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Das Grab des Dschingis Khan

THE TIME DETECTIVES (VOL. 3): THE GRAVE OF GENGHIS KHAN

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Mongolia, 1227 AD. Genghis Khan has been buried in a secret grave. Where could his final resting place be? As the Time Detectives are trying to solve this riddle, they find themselves at odds with unscrupulous grave robbers.

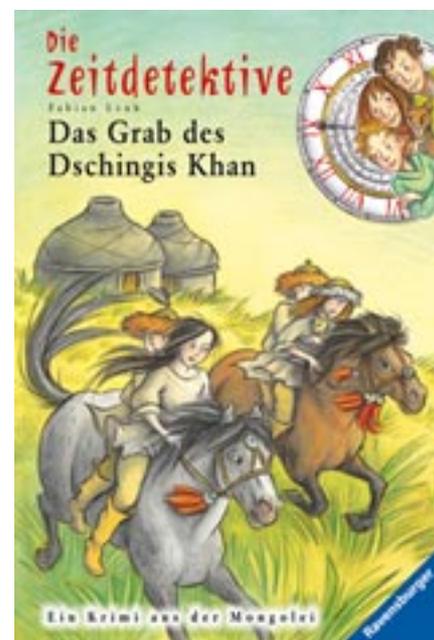
- Authentic historical setting
- Glossary with important terms typical of the time period
- Appendix with historical facts
- So far the series has sold more than one million copies

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

The detectives read a newspaper article that reports that the location of Genghis Khan's grave has remained a mystery for 800 years. Up to the present time, all of the hundreds of expeditions that have set out to find the infamous conqueror's final resting place have failed. Historians assume that incalculable riches in the form of gold, jewels and artifacts were laid in the grave as burial gifts.

In 1227 the Time Detectives are serving as vassals in Khan's army in his battles against the Tangutes. On August 18, 1227, the great Khan dies - not, however, in battle, but in a riding accident. The preparations for his burial begin, but for fear of grave robbers the Mongols keep the exact location secret and it becomes "ikn khoring," a great taboo. The Time Detectives learn that the Khan will be buried in a certain cave region, but they can't find out the specific entrance. After the ceremony, the Time Detectives discover that they are in mortal danger, because the Mongols kill everyone who know even the approximate location of the grave. The

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three friends must flee, but of course they still want to solve the mystery of the Khan's burial place. So they set out on an exciting search - and run into some grave robbers who have the same mission. In the end, the Time Detectives do locate the grave in a dangerous labyrinth of caves full of booby traps. And suddenly an earthquake occurs...

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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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