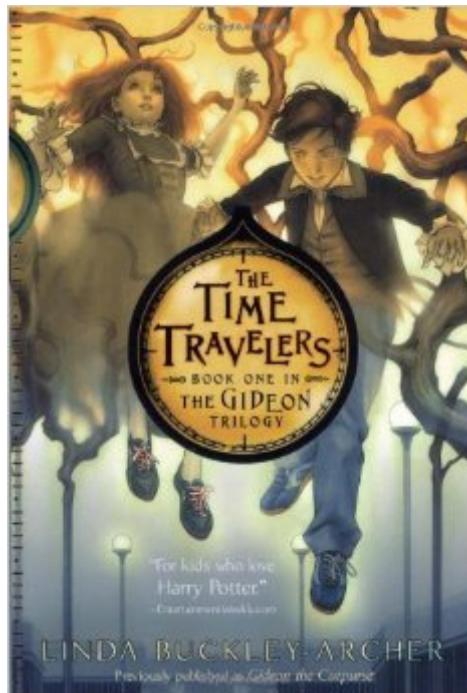


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# The Time Travelers (The Gideon Trilogy, Book 1)



## Synopsis

Previously published as *GIDEON THE CUTPURSE* 1763 Gideon Seymour, thief and gentleman, hides from the villainous Tar Man. Suddenly the sky peels away like fabric and from the gaping hole fall two curious-looking children. Peter Schock and Kate Dyer have fallen straight from the twenty-first century, thanks to an experiment with an antigravity machine. Before Gideon and the children have a chance to gather their wits, the Tar Man takes off with the machine -- and Peter and Kate's only chance of getting home. Soon Gideon, Peter, and Kate are swept into a journey through eighteenth-century London and form a bond that, they hope, will stand strong in the face of unfathomable treachery.

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Peter Schock is looking forward to spending the first day of his Christmas holiday with his father and finally getting to enjoy the birthday treat that was originally planned for him months before. But much to Peter's anger and disappointment, his dad has had to cancel yet again because of an important meeting. They get into a bitter argument, and Peter is sent to spend the weekend in Derbyshire with his au pair Margrit on her friends' farm. When they arrive, Peter feels out of place with the countryside compared to the hustle and bustle of city life to which he has grown accustomed. He is

introduced to Mr. and Mrs. Dyer and their large family, the oldest being Kate. After a tour around the farmyard, Peter is invited to ride along with Kate and her father while Dr. Dyer makes a visit to the laboratory where he works. He shows Peter an antigravity machine that is part of a top-secret scientific experiment funded by NASA. Then there is a freak accident, and before they know it, Peter and Kate find themselves in the year 1763. Unfortunately for them, getting back home becomes nearly impossible when the machine is taken by The Tar Man, a monstrous-looking villain with a tragic past. The children are befriended by a young gentleman named Gideon Seymour --- a reformed cutpurse who is looking for a new start in life --- and are taken on a dramatic, dangerous and at times quite humorous adventure that seems to leap from the pages of a history book. Along the way they meet some famous people and experience life in 18th-century London. Meanwhile, in the 21st century, two families and a cunning detective inspector try to figure out what has happened to the two 12-year-olds as they piece together clues resulting from a strange series of phenomena.

Gold Star Award Winner! Previously published as GIDEON THE CUTPURSE Peter feels he has been brushed off by his father yet again--and he has been. He's been waiting for his birthday treat for months, but his father always has business meetings and is too busy to spend time with him. His mother is off working in Los Angeles, far away from Peter and his father in London. The morning Peter and his father fight about it again, Margrit, the Au Pair, takes Peter with her to visit her friends out in the country. These friends have a daughter, Kate, who is about Peter's age, twelve. Kate's father takes the two of them, plus Kate's dog, Molly, to the lab where he works. Kate and Peter end up chasing Molly through the halls--a small thing that ends up being very important. One minute, they're running through the halls of the lab. The next minute, Kate and Peter, along with an antigravity machine that one of Kate's father's colleagues has been working on, have been transported back in time to a grassy hillside in 1763. Before long, they've met two very different men of that time. The first is the Tar Man, who steals the antigravity machine, which could very well be the key to getting back to the present. The second is Gideon, an enemy of the Tar Man, who decides to help the two children from the future. Before long, Kate and Peter are on an adventure, headed to London to recover the antigravity machine and get back to their homes and families. On their way, they will encounter highwaymen, make friends (including Gideon), and learn a lot about that time in history--the good and the bad. Back in present-day England, Peter's parents are frantic with worry.

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