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# The Time Thief (The Gideon Trilogy)



## Synopsis

What happens when a seventeenth-century bad guy has twenty-first-century technology? An accident with an antigravity machine catapulted Peter Schock and Kate Dyer back to 1763. A bungled rescue attempt leaves Peter stranded in the eighteenth century while a terrifying villain, the Tar Man, takes his place and explodes onto twenty-first-century London. Concerned about the potentially catastrophic effects of time travel, the NASA scientists responsible for the situation question whether it is right to rescue Peter. Kate decides to take matters into her own hands, but things don't go as planned. Soon the physical effects of time travel begin to have a disturbing effect on her. Meanwhile, in our century, the Tar Man wreaks havoc in a city whose police force is powerless to stop him. Set against a backdrop of contemporary London and revolutionary France, *The Time Thief* is the sequel to the acclaimed *The Time Travelers*.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

This series is INCREDIBLE! The author, characters, the plots, resolutions are intricate, detailed and fully developed. HOWEVER, BE AWARE that each book in the series has 2 published versions/titles. The first book is "Gideon the Cutpurse" (British version) and "The Time Travelers"

(American version). The second book in the trilogy is "The Tar Man" (British version) and "The Time Thief" (American version). So far, the 3rd book is entitled "Lord Luxon" but I do not know if this is the British or American version, or what the other title will be. I prefer the British titles and British versions (the hardcover British "Gideon the Cutpurse" version is AWESOME and creative). Once I stopped buying the same books but different versions, I absolutely loved this trilogy. It is well worth the money and the wait. This is SO MUCH MORE than just another time-travel story. I would even suggest it for people who don't usually go for time travel themes -- the history, power struggles and choices between good vs. bad and right vs. wrong are truly deep and relevant yet not overdone; Just for the simple plot alone, this one's a keeper -- and yes, I've read the Harry Potter series, and Linda Buckley-Archer's Gideon series is well worth the comparison. You won't regret it. For both children and adults alike.

A thief from the year 1763 finds himself in the 21st century. Just think of all the bad things he can do with the technology now available to him. This is the second book in the series and keeping track of who is where is getting complicated! This starts out with Kate and Mr. Schock traveling back in time to rescue his son, Peter. The only problem lies in the fact that instead of ending up in 1763, they end up 29 years later! They do find Peter but he is unwilling to admit who he is. Plus, the anti-gravity machine has become damaged and is no longer a working machine. NOW how do they get home? The Tar Man, the thief, finds himself someone willing to teach him about the technology of the 21st century and who is just as willing to do unscrupulous things. All this time travel has the NASA people concerned about the effect on our history and Kate finds that time travel HAS had an affect on her. We meet French aristocrats, learn how technology allows the Tar Man to gain wealth and that there might be parallel worlds. Gerald Doyle, as the reader, uses his talents to create different voices so the listener can tell who is speaking. His inflections are wonderful and you can tell English characters from French ones because of this. His ability to do this makes listening easy. I can't wait for the third book to come out.

Buckley-Archer has really established a convincing premise and her characters -- especially the Kate & Peter -- are stand-outs in what is a very full marketplace. One of those excellent series that can be recommended for all readers -- including grown-ups like me.

If you like adventures, "what-ifs", paradoxes, lessons in humanity over time and a story that will keep you entertained with twists and turns, then you will enjoy this as much as I. It is the second in

the Gideon trilogy, and I recommend it highly.

I bought all three books in the series to add to our middle school library. Wanted to give the kids a new author and series to read. I think it was a fairly successful gamble, several kids did read it and give good feed back. Thanks for helping us out.

This book is so amusing and funny, I loved the first book of this Gideon Trilogy (Gideon the Cutpurse/Time Travelers) and this second novel, The Time Thief, is even better than the first. A fast paced, exciting, hilarious read. Highly recommended for those who love Harry Potter or time travel type stories. Myself as well as my adult friends and also my 4th grade daughter think this book is A+.

We originally started our journey of Gideon's Trilogy with The Time Thief, second in the set. Since then, we've begun afresh with Gideon The Cutpurse, which meant listening to The time Thief again, but it definitely was not a burden to do so. We loved it and decided to purchase the books for the grandkids.

This is the sequel to Gideon the Cutpurse, and it's full of twists, turns, and surprises! The first book ended with Peter accidentally left behind in 1763 while Kate and the Tar Man return to the 21st century. Kate is frantic to go back and rescue Peter, while the Tar Man experiences the ultimate culture shock when he is hurled into 21st century London. The reader (same one as in the first book) is absolutely brilliant and adds a great deal to the enjoyment of the story. Highly recommended for age 10 and up. This trilogy would be a good one to read aloud as well, in my opinion. I can hardly wait for the third and final book/audiobook!

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