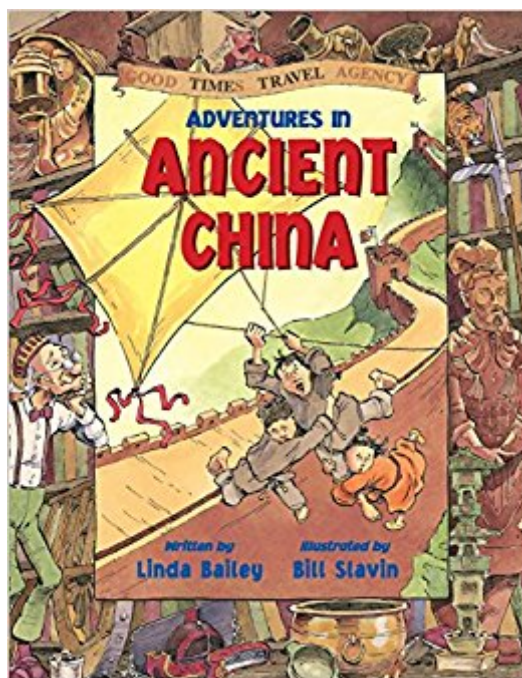


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# Adventures In Ancient China (Good Times Travel Agency)



## Synopsis

Join the Binkertons -- twins Josh and Emma and their little sister Libby -- as they return to the Good Times Travel Agency and end up knee-deep in an ancient Chinese rice paddy! Adventures in Ancient China is an engaging mix of adventure and historical information about life in China during first century AD. Kids will learn about Chinese society, inventions, medicine, the Silk Road, the Great Wall, nomadic warriors and much more. They'll love the book's contemporary comic-book look, while parents, teachers and librarians will appreciate 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

... this books, with its historical and cultural perspectives, has merit.

Linda Bailey is an award-winning author of many books for children, including Goodnight Sweet Pig, Stanley's Party, the Stevie Diamond Mysteries, and the Good Times Travel Agency series. She lives in Vancouver, British Columbia. Bill Slavin is an award-winning children's book illustrator with over 50 books to his credit. His works include Stanley's Party and The Bear on the Bed He lives in

Millbrook, Ontario.

This book is great. My kids found it fun to read and I loved the educational quality. I recommend it for anyone 6 and up.

This is a lengthy picture book adventure of three siblings who accidentally travel back in time to ancient China, during the Han dynasty. While there the youngest child wanders off in a noble's cart and the twins are forced to slowly follow behind in search of her. Along the way they experience and learn much about ancient Chinese culture, but not before finding themselves in serious trouble. Can they reunite with their sister and return home? This is a great book for individuals studying China in World or Ancient History, or just for a fun read. Educators may wish to break up into two reading sessions due to its length.

This is a weird, long, graphic-novel type book. It's still aimed at kids, but it's really aimed at older kids. It's very strange. It seems to be part of a series, and not the first part. These two twin kids and their little sister are out walking and the little sister runs into a weird travel agency place and they chase her. The proprietor opens a magic book that causes all three of the kids to travel to ancient China, where the twins promptly get in an argument and their sister wanders off. The twins have a miserable time as their jerk little sister smugly gets treated nicely by Chinese officials. The twins accidentally discover the secret of silk and end up on the run, then eventually break into the palace to get their sister and then manage to escape and finish reading the magic book in order to get back to the real world. And that's it. There's adventure, but it's mostly just them having to deal with them being barbarians and foreigners, and not really having time to look at the things which are in ancient China which are interesting, as the guidebook describes factually. It just looks like they have a terrible time, and are very angry at their little sister, and are stuck there for days and can't get back out again. They almost die repeatedly. It's kind of like the adventure is thrown in for the sake of adventure. There's no character development, there's no real interesting story line, it's just them fleeing constantly. Their little sister is just a cliched plot device to propel the story. Aside from the annoying story, the guidebook is just like, Fact fact fact. Fact fact fact. So it's just an info dump with an irritating story to accompany it. It's not bad. It's not lying. It doesn't have a bad message. I'm not really sure what the message is. For more children's book reviews, see my profile for my website.

This is a fantastic book for young children. I read it to my 4 year old and she is hooked. She laughed

out loud and really got involved in the story. She wants me to get more Good Time Travel Agency books. I love it, because it is packed with information. I was pleasantly surprised by the amount of information we were both learning. I am sure we will read this one over again and I am looking forward to trying the rest of the series.

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