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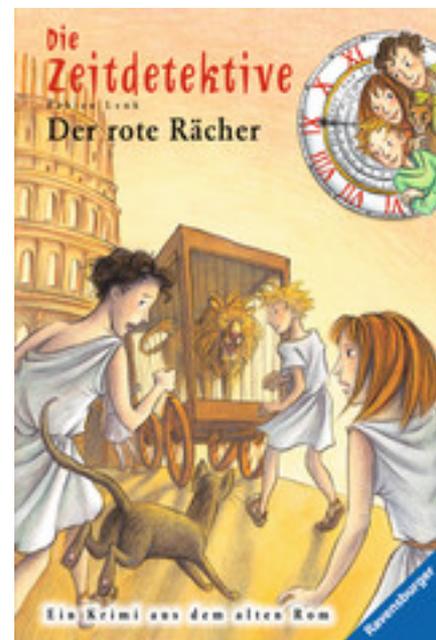
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THE TIME DETECTIVES (VOL. 2): THE RED AVENGER

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Rome in AD 80. Emperor Titus is being blackmailed. Who is demanding money and the suspension of gladiator fights? The Time Detectives are hot in pursuit of the secret blackmailer and come dangerously close...

- 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. 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

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CONTENT

The detectives arrive at the beginning of the celebration inaugurating the Coliseum in Rome. They are working as stable boys there when a series of strange events starts to occur. The bread the emperor donates to the poor is poisoned, and a written confession demands money, an end to the celebration, and even the abolition of all gladiator fights.

Emperor Titus will not allow himself to be blackmailed, and the celebrations continue. Then the horse teams in the arena are shot with flaming arrows. Later, more of the flaming arrows cause a fire. The arrows are always red, but the hunt for the perpetrator is lost in the sand.

Emperor Titus is enraged because the celebrations are meant to strengthen his power and reputation as ruler; instead, unrest spreads throughout Rome. Soon people are saying that Emperor Titus is incapable of keeping Rome secure.

The celebrations continue, as do the mysterious attacks. The detectives come ever closer to the perpetrator, dangerously close... In the end it becomes apparent that the person behind the attacks was the brother of a slave who was forced to fight in the arena as a gladiator, and died. The brother swore revenge and took it upon himself to end the deaths in the arena forever.

THE AUTHOR

Fabian Lenk was born in Salzgitter, Germany in 1963. He studied journalism and worked for various newspapers. In 1996 he published his first detective novel for adults. In the meantime he has become a seasoned mystery novel author and has published diverse mysteries for adults, historical children's mysteries as well as several volumes of mysteries to solve.

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