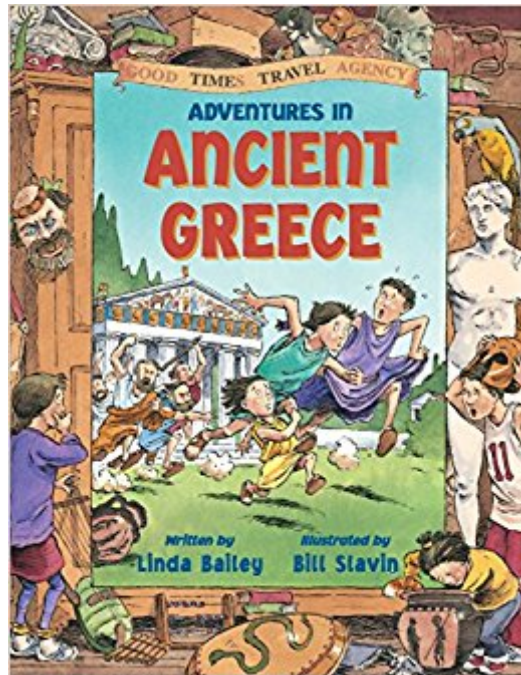


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# Adventures In Ancient Greece (Good Times Travel Agency)



## 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

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...

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!

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

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

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