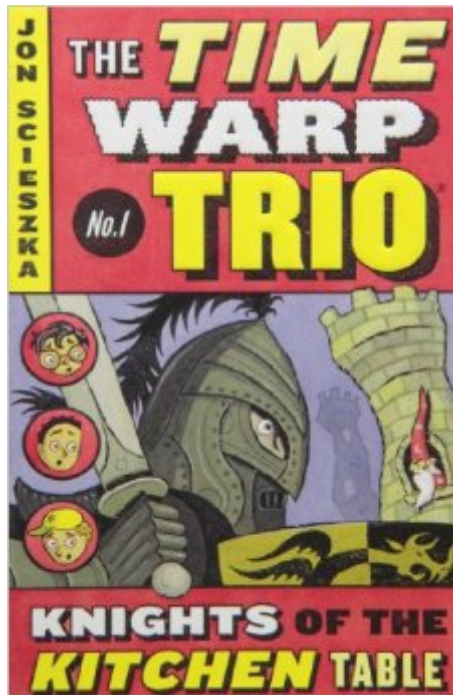


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The Knights Of The Kitchen Table #1 (Time Warp Trio)



Synopsis

Everyone's favorite time-travelers are changing their styles! The Time Warp Trio series now features a brand-new, eye-catching design, sure to appeal to longtime fans, and those new to Jon Scieszka's wacky brand of humor.

Book Information

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Age Range: 7 - 9 years

Grade Level: 2 - 4

Customer Reviews

I am a third grade teacher, and every September I start off the new school year with The Knights of the Kitchen Table. I use the Time Warp Trio to ease my students into sitting quietly, while listening to a story for pleasure. After each chapter the children beg me to read another! Regardless of the academic abilities of my students, every one of them seems to truly enjoy this series. Although it is certainly not worthy of a Newbery Medal, I feel it is a fantastic easier chapter book that serves as a springboard to reading. In fact, The Time Warp Trio books are rarely sitting on the shelves of our school library. They are always in a child's hands. To me that makes it worthy of 5 stars.

There are lots of fine young adult titles in the fantasy, sci-fi, and quest genres, but I have been having a tough time finding good books at the chapter book level. They aren't very good as chapter

books and they aren't at all good as fantasy. The Time Warp Trio series, (there are at least seven volumes), has turned out to be a wonderful find. The three boy heroes are resourceful, brave, and loyal to each other. The kidding around is funny and not mean. The overall tone of the books is cheerful. The plots are sort of silly and a little forced, (a magic book transports them to a different adventure in each volume), but within a reasonable kids version of fantasy. The books are not driven by farts and boogers or other cheap "reluctant reader" conventions. Rather, there is an actual adventure, usually with a problem (how to beat the giant, or how to get back home), that has to be solved. Parents don't play a large role, but they also aren't portrayed as idiots or grumps. Short paragraphs and chapters move the action along at a good pace. This has turned out to be a good attention-holding read-with, and is a manageable read-alone. And as I look over my kid library, the series really does seem to be the only one filling the gap at that awkward early reader level.

My son...was given this book by his aunt who works in a library. I had never heard of the Time Warp Trio before that. This book is just right for him. It's not too long to be overwhelming but long enough to be challenging. The kids in the book act in a realistic manner and aren't overly heroic or too goody goody. The book was both interesting and funny and a real pleasure to read with my son. We also have a few others in the series now. This book is perfect for the kid who has outgrown Little Critter and Dr. Seuss but is not quite ready for Harry Potter.

I am a fifth grade teacher who read this book, one chapter at a time to my students. After each chapter, they had an activity to work on which related to what they had just read. The students had more fun listening to the story as well as doing the activities. Each time I reached the end of a chapter, the students would want me to "keep reading" because each chapter would simply leave you "hanging." It is a fast reading book that any young student would enjoy.

We suggest The Time Warp Trio, Knights of the Kitchen Table to you because it is funny and interesting. There was a magic book called "The Book" that sent Joe, Sam, and Fred back in time. An evil Black Knight wanted to hurt them. A powerful magician named Merlin was jealous of the three boys. It's so fun and exciting; you'll want to pop into the story, just like they did. It's a mix of fantasy and funny history. The author, Jon Scieszka, is extraordinary, he makes the story seem like you're part of it. It will take you off to a magical land. This book is so exciting that you won't want to put it down. The pictures are so hilarious; you'll laugh your head off.

These are great books that take you time traveling and teach your kids a little about each period, without the boring facts. They still learn about the people, and how life was, but it's kept interesting, and at their level. My son & I enjoyed them.

I absolutely ADORE this series for introducing boys to the joys of escaping in a book. I discovered them back in the mid-ninties when I was a high school student tutoring a third grader who was having a tough time reading. These books are SO much fun that they motivated him to work harder and eventually read them on his own. I rediscovered them this past year as I was looking for something boy-oriented for my second grade son to start digging into on his own. He LOVES them. We have 16 books (maybe the whole series?) and in the last couple of weeks he's got through the first nine of them and shows no sign of slowing down. He actually chooses to pick them up and go off to read by himself. They are funny, interesting, short chapter books that just make reading fun - and they're written by a guy specifically for guys. I'm not sexist and I'm sure girls would like these books too - just as guys would like the various series available that have girls as the protagonists - but when you're a mother of two sons you understand that sometimes boys need boy's things. These books are one of those things.

I bought these books for my 5th grade students, especially the ones who read on a third or beginning fourth grade level. I love the vocabulary and historical events, they love the action. There's also lots of teaching points although it's a "fun" book, such as organization and narrative structure. I'd recommend this series for those who like Magic Tree House or A-Z mysteries.

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