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Diary Of A Time Traveler: Meet Over One Hundred Of History's Biggest Superstars!



Synopsis

Meet some of history's most illustrious and interesting characters in this book that visits key moments of the past from around the world. When young Augustus falls asleep in history class, Professor Tempo decides to teach him a lesson and show him that history isn't boring at all! She hands him a magic diary, all he needs to do is write the time and place to travel there. Together they head out on a whistle-stop tour of history through the ages to meet some of the world's finest explorers, inventors, leaders, writers, composers and painters, including Albert Einstein, Mozart, Louis XIV, Shakespeare, Leonardo Da Vinci, Christopher Columbus, Genghis Khan, Emperor Titus in Rome, athletes at the very first Olympic Games, Tutankhamen in Egypt, and even Palaeolithic man as he discovers fire. Each double page spread introduces a different time and place, with an introductory text from Augustus which explains the sights and sounds, and accompanying captions from the Professor which provide key facts. A character index at the rear gives a short biography of all the historical characters covered, and a timeline helps to contextualize the different time periods covered.

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Customer Reviews

Gr 3-5 • This quick overview of history uses a fictional framing story to explore different eras. After Augustus tells his teacher that he finds history boring, Professor Tempo gives

him a notebook that takes the two of them on a journey through history, starting with a scene of ancestors discovering fire and ending with Neil Armstrong landing on the moon. The book is filled with spreads that contain a few paragraphs of introductory information and some amusing facts. There's a geographic and ethnic balance of prehistoric and ancient history, but by the time Augustus and Professor Tempo reach the Renaissance, most of the periods covered are either European or American. The illustrations are childlike, as though created by Augustus, and have a vibrant energy. The boy's first-person narration, however, isn't as well executed. Though the author strives for the conversational tone of an elementary school student, the results are contrived. The dialogue bubbles do a far better job of providing interesting tidbits. VERDICT Though not exhaustive enough to satisfy students doing reports, this title provides a basic overview and may get readers interested in pursuing certain areas in more depth. Browsers may also enjoy this amusing romp through the highlights of human history. — Elizabeth Nicolai, Anchorage Public Library, AK

"...the multitude of historical tidbits should keep readers occupied." - Publishers Weekly
"unusual stops aplenty" - Kirkus Reviews
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Excerpt - For centuries people believed Christopher Columbus was the first European to visit the Americas, but the professor told me that a VIKING named Leif Erikson actually got there nearly 500 years earlier. - Yay! finally something that isn't so mainstream since I actually hybrid-school (my term for home-school and taking classes at a STEM school). Astronomers in Mayan Society, Anqi Sheng a legendary Wizard believed to be 1,000 years old, Ada Lovelace owed thousands of pounds in gambling debts after trying to use her math skills to win on the horses, Trans-Siberian Railroad (love Russia!) So wonderful illustrations, sturdy book! Good index and will work wonderfully as a "Social Studies" lesson/reading lesson. And good for adults 40+ ha ha!

This is a cute book. Fun to read about history with little ones- lots to look at.

Engaging and great illustrations.

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