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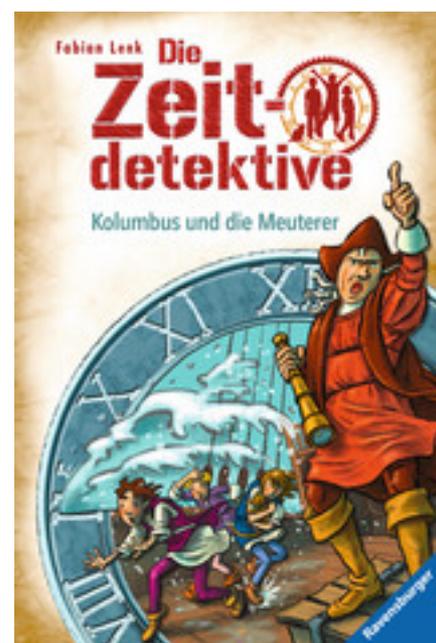
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Spain, 1492: The Time Detectives board the Santa Maria, which is set to travel to the New World under the command of Christopher Columbus. But someone is going to extremes to prevent the voyage from taking place. First someone tries to attack the captain with a knife, then one of the ships in his fleet is immobilized. What is happening?

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



with important terms pertaining to the time period.

CONTENT

Spain, 1492: The Time Detectives are curious about the 'mysterious incidents' reported to have taken place during Columbus's journey to the 'New World'. In Cape Palos, they sneak aboard the Santa Maria as it is being loaded. The sailor Pablo gestures to them to lend a hand. They learn that most of the sailors were forced to join by the Spanish king or the city of Palos. Many of the crew think Columbus is crazy and curse him because they're afraid of the voyage that lies ahead; only a few hope to get rich from the treasures they may find in the 'New World'.

Julian overhears two seamen plotting to prevent the dangerous crossing by any means. The Time Detectives are discovered, but manage to put suspicion to rest with their usual stories. They have no choice but to become part of the crew. Soon Columbus calls everyone from all three ships together and gives a speech urging them to be hopeful and confident, emphasizing the prospect of wealth. The crowd, including the already mistrustful and much more experienced captains of the secondary ships, is not convinced, but accepts his command. Suddenly Kim sees a

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shadow: a figure throws a knife at Columbus! Kim is quick enough to get him out of the way, but the mood on board darkens.

The ships set off and their voyage is plagued by further mishaps. The Time Detectives investigate and discover that the Portuguese king is behind them. He wants to prevent the Spaniards from finding the western route to India before him, which would threaten Portugal's dominance of world trade.

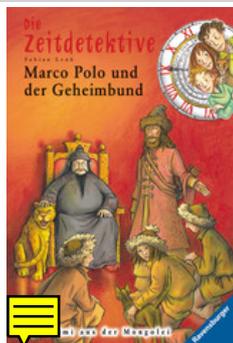
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