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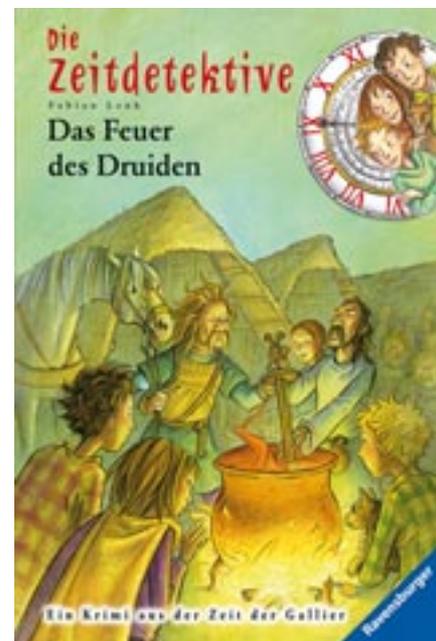
## Das Feuer des Druiden

THE TIME DETECTIVES (VOL. 18): THE FIRE OF THE DRUID

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Gaul, 52 BC(E): Will Vercingetorix be able to defeat the Romans? He is counting on the cleverness of his druid. But then the druid and the Time Detectives are kidnapped.

- 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 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

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### **CONTENT**

After watching an Asterix movie, the Time Detectives ask themselves if there had indeed been Gauls who had successfully resisted the Romans. They do some research and learn of Vercingetorix, the Arvernian leader, who won a great victory against Caesar at Gergovia in the year 52 BC(E).

Julian, Kim, Leon and Kija the cat travel back to 52 BC(E), where Brân, the druid of Gergovia, takes them on as students. They unmask the soothsayer Vesuna, who has been keeping the Romans informed of the Gauls' plans with carrier pigeons, and they witness preparations for the great battle. When Caesar has them together with the druid kidnapped, the Arvernians rescue them with a diversionary attack on the Roman camp.

Vercingetorix' great victory over the Romans is historical fact. Since all knowledge of the battle's course has been lost, the Gauls' tactics are the invention of the author. Brân the druid invents an inextinguishable fire that the Gauls use to ignite the Romans' siege towers. In addition, the Gauls bring the Romans' well-ordered battle formations into chaos by throwing hornets' nests at their attackers - likewise an idea of the druid. The Romans face a bitter defeat at Gergovia.

### **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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