

## **Review in Publishers Weekly**

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of

# **The Time Crystals**

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*In this thrilling time travel page-turner, four kids from rural England learn that no less than the fate of the world as we know it will be determined by them. Or, more specifically, by 12-year-old Clara Callenick and how good she is at convincing her grandmother not to sell land that has been in the family for generations. There's only one problem: Gran has already agreed to sell the land to Derek Maunding, a conniving local businessman*

*For Clara the trouble all starts when she's overcome by sudden, wrenching headaches that mysteriously occur at specific but inexplicable times. The searing pain occurs at the hours of 1:11 am, 2:22 am, 3:33 am, and so on, every eighth day. At the same time, there are bright, multicolored lights that rocket skyward from the opening of an abandoned tin mine on Gran's property.*

*Of course Clara is hesitant to talk with anyone about the weird events, but she finally relents, telling school friends Rob Hocking, Hayley Shezell, and Mick Amar. Together they decide to investigate by going down to the mine opening and awaiting the expected light show.*

*What ensues is a series of hair-raising, edge-of-your-seat events culminating in a delightful story that packs a powerful values punch relevant to both young and not-so-young adults.*