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Time Cat: The Remarkable Journeys Of Jason And Gareth



Synopsis

Gareth doesn't have nine lives, but he is definitely not an ordinary cat. For one thing, he can talk. For another, he has magical powers that Jason never dreamed of. "Anywhere, any time, any country, any century" Gareth tells Jason he can take them traveling through time. And in the wink of a very special cat's eye, they're off. From ancient Egypt to Japan, from the land of young Leonardo da Vinci to the town of a woman accused of witchcraft, Jason and Gareth are whisked from place to place and friend to foe. This fantastic tale grabs the imagination and takes it far and wide, on the adventure of not one, but nine, amazing lifetimes.

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Customer Reviews

Grade 3-7-By Lloyd Alexander. When Jason finds out that his cat Gareth can travel through time, he begs to go along. Soon cat and boy find themselves in ancient Egypt on the first of nine unforgettable adventures. Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Grade 3-6-Jason has always thought that his cat Gareth could talk if he wanted to, so when Gareth speaks to him he is not surprised. On finding that Gareth does not have nine lives but does have the ability to visit nine different times and places, Jason eagerly asks to go with him. Together they

travel to Ancient Egypt, Roman Britain, pre-Christian Ireland, Imperial Japan, Renaissance Italy, 16th century Peru, late 16th century Isle of Man, 17th century Germany, and America at the beginning of the Revolutionary War. In each place they help someone, often rulers having problems with corrupt or evil officials. They meet St. Patrick, help Leonardo DaVinci convince his father that he should be an artist, witness the beginning of Manx cats, learn about Incan civilization, are nearly burned as witches in Germany, and participate in the opening battle of the American Revolution. Listeners learn much about history and the position of cats in various societies along the way. Originally published in 1963, *Time Cat* (Puffin, pap. 1996) is an early novel by Lloyd Alexander and less successful than much of his later work. Jason is not a fully developed character, but more of a device for enabling readers/listeners to see each time period through his eyes. Both the opening and closing chapters leave many unanswered questions and seem merely a frame for getting Jason and Gareth in and out of their time travels. However, young cat fanciers and fantasy readers will enjoy the story. Ron Keith reads the story well with an expressive voice, good pacing, and emphasis. Technical quality is excellent. The episodic nature of the book lends itself to audio, and it is equally suitable for both individual and group listening. The historic overview the story provides is especially appropriate for this year when many schools and libraries are looking at the past in preparation for the millennium. Louise L. Sherman, Anna C. Scott School, Leonia, NJ Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Loved this as a kid and purchased it to read to a 5th grade class. It absolutely holds up for modern audiences. I polled the kids when we were finished with it to see when they thought the book had been written. All of them thought it was 21st century. I then told them that it was not only older than me, but also their teacher. It's a great book for that age group.

Very engaging story. I read it to my younger kids and the older ones read it for themselves. This is our second copy for our family of 6. (The first is now a well-worn paperback.) Our son's name is Gareth (very unusual in the US) and he especially enjoyed hearing/seeing his name. ;)

Loved this book as a kid, was happy to be able to share it with my child

I saw one of my students reading the book, so I read it. It was a lot of fun. The reader travels to different periods in history and meets historical figures. You learn something about cats (though I

disagree about letting cats run around outdoors) and you learn to appreciate them. I bought a copy for my classroom library.

I fun and family friendly frolic through the eyes of a cat by way of a master storyteller.

This is my son's favorite book so I read it to. It is well written and fast moving. The story is great and inadvertently got my son interested in learning more about the time periods in history that were featured. A win!

Great product, thank you!

My 10-year-old son's review: "I liked this book. It was very exciting and historical because the events in the book are based on actual history. The one thing I did not like was the way it ended--I will not spoil it though. Overall, I thought this book was great!"

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