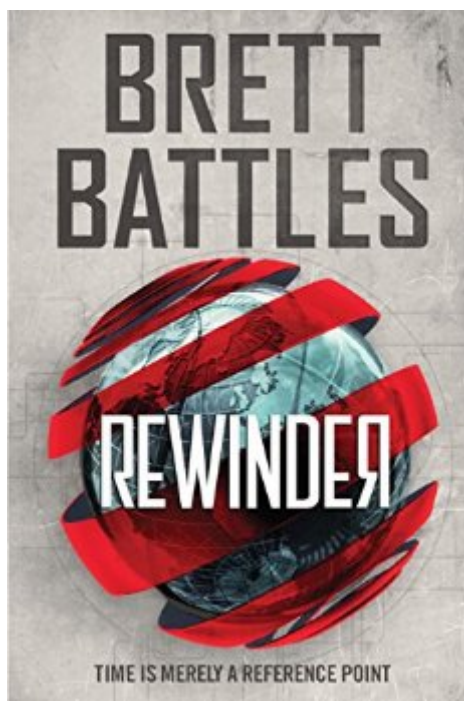


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# Rewinder (Rewinder Series Book 1)



## Synopsis

You will never read Denny Younger's name in any history book, but the world as you know it wouldn't be the same without him. Denny was born into one of the lowest rungs of society, but his bleak fortunes changed the day the mysterious Upjohn Institute recruited him. The role: a verifier of personal histories. • The job title: Rewinder. After accepting the offer, Denny discovers he'll have to do his research in person by traveling through time. Using a device capable of opening a portal into any era from the past, Denny is sent back to serve as an eyewitness to significant moments in human history. But as he journeys across the centuries, he begins to suspect that his missions to observe and report have a much darker purpose. When a time jump drops Denny into the midst of a rebellion, he finds himself in over his head in a deadly game where even the smallest choices can have catastrophic consequences. Armed only with his wits and his time-travel device, Denny's adventures take readers on a pulse-pounding journey of page-turning twists. But will everything he's got be enough? Revised edition: This edition of Rewinder includes editorial revisions.

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## Customer Reviews

• Rewinder • is the story of Denny Younger, a young man in an alternate universe to our own. Denny's universe is dominated by a rigidly stratified social system that resembles in some ways a monarchist system of Government. Movement between the social strata is tightly controlled by the Government. The story follows Denny as he moves out of school and into the career chosen for him by the Government. He is blessed to have skills and abilities that land him in a dream job, a job in which he returns to the past to verify upper class bonifides. Eventually Denny finds himself in a technical and moral dilemma that he must resolve. Many of the standard time travel paradoxes apply but they are used with interesting effect by the author. And my favorite part is that the story's hero uses them in an interesting way to resolve his problem. I enjoy time travel stories and, in particular, new (to me) observations, implications and possibilities. Brett Battles has delivered on all these in • Rewinder • while also providing a very enjoyable central character and story. Rewinder is a new direction from other books from Brett Battles; definitely not a Jonathan Quinn or Project Eden book. I've enjoyed his earlier books, and I really enjoyed this new one as well. I ended up devouring it in a single day.

I loved the first half of the book, where the main character, named Denny, is recruited to the Institute against all odds and then sets about to change time, so that he in effect is a stranger to today's world. I loved the wonder on his face as he learns of today's world and how he had changed history. Up to the point where the bizarre relationship between Denny and his to-be girlfriend, Izzy (real name Pamela) has settled, the book went downhill and the time travel paradoxes intertwined and became too convoluted to understand. Also, the excitement seemed gone. And why would a fellow time traveler by the end of the book, who hated being called into the Institute (the one that regulates time travel) unwittingly be suddenly eager to imprison herself once more and oppose Denny? That point did not make sense to me. The book is based on the premise that without being independent, America would not have caused the world to advance as it did, and the British class system would have remained strong, and it is a viable premise. For example, even in the same year side by side, the world had not yet sent a man to the moon. That was fascinating. Unfortunately, after the midpoint, the time travel paradoxes got in the way and were not satisfactorily explained. For example, the Institute would have ceased to exist once Denny altered the future. I understand there were already time travellers from the Institute already exploring history prior to the point in the past that Denny altered the future, but it wasn't satisfactorily explained how they knew what happened in the future without being altered themselves. The buzz around the beginning of this

book was incredible. If the author could re-tool the second half to make more sense, and maintain its gripping narrative, this book would be much more highly ranked.

I'm a big fan of time travel fiction. When I find a book that does the genre proud, I like to talk about it. *Rewinder* is a great example of what I mean. The book is based on the simple, yet brilliant premise: historians who travel through time to document specific details in the lives of prominent figures. The how's and why's of this are interesting, but the world building that sets the stage for this tale is where *Rewinder* really shines. Where the book begins, where it ends, and the events in-between make for a novel that's simply a must read. This book is hard to review without giving too much away. Do yourself a favor and read this book. There's action, there's suspense, and most of all, there's fun!

This is not the genre that I normally read so I wasn't sure if I would like the book. But WOW! The story is fascinating. It captured my attention from the beginning to the end. I couldn't put the book down. The plot is very intriguing and mind boggling yet everything makes sense. There are several places I had to go back and re-read it just to get it straight. The story is about time travel and how one seemingly insignificant event can change the whole humanity. Brett Battles is a great author. I've read almost all of his books. He doesn't stick to the same genre but all his books are great. If you have not read his Jonathan Quinn series, you definitely have to!

I don't normally read much time travel stuff. No particular reason, I just never really have. But holy wow, *REWINDER* has changed that. I loved this story! A world in which the British empire won the US war for independence. A 12 second lapse of time that changes everything. Characters that you root for. *REWINDER* had them all, plus villains I never saw coming, an awesome device called a Chaser, a hero which smarts and heart. If you like time travel, you'll love *REWINDER*. But even if time travel isn't your thing, give it a shot. The humanitarian/moral dilemma/character development will pull you in. I received a copy of this book and was asked to review it. I did so, gladly!

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