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Freiheit für Richard Löwenherz

THE TIME DETECTIVES (VOL. 13): FREEDOM FOR RICHARD THE LION HEART

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In this adventure, the Time Detectives are on the trail of a medieval troubadour.

- 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

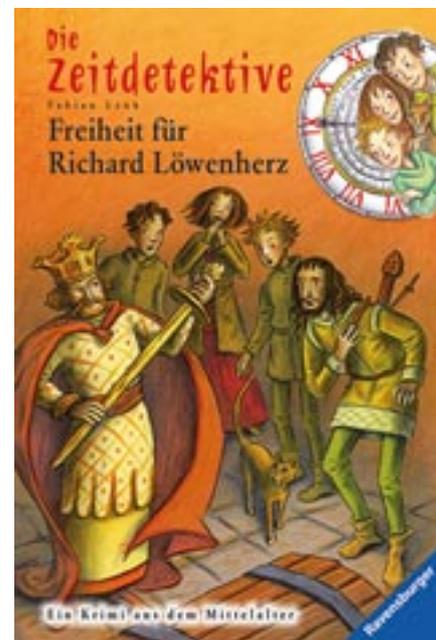
ABOUT THE SERIES

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

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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

Kim talks with great enthusiasm about a medieval re-enactment that she and her parents went to see; she found the troubadour particularly impressive. Leon makes disparaging remarks. Did Julian know that madrigal singers were not at all sissies? He remembers once hearing about something called the Blondel episode, in which it is the troubadour Blondel who tracks down the missing King Richard the Lionhearted, who was imprisoned in Trifels Castle. The Time Detectives decide to follow up on the story by traveling back to the year 1194. Together with Blondel, they fall into the hands of robbers, manage to get away, and then uncover a complex plot. Duke Leopold V has had Richard the Lionhearted arrested and handed over to the German emperor Heinrich VI, who is holding Richard for ransom. But Richard's brother, John Lackland, is doing everything he can to prolong Richard's imprisonment so that he can take over the throne himself. It is he who has sent robbers to seize the ransom money being sent to free Richard.

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