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## ***Twin Heirs of the Prophecy (The Atlas Chronicles<sup>®</sup> book 2)*** **– Karolyn Timarkos**

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This second novel in *The Atlas Chronicles* is a spellbinding fantasy with a plot that fair rips along. Twins Briana and Hamish Ryan riffle in and out of different locations and time spans that encompass the distant past to the present day. The twins are approaching their sixteenth birthday and are on holiday with their parents in Wales to visit relatives. Unfortunately, their mother becomes seriously ill and doctors don't seem able to help her.

Strange events unsettle the siblings and they discover they have mysterious powers. The powerful Atlas leads them on a quest to solve an ancient riddle and to discover an elixir that may be able to heal their mother. The pair encounter creatures who are hidden from humans, some are malevolent beings while others are helpful guides and guardians. As Hamish and Briana unravel the complexities of their heritage, they also realise the enormous challenges that lie ahead.

Easy-to-understand explanations of the time twists and science fiction elements are woven into the story so readers new to this genre will be able to follow the intriguing plot. Interactions and dialogue between Briana and Hamish are typical of siblings who are loyal mates, but sometimes get on each other's nerves. The diverse characters from other realms are fascinating with believable, individual personalities.

Warning: following the journey of *The Atlas Chronicles* is addictive. Fortunately, the wait for the third book in the series won't be too long; it's due in July 2015.

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