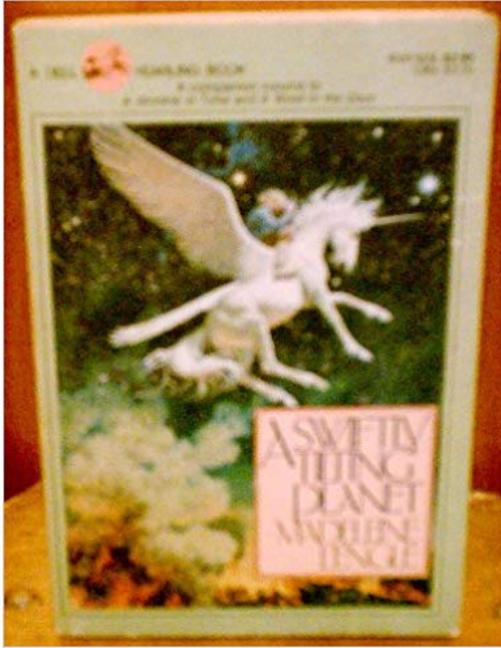


## A Swiftly Tilting Planet *by* Madeleine L'Engle



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Biography Madeleine L'Engle, the popular author of many books for children and adults, has interspersed her writing and teaching career with raising three children, maintaining an apartment in New York and a farmhouse of charming confusion which is called "Crosswicks."



## Reviews of the *A Swiftly Tilting Planet* *by* Madeleine L'Engle

**Domarivip**

"It was a dark and stormy night..."

Okay, I haven't read *A Wrinkle in Time* since fifth grade, so I was kind of nervous going into this. Yet, I was very pleasantly surprised, and I'm even more excited to see the new movie adaptation in March! I mean, this reads a little "old" and "simple" but it was still such a delight to read. I will say that I didn't remember any of the religious/spiritual aspects that were woven in, so apparently fifth grade Melanie, who went to a Catholic school and everything, just pushed those out of her mind throughout the years.

The basic premise of *A Wrinkle in Time*, that I'm sure you all know, stars a young girl named Meg is one of four siblings in her family, and both of her parents are scientists. Meg and Charles are very intelligent, therefore outcasts, but where their twin siblings, who are of normal IQ, fit in just fine. One day, her father goes missing and Meg, Charles, and their new friend, Calvin, meet a very peculiar trio, who take them on an intergalactic adventure that they will never forget. They essentially travel by folding or "wrinkling" time.

Overall, this was a super enjoyable read, that totally did give me a swift kick in the nostalgia feels. Yet, I'm not sure how well it would hold up if this was your first time experiencing the story. I do feel like there is a little something here for everyone, and even though this is considered a middle grade book, I do think it holds up pretty well for most ages. And honestly? Even reading this in 2018, this is still a very unique book.

"There will no longer be so many pleasant things to look at if responsible people do not do something about the unpleasant ones."

This is a story about love, and family, and faith, and being able to think for yourself. I can totally understand why this is a literary classic, and I'm so happy I reread it! And now I'm totally pumped for the movie!

#### **Vozilkree**

When I read *Wrinkle in Time* as a young girl, I was enthralled by the characters, the worlds, the themes and the concepts L'Engle explored. I only read the first two in the series before sailing off into adult fiction, but I felt a deep gratitude for the refuge and validation her books had given me at a time when nerdy kids like myself were disdained and picked on. Recently, I decided to go back to finish the other three books in the WIT quintet. And some of the Austin family stories and was not disappointed. They still are vibrant and thought provoking. I was tempted to give 4 stars instead of 5 because the adult critic in my head kept making notes about how it could have been even better. But that would not be fair to the 11 year old in me who gobbled it all up, eager for more.

#### **Mohn**

Get ready to venture further than you've thought you could go!

The *Wrinkle in Time* Quintet, the whole series is a special trip in to the intelligent imagination of possibilities in space and time that do much more than entertain (and entertain they do!). First, great stories, all five, one building on the other, second, great characters, that are connected in time and space by family and friendship, several generations and by the end of the last book of the five, one feels part of this family in some way, wishing to hear more and more about their lives and adventures.

#### **Kulwes**

Madeleine L'Engle was one of my favorite young adult/children's books when I was in middle school, and has only gotten better with the years. It is clean, compelling, and definitely one of those books that you read in one sitting (when you can) - the trilogy (also the quintet, and subsequent books in the L'Engle 'cast of characters') is the perfect starting point for someone wanting to leap into the world of science fiction, fantasy, and the battle between chaos and order that is fought in the 'Wrinkle in Time' books.

## **Maridor**

Have such fond memories of this trilogy from when I was a pre-teen. Wanted to read it again as a 40+ adult. The science in the later books bothers me a bit more than it did then, mostly because I've studied science by now. LOL. BUT, what a great introduction to sci-fi/speculative fiction.

## **Kiutondyl**

Continuing this year's journey to rectify a series I definitely should have read while I was growing up, my full review of this book will appear soon on the blog Speculative Chic.

An excerpt:

"L'Engle has taken her previous ventures regarding science and brought them to an entirely new level here. Something about the delicate balance of science with faith and mysticism made all of these things intriguing yet accessible. I especially enjoyed how she used music as her descriptive metaphor for Gaudior the unicorn's method of traveling on the winds of time."

## **Legend 33**

The first time I heard this story was in 1965, when my teacher read it to the class, she only read the first book in the trilogy but it was kind of fun. I always wondered about the rest of the stories related.

Run the clock forward fifty years and here is the trilogy, and I am basically a kid at heart. I found it to be a fun read and well written. Sure it was written with a younger audience in mind but if you have even a little bit of the wide eyed imagination of the young hiding behind the face of an adult you show the world then let the kid in you out and allow your imagination to take over and have some fun.

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