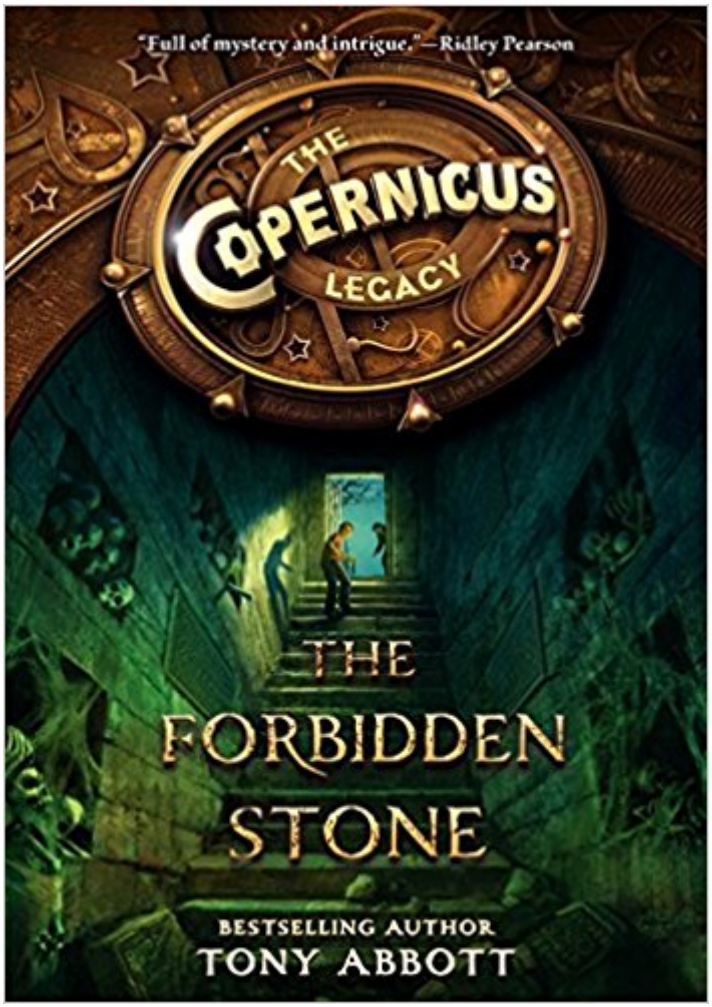
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The Copernicus Legacy: The Forbidden Stone



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Synopsis

Bestselling author Tony Abbott’s epic new middle grade series, the Copernicus Legacy, begins with The Forbidden Stone, a thrilling adventure packed with puzzles, intrigue, and action. Fans of Rick Riordan and Ridley Pearson will love this first book in an exciting series that takes the reader all over the globe in a race to find pieces of a mysterious hidden pastÃ¢â ¬â •before it’s too late.Wade, Lily, Darrell, and Becca fly from Texas to Germany for the funeral of an old family friend. But instead of just paying their respects, they wind up on a dangerous, mind-blowing quest to unlock an ancient, guarded secret that could destroy the fate of the world.Supports the Common Core State Standards

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

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Customer Reviews

Gr 5-8-"Find the twelve relics. You are the last." This ominous message in code from his dad’s former professor sends Wade Kaplan, his astrophysicist father, stepbrother Darrell, cousin Lily, and her friend Becca on an around-the-globe chase to locate hidden parts of a time-traveling astrolabe built in the 16th century by Copernicus. Fearing that the device would fall into the hands of the evil Knights of the Teutonic Order of Ancient Prussia, the astronomer removed 12 vital parts and scattered them throughout the world, protected by people known only as the Guardians. Now that

the Knights have returned to power, they will stop at nothing to find the hidden relics and reactivate the astrolabe. In this first installment in the series, Abbott covers a lot of ground as the rapid-fire plot takes our heroes from Texas to Italy and Guam while establishing the backstories of Copernicus; the Guardians; the Knights; and their beautiful but deadly leader, Galina. The author masterfully pulls all the threads together and creates an engaging thriller enhanced by codes, puzzles, exotic locales, and narrow escapes. Characterization takes a backseat to action, but readers won't mind and will look forward to learning more about the people as the series progresses. However, since the book's title names what type of relic everyone is searching for, readers don't enjoy a big reveal when the questers make that discovery late in the story. Give this to Rick Riordan and Ridley Pearson fans or readers who've aged out of "The 39 Clues" (Scholastic).-Marybeth Kozikowski, Sachem Public Library, Holbrook, NYÃ Â (c) Copyright 2013. Library Journal. LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

Right before WadeÃ¢â ¬â„¢s uncle Henry, an astronomy professor in Berlin, meets a suspicious and untimely demise, he sends WadeÃ¢â ¬â„¢s dad a coded e-mail. Using an antique star map Uncle Henry gave Wade for his birthday years earlier, Wade and his dad, along with Darrel, Lily, and Becca, unlock the first in long sequence of puzzles, leading them to Berlin, Bologna, Rome, and all around the world. As they dig deeper into the clues, they discover a hidden history of Nicolaus Copernicus, including 12 relics that are protected by guardians who make sure they stay out of the wrong hands. Unfortunately for Wade and his friends, those wrong hands are hot on their tail. Wade and his friends have to use all their smarts to solve the clues in this high-stakes adventure and beat their powerful pursuers to each magical relic. With word games and rebus puzzles to spare, this whirling first entry in a projected six-part series from Abbott (City of the Dead, 2011) has international intrigue, fast-paced action, entertaining characters, and a healthy helping of science history.HIGH-DEMAND BACKSTORY: Best-selling Abbott is getting the usualÃ¢â ¬â •signings, tours, website tie-insÃ¢â ¬â •but the kicker is a sweepstakes for a trip to New York City for a real-life scavenger hunt led by the author. Grades 4-7. --Sarah Hunter

While this was a pretty fast-paced adventure, this one wasn't really my cup of tea. Lots of point-of-view shifts make it a bit jostling. Due to lots of historical connections, codes and puzzles, and vocabulary (and other languages), this book could make a nice candidate for a YA read in a group or family setting, but I'd suggest a responsible adult read it through first (always a good idea).

I particularly like the beginning. I agree on a review that this is Da Vinci code for children. Still, this book offers quite a lot. First of all, the story is not based on brainless, accident-prone, emotion-driven kids' random impulsive acts (I start to get quite tired of that kind of books these days. There are just too many.) but based on an actual plot!! Also it deals with many historical and cultural events that some of them were true (so it was fun to learn). Although still somewhat shallow, the characters are developed well enough to be enjoyable. Lastly there is humor with originality (Apollo cheese! made me laughing for a whole minute). I am slightly disappointed towards the end as it all sped up and started to give an impression of a kind of 'action packed spy movie (so there goes Da Vinci for children)'. But overall, it was very enjoyable.

I love to pre-read books that my boys will read and so I can encourage them to read the book and talk about it with them. This book has a fun and captivating story. I love when history is interjected into fiction books and often find myself looking up different facts to see if they are true. Characters are well written and the emotion is real....many books in this genre touch so lightly on the emotions of the characters....i.e. loosing a family member etc....but this book does them justice. My boys age 8-15 would all enjoy this. A light read for the older boys, a fairly heavy read for the younger ones. It does have a cliff hanger ending, so buy both!

Overall, this was a very good book. At times, the pacing was slow, or the way a sentence was written was a bit confusing, but it is overshadowed by the otherwise wonderful writing.At times, the dialogue is choppy. Sometimes there is dialogue between two of the kids in the story and it sounds like two adults having a conversation, which is very odd.The plot that Abbott has constructed is massive. He has connected so many points in history to create such an elaborate puzzle! He constantly keeps you guessing about what happened to the main villain and why everyone is so afraid of her.Overall, good book. You should read it.

I bought a set of these books to use as a book club group in my 4th grade classroom. I received the books just a couple of days after ordering (no I don't have Prime) which allowed me some time to read the book myself. Two thumbs up! The group of kids reading it are only about half way through, but they're begging me to purchase the next book in the series for them!

THE BEST BOOK EVER I TEARED UP WHEN IT WAS OVERÃƒÂ Ã Å¸Ã ËœÃ Â- i need the second book or I think I won't make it to next week (its sunday). I would recommend this book to

anyone who dislikes reading, it will get them into it and I gave it 5 stars because I couldn't stop reading and when it was on my mind I couldn't stop thinking about it I loved everything

I have been looking for a good series to recommend and use with older gifted elementary readers. This is the series that I was looking for -- so much more than an intriguing and exciting plot -- problem solving-- references to many things that pique the curiosity of gifted readers. I liked it!The Reading Professor

Tony Abbott is a great writer of young peoples books. My grandson will love it!

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