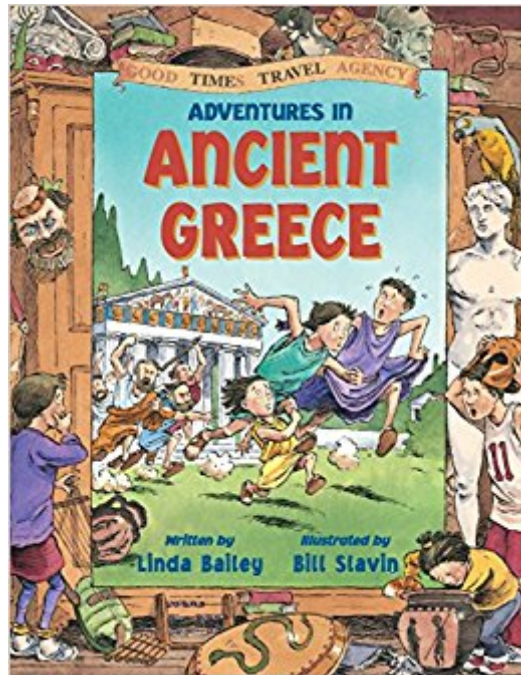


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# Adventures In Ancient Greece (Good Times Travel Agency)



## Synopsis

Join the Binkertons -- twins Josh and Emma and their little sister Libby -- as they head to the Good Times Travel Agency hoping to visit the next Olympic Games, but end up in Ancient Greece instead! Adventures in Ancient Greece is an exciting mix of adventure and historical information about life in Greece in the fifth century BC. Kids will learn about the Greek gods, the birth of democracy, Greek home life -- and much more. They'll love the book's contemporary comic-book look, while parents, teachers and librarians will admire the well-researched story line and solid factual information.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

## Customer Reviews

Gr. 3-5. One in a series of Good Times Travel Agency cartoon-style peeks at ancient cultures, this humorously illustrated picture book takes kids on a brief trip to Greece at the time of the inception of the Olympic Games. The story line is cursory; it's the text at the bottom of each page that provides the important details about daily life, the role of women, how democracy worked in its founding society, the structure of Greek warships, and so on. The adventure aspect of the book is well pitched for the intended audience, but there is some needless editorializing, including the presumption that kids will find philosophy an inherently boring topic. Page layouts are effective, and

the cartoon panels are handsomely painted, making this an inviting book to browse and a likely candidate for casual readers to consume willingly. Francisca GoldsmithCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Another homeschooler recommended this book to us as one book to read for our study of Ancient Greece. When my 6 year-old son saw the cover he begged for me to read it immediately. He loved the book and is asking if there are others available (which there are because this is one in a series). We had just finished "Growing up in Ancient Greece" by Chris Chelipi which I thought was a bit boring. "Adventures in Ancient Greece" duplicated the same information and included additional information. So if you are wondering if this comic book style book (less serious tone) is lacking in content, I can assure you that it is not. The format of the book is comic book style with sidebars that read more like a regular text. The storyline is that a boy and his two sisters enter a time travel-travel agency and request to go to the next Olympic games in the future. By mistake they are transported to Ancient Greece. A boy gives them a tour of Athens and explains daily life in Ancient Greece. They experience daily living such as the role of women, slaves, and foreign visitors vs. men, voting, worship, parties, and common foods eaten. They also find themselves in the middle of a war that is called to a truce before casualties occur, at the Olympics, and finally on a warship that is engaged in a war before coming back home, magically. There is some sarcasm and some silliness. Some of the sarcasm borders on disrespect, such as when the boy gives them olives to eat, and proclaims they are the best in the world and the boy thinks, "this is a treat?" The girl is annoyed that women lead subservient lives and makes some sarcastic comments. I chose to skip over some of the silly and sarcastic comments. In the end I know my son learned important content from this book, which is the goal!

I am mother of 3 and started getting these when my oldest (now 15) was younger, probably in 3rd grade or so, maybe before. My 3 kids have all enjoyed as they are entertaining and factually informative (though not in a way that it seems like a textbook to kids). We have collected the whole series. It is written in comic format but also includes a more factual 'journal' that injects humor and ties in to the comic story. It can be read without referring to the journal which is probably more

appealing to younger kids, but when reading with them I would often read the journal parts too or pieces of them. Adding fun teachable info bits without them realizing it. These will be keepers for us because the kids will still pick them up again and reread if they see them lying around.

This series is designed for the 4-6th grade audience and as such has a lot of silliness between the characters. It is this fun approach that makes the book a drawing read and lets this age group learn a lot about history without feeling the pain of a text book. My kids have learned a lot from this series and love to read them over and over. We have been able to get a couple of the books in this series in French and they are great easy readers for those learning French as well.

I bought this book when planning a trip to Greece with my little one. She loved the characters, the humor, and the information (and so did I). We ended up buying all six of the books in this series, with hopes that there may be more in the future...

Not as expected. Two whole pages have nudity and is not appropriate for children. While we have taught our children the truth of the first Olympic games we do not find it necessary for them to see it. The book is also in comic book format which we do not prefer. It does however contain correct and informative facts about the time period. We do not recommend this book.

Grandson loved this book....it is green dot on the AR reading.

A clever & wonderful series and a fun way to learn about ancient cultures.

All of the "Good Times Travel Agency" adventures are wonderful. The stories are fun, funny, and engaging for all ages, so kids keep reading. The Binkertons - kids in the story who go back in time to the various lands - have to read an entire book about that culture before they can return to the present, and excerpts of the book they are reading are printed on the bottom of each page, while the fun comic-book style story overlaps on the top. So each adventure contains a wealth of educational info, but in an interesting way. This adventure (Ancient Greece) is set at the time of the ancient Olympic Games. Be sure to check out the other adventures - I wish there were more in print!

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