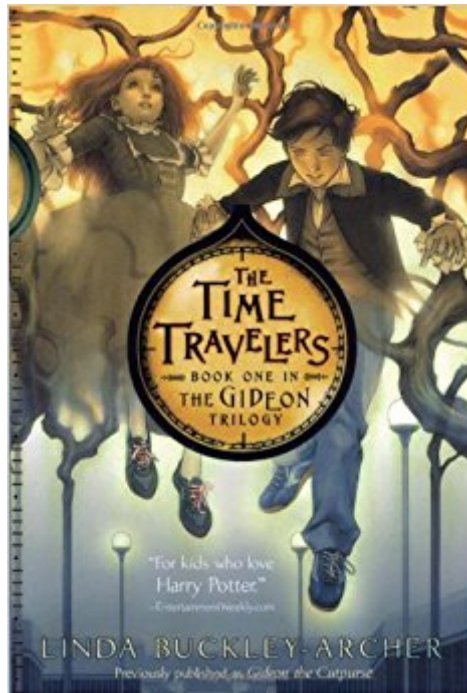




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Synopsis

Previously published as *GIDEON THE CUTPURSE* 1763 Gideon Seymour, thief and gentleman, hides from the villainous Tar Man. Suddenly the sky peels away like fabric and from the gaping hole fall two curious-looking children. Peter Schock and Kate Dyer have fallen straight from the twenty-first century, thanks to an experiment with an antigravity machine. Before Gideon and the children have a chance to gather their wits, the Tar Man takes off with the machine -- and Peter and Kate's only chance of getting home. Soon Gideon, Peter, and Kate are swept into a journey through eighteenth-century London and form a bond that, they hope, will stand strong in the face of unfathomable treachery.

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Customer Reviews

"The cliff-hanger ending leaves you longing for the next book." -- "The Independent", 10 Best Books for ages 8-12
"A time-slip novel, deftly handled. The year 1763 is beautifully evoked, as is the present day...Hard to imagine it being done better. A real find, leaving you hungry for more." -- Philip Ardagh, "The Guardian"
"There is much to recommend in this book. The 18th century is vividly and lovingly brought to life...There are many excellent characters (among them a truly repellent villain called The Tar Man), a swift pace and an absorbing plot. It's convincing and exciting and I loved it."

-- "Publishing News", Bookseller's Choice "The novel abounds with period detail, effortlessly woven into the plot...Tanglewreck, like Gideon the Cutpurse...is partly a satire on our current perception that we all have too little time to change the nature of reality, rather than our own greed and impatience. Neither should be missed." -- Amanda Craig, "The Times". "...a wonderful time-travelling tale...a brilliant introduction to this period of history, evoked with gorgeous attention to detail and language." -- "The Book Magazine" "Buckley-Archer may very well give J. K. Rowling a run for her money. This wonderfully rich and complex novel, written in lyrical and vivid language, is destined to be a classic. History interweaves with science, social issues in both centuries are thrown in; yet what readers will remember most is a fast-paced plot with a cliff-hanger ending and multi-dimensional characters who continue to inhabit their thoughts long after the book is closed. With appeal for reluctant and advanced readers, this novel is a rare gem." -- "School Library Journal", Starred Choice "So convincing a picture of the 18th century that we feel transported ourselves, this first book of a planned trilogy of time-travel adventures is skilled, engrossing and irresistible. The reader, like the protagonists, will find it hard to return to the present." -- Nicolette Jones, "The Sunday Times", Children's Book of the Week "A thrilling time-slip story." -- "Sunday Times" "...a thrilling tale of dashing highwaymen and sinister villains. Full of flavour and witty flourishes, this should be a huge summer favourite." -- "The Bookseller", Bookseller's Choice "Great fun and a really good adventure..." -- Kate Scarborough, "The Guardian"

Linda Buckley-Archer is the author of the critically acclaimed Gideon trilogy. Originally trained as a linguist, she is now a full-time novelist and scriptwriter. She has written a television drama for the BBC and several radio dramas, as well as various journalistic pieces for papers like the Independent. The Gideon Trilogy was inspired by the criminal underworld of eighteenth-century London.

This book is well written and would be great for anyone interested in time travel. She really is great at describing the thoughts and feelings of what it would be like to go to the past and not have all the essentials you are used to, or for someone from the past to come to our time and experience what it is like to have nothing and then be bombarded with all this technology.

What more could you want... historical fiction, time travel, a daunting quest. Excellent conversations for any MS book club.

I read all three books in a short period of time because I could not put them down. I'm sleep deprived as a result but it is so worth it. The characters are complex, and they have a depth that transcends the typical good guy, bad guy. There is real suffering and the characters respond in different ways to it. I was on the edge of my seat much of the time, and I felt like the characters were so well crafted that I know them. I highly recommend these books for kids and adults alike. I can't wait to read the trilogy again! These books are now among my favorites.

Puts the young reader right in 1763. Fun story with a great twist.

This is a vivid book, rich in detail. If you love descriptive settings and historical details, you will love this book.

As the first in the series- it will keep your teen interested enough to want the others- that's a good thing- Promoting interest in Reading a definite plus and if it encourages and entertains as well- then it's a win-win

The best

As a homeschooling mom I have been struggling to find books that will engage my son and provide a meaningful reading experience. I think this one is a winner! Although my son won't read it until school starts, I started it on Saturday and finished it today (Monday). I found it to be fast-past and fun to read. My son is almost 13 and the reading material is age appropriate for his level. I know this book is going to be a hit with him as an entertaining reading assignment, so much so, that I will be purchasing the other two before the start of our school because I know he is going to want them (ok, I admit that the first book leaves you hanging and I want to know what is going to happen next!). Best of all I ordered this book at 10:30 Thursday night with 2 day free shipping and it was at my door 2:30 Friday afternoon! How I don't know, but I was quite impressed to have it arrived that fast!

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