. I used to consider myself an agnostic as a teenager and young adult. I had questions that went unanswered and still do. However, I came to terms with my not understanding God a long time ago. I told myself just because I don't know why things are the way they are doesn't mean there isn't a Creator who started it all. There is too much evidence to support God existing. If at all possible, I wanted to write a story that would get people to reconsider their thoughts on the existence of a Creator. There is a great line from the Bible, Proverbs 3:5, which says "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding."

### **Q: How did you come up with the story for *Time Everlasting*?**

**A:** I remember seeing a gentleman on TV many years ago—I can't remember his name or what show it was on. He explained that if you were walking along the beach and a pocket watch washed ashore, you would think "Where did this watch come from? Someone created this. It didn't just appear out of nowhere. Someone spent his time and effort to make this watch." The world we live in didn't just appear out of nowhere. Someone spent his time and effort making us and the world we live in. So, I began my story with the creation of a beautiful clock, which leads to the rest of the story. I made up the rest of the story based on some personal experiences.

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**Q: At what point in the brainstorming process did you decide time travel should be a part of the story?**

**A:** *Time Everlasting* was intended to be a time travel story from the beginning. I had a general idea of the type of story I wanted to write before I started. I think many of us have seen movies about time travel or even read some books on the subject and thought to ourselves, “How cool would that be? To travel to some other point in time—either to experience what life might be like in the distant past or future, or to possibly change history in some way so that our present circumstances would be dramatically changed for the better.” I wrote the book based mainly on the latter reason.

**Q: How do you think your approach to time travel differs from the many other versions that exist?**

**A:** Other time travel versions talk about the science behind time travel—wormholes, Einstein’s theory of relativity, the fourth dimension, etc. I take it to a deeper level. In the book, one key factor to the main character being able to time travel is his ability to demonstrate faith. It’s not about understanding the mechanics of the time travel process. It’s about faith in the mechanic, or creator, of the process and understanding who is ultimately in control!

**Q: Were there any particular challenges that came up in the writing process due to time travel?**

**A:** I needed to make sure that my dates were always correct and the story made sense to the reader. That becomes a little more challenging when jumping from one time period to another. I also had to keep in mind how changing an event from the past might affect the characters in the future.

**Q: Throughout the novel, the main character can’t quite figure out if the things happening in his life are meant to be or not. He’s not sure if destiny is playing a part or if it is all left up to his own free will. In real life, what do you believe?**

**A:** That’s a difficult question to answer. Of course, I believe we can use our free will to make decisions, which can lead us in an infinite number of directions. Still, I believe God is there to guide us at important times, to help us make the decision

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that is best for us. Unfortunately, we often aren't tuned in to God's will for our lives and choose the path that isn't the best for us. But sometimes even in those moments, things aren't what they seem. What appeared to be a poor choice led us to a place which turns out to be good for us. It could be argued that is destiny playing its part. We didn't want it, but it occurred anyway and it turned out to be good for us.

**Q: Music plays a big role in *Time Everlasting*. Why?**

**A:** The references to the music and artists help keep the story moving along. They add to the premise that there are times when our lives seem to be influenced by an outside source. Also, music adds joy to life. It stimulates our minds and memories. So many emotions come out. Imagine the world without music—how would that be? I would like it if the readers could hear the songs that are reference in the story as they read. Originally, I had the lyrics to quite a few songs in the book, but securing print rights proved to be extremely challenging, so I took many of them out.

**Q: What do you hope people are left with after reading the story?**

**A:** I wanted to keep the story simple. Our Creator exists. He made us, the world we live in, and he gave us free will to make our own choices in life, which means we can choose to believe in him or not. He also gave us a gift in his son, Jesus. John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Yes, this world often doesn't make sense to us. Bad things happen. We can't possibly understand God. I hope people don't let that dissuade them from making the most important decision of their life.

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