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THE TIME DETECTIVES (VOL. 6): THE ARSONISTS OF ROME

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Rome, 64 AD. A devastating fire burns Rome to the ground. Did Nero really start the fire? The Time Detectives pose dangerous questions for some of the most influential citizens of Rome.

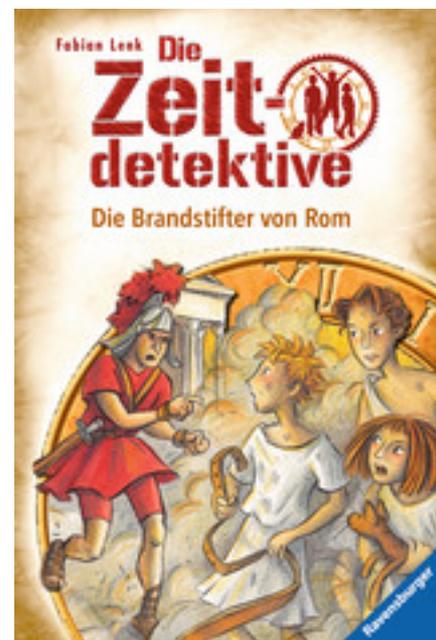
- Authentic historical setting
- Glossary with important terms typical of the time period
- Appendix with historical facts
- So far the series has sold more than one million copies

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

In history class the Time Detectives learn about the Great Fire of Rome. The fire began in a shop near the Circus Maximus; nine days later, Rome lay in ashes. Nero could not have set the fire, because he was not in the city when it started. The Time Detectives travel to Rome on the very evening the fire starts. After narrowly escaping the flames, they find a belt buckle that surely belongs to the arsonist. Pursued by Nero's spy, they begin to sort through likely suspects. Tigellius, a prefect of the Praetorian guards who has befriended the children, insists that the Christians started the fire. But the children discover a nefarious plot that involves Tigellius himself, his wife, and her father, a powerful building mogul ... The closer the children get to the truth, the greater the danger they face. Can they escape the clutches of Tigellius and return to their own world?

"Pure adventure! In their new series, Leon, Kim and Julian

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travel in time to ancient Egypt, Mongolia, medieval Europe and ancient Rome. For the reader, a free history lesson. Our judgment: gripping excitement that will capture the imagination of even the most reluctant readers."

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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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