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## Die Zeitdetektive, Band 1: Verschwörung in der Totenstadt

THE TIME DETECTIVES (VOL. 1): CONSPIRACY IN THE NECROPOLIS

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Egypt, 1478 BC. A conspiracy is brewing behind the back of the pharaoh queen Hatshepsut. Who is determined to prevent Egypt from being ruled by a woman, at any cost? If the Time Detectives don't act, the beautiful Hatshepsut will lose everything.

- Authentic historical setting
- Glossary with important terms typical of the time period
- Appendix with historical facts
- So far the series has sold more than one million copies

### ABOUT THE SERIES

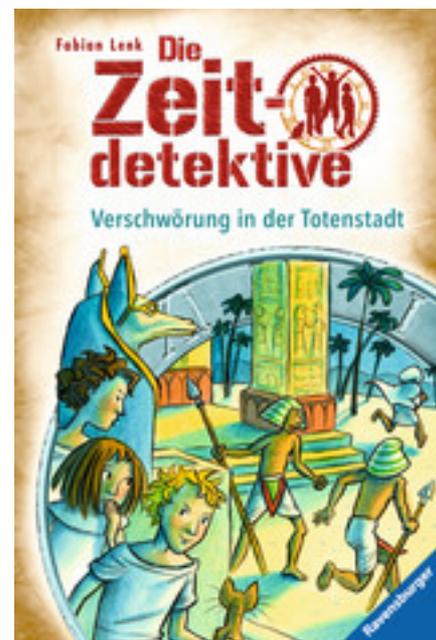
An exciting crime story takes readers on a trip into the distant past. The stories in this series are based on an intriguing event in history or an authentic historical criminal case. The main characters are Julian and his two friends Kim and Leon, as well as the cat Kija, who has been traveling to the past with them since their very first time travel adventure in ancient Egypt. Kija has accompanied the three friends from one adventure to the next ever since, even helping with their investigations. All three of the kids have a great interest in history, which is why they return to the old monastic library of Siebenthann again and again. This library is not only a great resource for their search for new information about their favorite subject (history), it also contains a mysterious room called the Tempus. In it, time lives. There are thousands of doors with years inscribed on them, and when Julian, Kim and Leon pass through one of them, they travel to that place and time. Once arrived in the past, the three friends find themselves dressed in the style of the era and can understand the language spoken around them. Their time travels last only a few seconds in "real time", even if the historical adventure lasts much longer. Their absence isn't noticed in the present.

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Each book includes an afterword discussing which aspects of the story are authentic, whether the case has actually been solved or summarizing the current status of scholarly research. There is also a glossary at the end of each book with important terms pertaining to the time period.

### CONTENT

Julian's grandfather was the librarian in the old library in the Siebenthann monastery. For Julian, who is very interested in history and likes to read about it, the library is the most exciting place he can imagine. And then Julian's grandfather gives him the key to a secret room in the library.

Julian, together with his friends Kim and Leon, is making a presentation about the famous Queen Hatshepsut in school. The history books inform them that Pharaoh Thutmose II died at an unusually young age, and that his son was much too young to take over the affairs of state. Hoping to find more books about Old Egypt, the three friends use Julian's key to enter the secret room of the library. To their amazement, the children discover that time comes alive in this room: the floor seems to beat, the walls are constantly changing, aisles appear and then disappear again. In addition, there are thousands of doors inscribed with the

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numbers of the years. Julian, Leon and Kim open the door with the date 1473 BC. They travel through a tunnel and land in Thebes after dark, shortly after the coronation of Queen Hatshepsut. Men in disguise are hunting a cat. Julian, Leon and Kim rescue the animal, but are taken prisoner by Hatshepsut's soldiers, who think the children are the kidnappers of the queen's sacred cat, Kija. In the palace, the children assure the Queen Hatshepsut that they were only trying to help the cat. When Kija begins purring and allows the children to pet her, the queen believes the children and allows them to work in the palace kitchen. The children soon discover that the palace is a dangerous place, and in fact is brimming over with plots. One of the queen's tasters is poisoned when he tests the wine; Kija succeeds in foiling a second attempt to poison Hatshepsut.

The children gather evidence and carry out an investigation. Finally, all the clues point to a high priest who has only one goal: to topple Queen Hatshepsut from the throne. Rather than the self-confident and politically adroit Hatshepsut, the high priest would rather see the throne occupied by a child, who would be easy to influence...

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