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Aigai - 336 BCE. King Philip II is murdered during a theater performance. Is his son, Alexander the Great, involved in the attack? The Time Detectives are on the case.

- 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

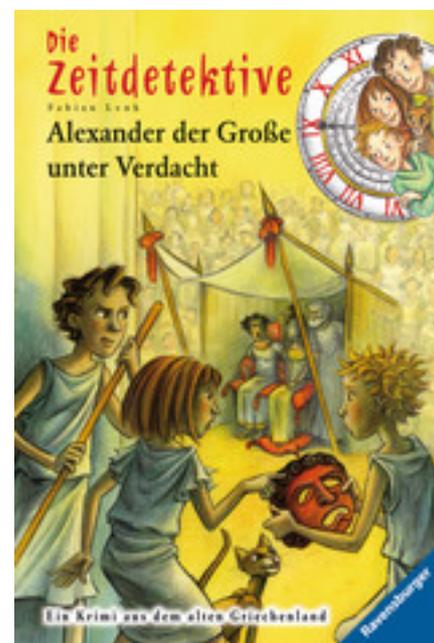
An exciting crime story takes readers on a trip into the distant past. The stories in this series are based on an intriguing event in history or an authentic historical criminal case. The main characters are Julian and his two friends Kim and Leon, as well as the cat Kija, who has been traveling to the 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

When Leon's history teacher announces that they're going to delve into ancient Greek theater, he isn't terribly excited at first. But then a passing comment arouses the Time Detective's interest: in 336 BCE, the king of Macedon was killed at the theater at Aigai; the exact details of the attack remain mysterious even today. The victim, Philip II, was not only a powerful ruler, but also the father of famed conquerer Alexander the Great, who the three junior detectives have already encountered in one of their previous journeys to Delphi. In no time, Kim, Leon, Julian and Kija set off for Aigai and experience the murder of the king up close. The murderer, one of Philip's bodyguards, is able to flee, but the Time Detectives are close on his heels. Who are the men behind the murder? Could it be Alexander himself, who was threatened with banishment from the court and will now be his father's successor? After several dangerous complications, the junior sleuths manage to uncover the true mastermind - a woman - and they're able to escape back to the present at the last second. Philip's wife, Olympia, had had him murdered in order to

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ensure the inheritance of her son, Alexander.

In addition to their criminal cunning, Kim, Leon and Julian have to show off their theatrical talents in this adventure.

The comedy "The Frogs" by Aristophanes is performed in the theater at Aigai. Especially for Leon, who isn't musically talented, the guest appearance in the choir of frogs turns out to be a special challenge . . .

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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