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Presenting

**The Perilous Adventures
of Time Travel**

Book One in The Essence of Time Trilogy

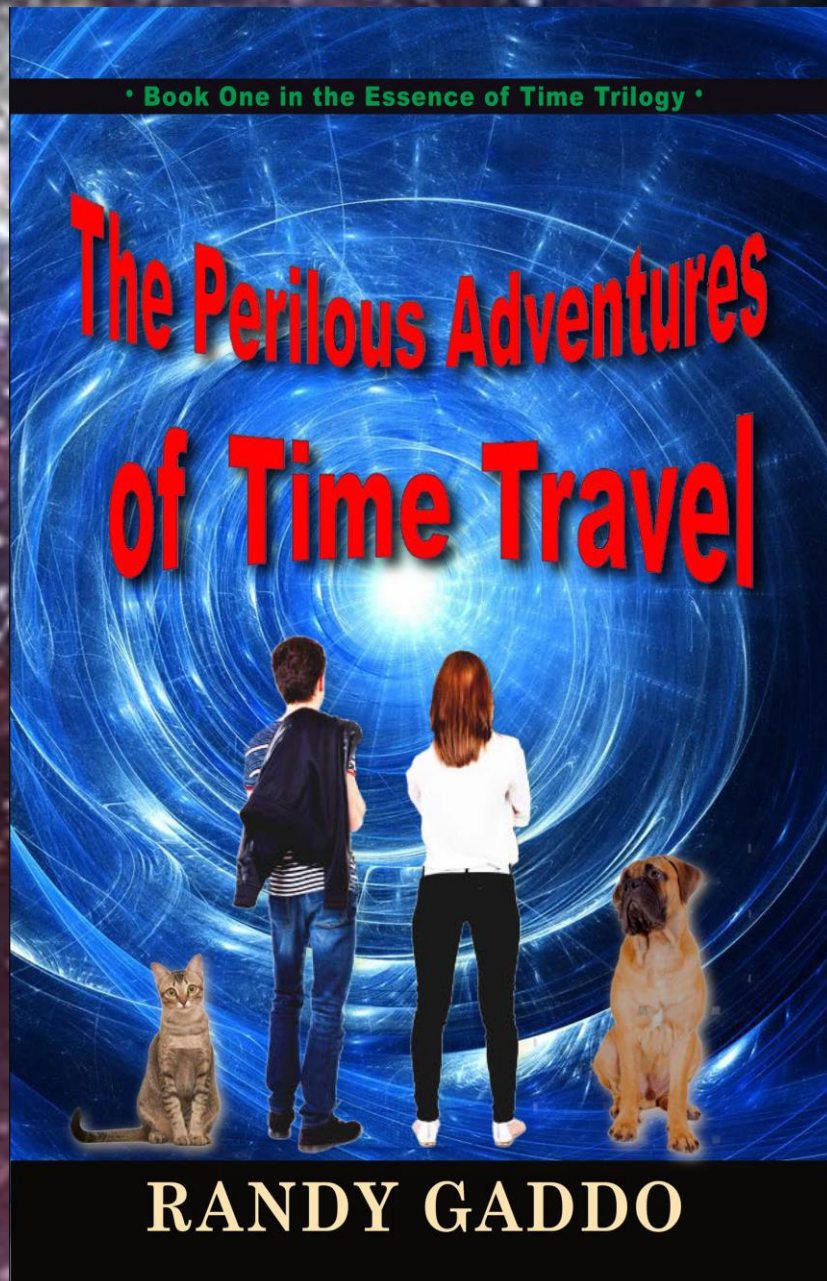
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Travel through the
Time Vortex with Sam,
his human friends and
animal sidekicks



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Find out what happens when humans and animals travel through time together

• THE PERILOUS ADVENTURES OF TIME TRAVEL •

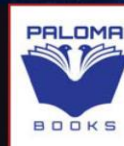


Thirteen-year-old Sam Steelonni's parents, world-renowned physicists and adventurers, are missing! Sam discovers they were experimenting with time travel and succeeded, but got lost in the space-time continuum.

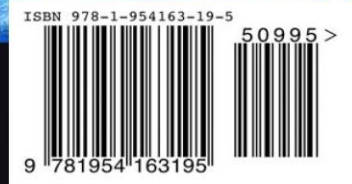
Sam launches a dangerous rescue effort, with help from best friend Cecilia "Cici" McSimmons and his trusted buddy Michael C. "Charger" Banyan. His animal friends – Raven, the extraordinary cat, and Akamaru, the big dog – also join the rescue effort. He is shocked to learn that when humans and animals journey through time together, they can talk to and understand each other!

The rescue team is immersed in history and learns firsthand about people and events Sam has only read about. However, the evil Dr. Ivan Molnikov, his parents' long-time rival, wants to claim the world-changing discovery as his own; and he will end anyone who gets in his way! Will Sam find his parents without losing himself or his friends in time? Or will Molnikov find them first? What kind of trouble will they get into along the way?

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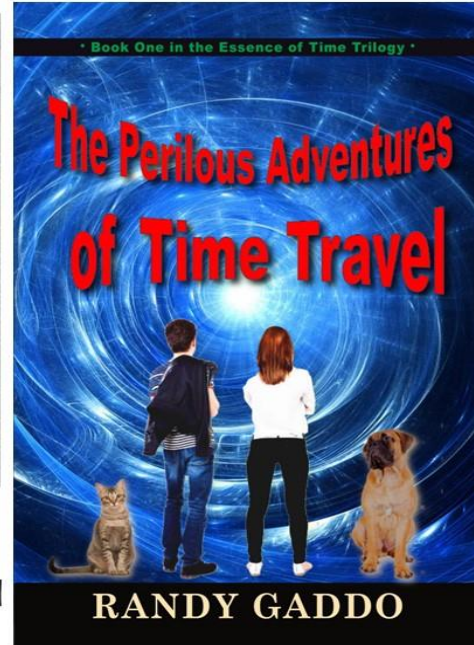


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Can Sam and Raven save Cici and her friend, an artificial-intelligence pig, Lily-Rose, from being stranded back in Rome, AD 80?



Will Sam, Raven and Akamaru be attacked by lions in ancient Rome?

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Sam's parents, both world renowned physicists, are missing. It's up to Sam and his friends, animal and

human, to find them. They launch a search that takes them on several life threatening adventures, back

and forth in time. Join them as they discover the wonder, and the perils, of time travel.

Sneak Peek

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Excerpts from ***The Perilous Adventures of Time Travel***

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THE LIONS ARE HUNGRY



Sam shifted his gaze up from the odd-looking remote control device in his hand and was shocked to see in front of him, not twenty feet away, two huge lions drooling at him like he was an appetizer. Behind the lions, seated in an enormous amphitheater that was unbelievably high, were thousands of people shouting and cheering and pointing their thumbs, some up skyward, some down towards the ground. Sam felt something heavy pulling at his waist, and it seemed like there was a fifteen-pound bowl sitting on his head. He looked down and saw the hilt of an ancient sword hanging in an enormous metal scabbard attached to bronze armor plating on his torso. He reached up and felt a solid metal helmet covering his head and the back of his neck. Sam realized he wasn't in Massachusetts anymore; or maybe he was having a nightmare that felt too real. He didn't appear to be in his own time zone. From his study of history, it looked an awful lot like he was in ancient Rome! He looked up and saw the gaunt, hungry lions, their fierce eyes blazing, beginning to move slowly towards him. As death appeared imminent, Sam realized it wasn't a dream; this was real. He suddenly grew very calm and oddly enough flashed back to how he had gotten himself into this mess.



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TAG TEAMING IN TIME



Tragically, that's not what happened. As Sam and Raven were disappearing in a swirl of smoke and lights, Cici and Lily-Rose were being pulled away from them by the well-intentioned little girl named Maria, who was trying to save them from the soldiers. Sam realized at the last moment that Cici was no longer touching him. He looked back in horror as she and Lily-Rose faded from his sight in a grey whirlwind. "Sam, wait," she was shouting, in English, reaching out her hand to him. As Sam swirled, he saw the soldiers marching by their alleyway. Cici's shout drew the attention of the closest soldier, who snapped his helmeted head towards the alley. He saw a small dust storm and would later think he remembered seeing a young man shouting in a strange language and a large cat, but then they faded and all he saw was an empty alley. He marched on; he was not going to tell anybody that he thought he saw a ghost. "Cici!..." Sam was shouting as he swirled again to see Cici, Lily-Rose and Maria disappear into the alley doorway. Then the alley faded and was lost in the cyclone that took Sam and Raven back home and left Cici and Lily-Rose stranded in Rome, AD 80.



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HOMEWARD BOUND





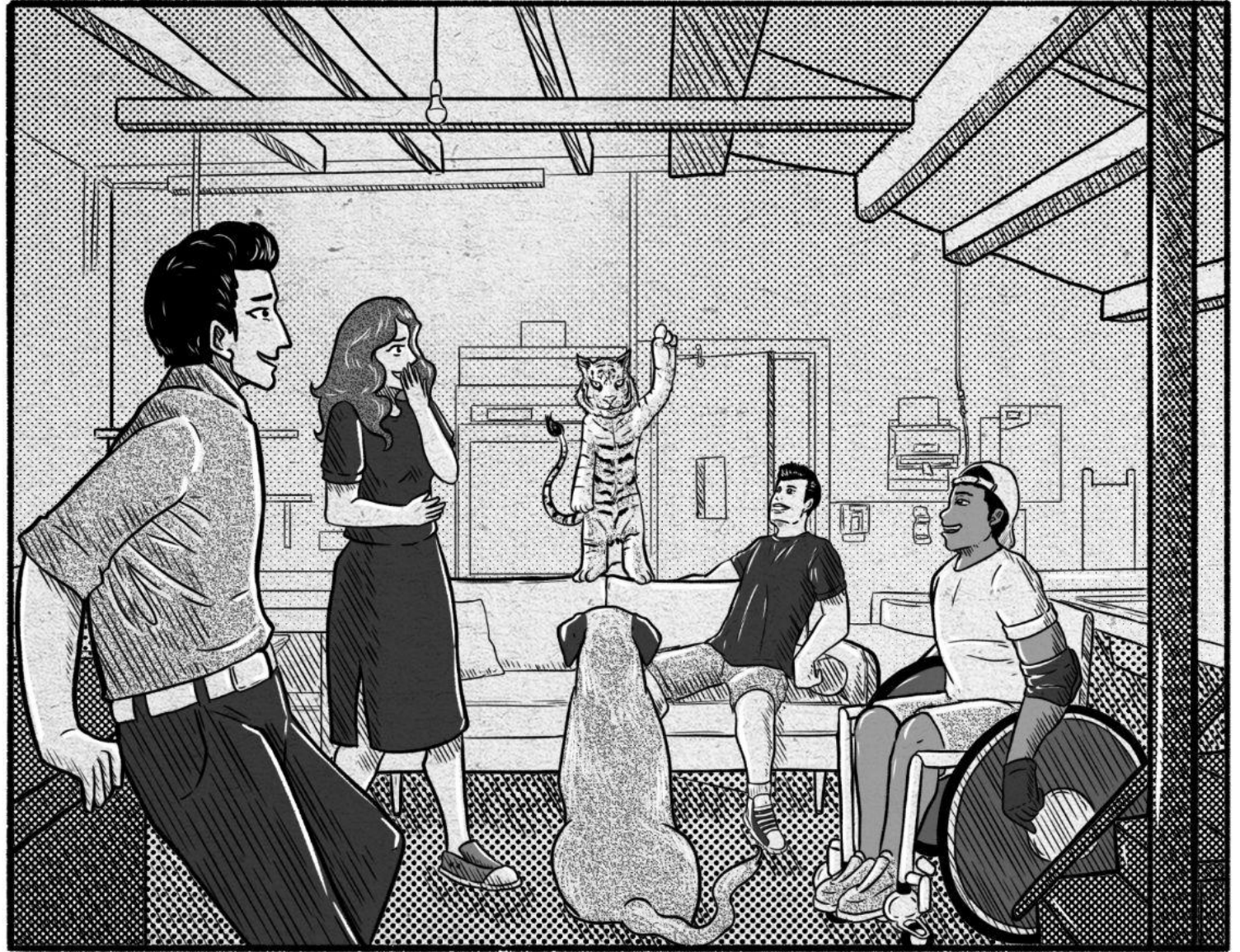
“Ah, those are family heirlooms passed down for four generations,” she said. “They were painted by an artist who was a close friend of my great-great grandfather.” As she was telling the story, Amanda and Tony were studying the painting. It showed all the things she was describing. While the figures were too small to really show facial features, the tawny-colored cat with the long tail was a close match for Raven. They looked at each other silently passing an “OMG!” These paintings clearly showed Raven and that meant that both the gladiator and the boy who visited Guiseppe’s house was Sam. The girl with him had to be Cici, who was always getting caught up in Sam’s escapades; the flaming red hair was a strong indicator. Tony didn’t know where the pig came from, but he knew this meant their son was trying to find them and was getting deep into something he didn’t understand; something that could be dangerous.


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SAM'S PARENTS FIND HOME



There was a long silence as everyone absorbed the enormity of the task before them. Then, from the back of the sofa came a gravelly voice, sounding like a Marine Corps drill instructor talking to a platoon of new recruits. “OK ladies and gentlemen, I suggest you get your giant brains and your opposable thumbs into gear and start solving all these problems, because we are now fully engaged in Operation Retrieve Cici and Lily-Rose. It’s time to bring them home!” said Raven, standing stoically on his hind legs astride the back of the sofa, his front paws clenched into fists, his knuckles resting on his hips, looking stern. Then he gave them all a smile and a wink and said, “Bet you folks would never have guessed I could do that, did ya’?” There was a long pause, and then they all burst out laughing. Raven’s humor was the catalyst to set them in motion. From this point forward they had one shared goal: figure out how to get Cici and Lily-Rose home.



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- Molnikov exercises evil**
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