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The Time Detectives want to find out if Marco Polo was just a braggart, or if his thrilling travel reports are really true. The trio accompanies the Polo family on a thrilling trip to Cambaluc to the Mongolian ruler Kublai Khan.

- 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

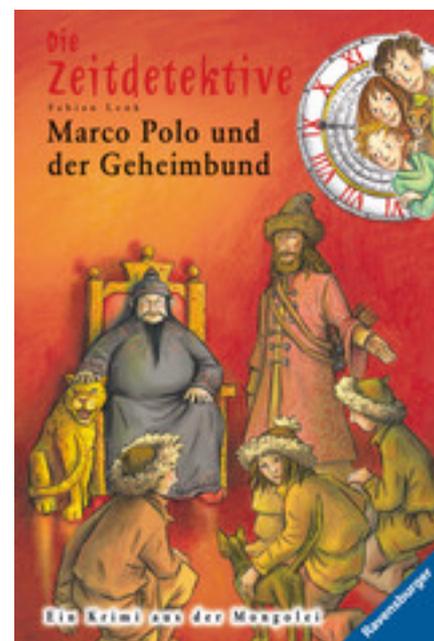
An exciting crime story takes readers on a trip into the distant past. The stories in this series are based on an intriguing event in history or an authentic historical criminal case. The main characters are Julian and his two friends Kim and Leon, as well as the cat Kija, who has been traveling to the 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 Time Detectives have traveled back in time to the year 1275 in order to find out if Marco Polo's stories are true. As they make their way to the Mongolian ruler Kublai Khan, they realize that someone wants to prevent the Polo family and two priests from arriving in Cambaluc. Julian, Kim and Leon are taken captive and about to be sold as slaves when they are rescued just in the nick of time.

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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