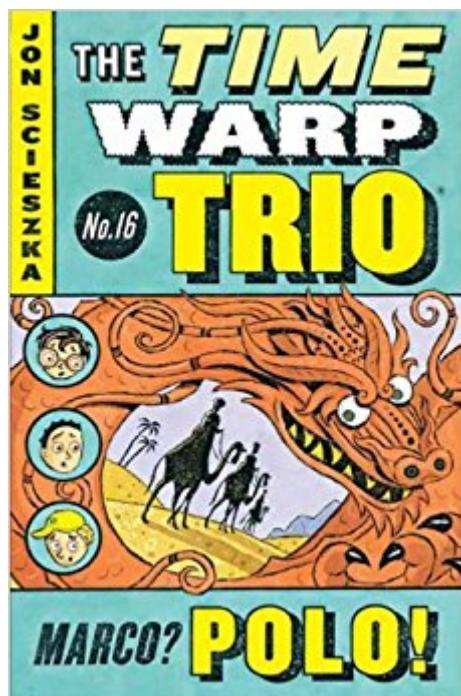


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Marco? Polo! #16 (Time Warp Trio)



Synopsis

The Time Warp Trio meets Marco Polo! What would happen if someone had a time-warping book he got from his uncle who was a magician, and he took it to the local YMCA pool while he played Marco? Polo? with his best friends? In the sixteenth adventure of the Time Warp Trio, it happens to Joe (and Fred and Sam). And what happens is sandstorms, desert bandits, a smelly camel, strange horoscopes, the emperor of all China, and one very famous explorer. If the explorer is Marco Polo, this must be thirteenth-century China!

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Grade 3-6
This installment in the series takes Joe, Sam, and Fred over the Silk Road into China. As it opens, the infamous blue Book transports Joe from the pool of his local YMCA to the desert where he meets Marco Polo, who is on his way to meet Kublai Khan. The boy is reunited with his friends only after rescuing himself and Marco Polo from bandits and a sandstorm. He also teaches the explorer how to play the game named after him, which provides for some very funny moments. The book concludes with a description of the animals in the Chinese Zodiac. This title is as rich in historical detail as it is in humor and will have special appeal to reluctant

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The Time Warp Trio hits the Silk Road in this new installment. While playing a game of Marco Polo! at the pool, Joe suddenly finds himself alone in the desert "somewhere between Italy and China," clad only in his swim trunks. Luckily, Marco Polo himself hears Joe's cries for help. One joke--an Asian character named Ding Dong--falls flat into stereotype. That puzzling choice aside, Scieszka continues his formula of absurdity, slapstick puns, and nonstop action that has won the series plenty of fans. Gillian EngbergCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This was a gift. The grand kids wanted this book and also are following a series of the books. Nice

Like all the rest of the Time Warp series this book strikes the funny bone pretty hard. Enjoyable and quick read.

Our first edition copy of this book had a printer error. Pages 29 and 30 were completely blank. I sent it back to and they promised me a refund. I don't know if all of the first edition books are like this, or if we were just unlucky. But if you want this book, you might consider waiting for the second edition or the paperback to come out.

Synopsis: The story starts off with Joe finding himself in the middle of a desert. The last thing he remembers is being in the YMCA Swimming Pool swimming with Sam and Fred and playing Marco Polo with them. He doesn't recall how he suddenly appeared in the middle of a desert, and feels like this is the end for him, when who other than Marco Polo arrives to save him. Marco Polo thinks Joe is an astrologer and takes him to meet his father Niccolo Polo and his uncle Maffeo Polo. They tell him that they have seen the book Joe is looking for, at Kublai Khan's court, and that they are on their way to meet Kublai Khan. Will Joe find his friends, and get the book, especially since it turns out to be in the hands of Ding Dong, the astrologer for Kublai Khan who hates the Trio and wants them?
Review: I must say this was definitely an exciting Time Warp Trio book to read. Firstly, I liked it because it was the first time (at least for me), to read the Time Warp Trio separated from one another in the time period. This kept me wondering as to how they would find one another.

Secondly, I liked how the author added humor into this book by creating names such as "Ding Dong" and getting Marco Polo to play "Marco Polo". Even though this is the first book of the series I read that had Adam McCauley as the illustrator, I enjoyed the illustrations in this book, and thought they fit well with the story. Overall, this is another nice addition to the series, and I can't wait to read more! NOTE: The reviewer previous to mine had a complaint that pages 29-30 were missing from the book. I am pretty sure this is not a misprint and the author intended to have those pages blank. I was also a little surprised when I saw it in the beginning in my version, but after reading the chapter, I am sure they were intended to be written that way.

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