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Edo. AD 1700. The shogun just barely escapes a ninja's deadly throw of a shuriken. The Time Detectives are on the trail of the attacker, who can not only run across roofs, but across water, too.

- 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.

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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

Deeply impressed by a samurai exhibit, the Time Detectives decide to travel to Edo. They just can't believe that there was actually a shogun who ordered his subjects to bow before every dog they met. In Edo they find work at an inn. One night, they are torn from sleep when a group of ninjas attack a daimyo and his retinue, who are staying at the inn overnight. Not long thereafter, the shogun himself narrowly escapes an attack with a shuriken, or throwing star. The Time Detectives, who saved his life, are allowed to accompany the shogun into the palace. The very next night there is a battle in the shogun's private chambers: a masked assassin is overpowered by a defender who is also in disguise. In the end it turns out the the daimyo had created a plot against the shogun because he felt humiliated by his dog law. The defender, Kido, is the son of a samurai who was murdered because he didn't want to be part of the conspiracy.

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