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London - AD 1549. Two boys that look remarkably similar run into each other in an alley. The evil mischief begins with an exchange of clothing. No one in the palace believes time detective Julian when he tells them that he is not King Edward VI.

- 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

The Time Detectives travel to London in 1549 because they are interested in Edward VI, who was just a kid their age when he became king of England. There, in an alley, Julian runs into the young king, who has slipped away from his attendants. Edward VI proposes that they switch clothes for a day - but the exchange plays right into the hands of Mary, the king's sister. She herself is striving for power and is overjoyed that the person sitting on the throne (Julian) claims not to be the rightful king, as does a person imprisoned in the Tower of London (Edward) who has made himself guilty of high treason by claiming the right to the throne.

Julian, forced to deal with palace life, is unnerved by all the servants anticipating his every wish. He is also increasingly aware of the serious danger he is in. Absolutely no one will believe him when he says that he is not the king, and people are already whispering that Edward VI seems to have lost his mind. In the meantime, the real Edward, who has escaped from the tower with the help of Kim, Leon and Kija, desperately seeks a way to prove his identity and return to the palace. He manages this with the help of the court physician, who proves Edward's identity by means of a distinctive scar on king's hand. The physician smuggles the children into the palace, where the entire story comes out during an audience. Edward regains the throne, and Mary is banned from court. And when no one is looking, the Time Detectives travel back home again.

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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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