



The Time Box

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Twelve-year-old Thomas Adkins Johnson finds his world changed forever when he goes on a sixth grade field trip to a local planetarium. Expanding and contracting, the field trip marks his transition into a new adulthood full of issues involving relationships, identity, and beliefs. Along with the help of his friends, and his crush, Mignon, Tommy navigates a tragic accident in his life and learns to create new meaning.

Tommy is a thoughtful, straightforward, and earnest narrator, who contemplates the size of the universe and his role in it with genuine fascination. *The Time Box* itself is a work that is frank and candid, exposing Tommy's emotional journey with delicacy, warmth, and sincerity. The book focuses especially on the deepening and developing relationships that Tommy has with others around him, who are also experiencing the same journey of growth and transformation into the next phases of their lives.

Tommy's introspection and transformation will be sure to resonate with young adults on similar paths.

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