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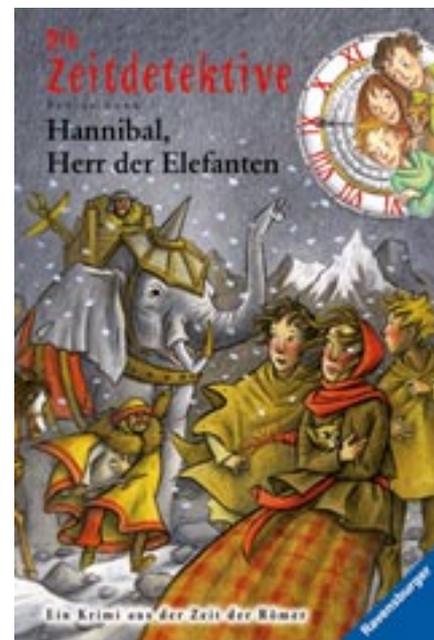
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In the Alps, 218 BCE: Hannibal of Carthage wants to overthrow Rome, but will his army follow him through the mountains to reach that eternal city? After his troops are attacked by mysterious wolf men as well, it's time to call in the Time Detectives.

- 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 with important terms pertaining to the time period.

CONTENT

While visiting the zoo, the Time Detectives discuss whether or not elephants can withstand extremely cold weather even though they come from Africa and India. While researching this in the library, they come across an account of Hannibal's crossing of the Alps. They decide to travel back to the year 218 BCE and accompany the great Carthaginian general for a while. At first they are run off, but they soon make themselves useful as apprentice elephant drivers, helping look after Hannibal's personal elephant, Syros. The Time Detectives learn that there's increasing unrest among the troops. Massinissa, for example, the leader of the Nubian division, is complaining that the army's equipment is not suitable for the harsh weather. The march through the mountains is a tremendous ordeal for all concerned. The elephants are constantly tripping and falling, and casualties occur daily. In addition, there are repeated attacks by mysterious wolf men who launch avalanches, nearly strike down Hannibal with a spear, and repeatedly kidnap the mountain guides who are so

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immensely important to Hannibal's success. The Time Detectives suspect that Hannibal's brother, Hasdrubal, who opposed the march through the Alps from the beginning, is behind the attacks, as well as the Nubian Massinissa. In the end, it turns out that it is Kanmi, the elephant driver in charge of Syros, who is leading the saboteurs. He is acting on behalf of Publius Cornelius Scipio, Hannibal's powerful Roman adversary. When the army finally reaches the valley of the Dora Riparia River on the other side of the mountains, Hannibal throws a huge feast. The Time Detectives take care of Syros one last time before traveling back home to Seibenthann.

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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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