

Q&A: M.M. Kline

What is the title of your book?

Professor Payne's Intrepid Time Travelers.

Is this your first book?

Yes. And it is the first book in my Leap Behind Series.

Where did you get the idea for the book?

When I was in sixth grade, my class made a movie about time traveling. We "visited" several ancient cultures, including Egypt. In 2000 I traveled to Egypt with Payne and Linda Johnson and my mom. It was fascinating! I also love antiques and have often wondered where they came from and who has owned them in the past. Antiques have traveled through time!

What genre is your book?

It is young adult science fiction or fantasy. It is interesting that I have received excellent reviews from both middle grade students and senior citizens.

What is the book about?

It is about a group of teenagers who can time travel. They attend a high school, Whispering Pines, where they learn about ancient civilizations. They must learn to travel through time without changing their present day lives. The characters in the book travel to ancient Egypt and medieval England.

Who is Professor Payne?

Professor Payne Johnson is a well known expert on Egypt and other ancient civilizations. When his father passed away, Payne inherited an old wooden pipe that had been passed down generation to generation. When he inhaled his first puff, his world transformed. He had traveled through time to ancient Egypt! The professor is now a teacher at Whispering Pines School for Fine Arts. The school has a diverse student body and staff, catering to the instruction of time travelers!

How long did it take you to write the book?

It took three years. I researched Egyptian history extensively to make sure most of my facts were correct.

Why did you write the book?

I wanted to encourage teens to read about history. Ever since my class made the time machine movie with Mrs. Brown I had wanted to go to Egypt. She made history come alive!

Will you write another book?

Yes. I intend to write a series. The second book will continue in Egypt but also touch on North American history. And the traveling triplets will continue their adventures in medieval London.

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