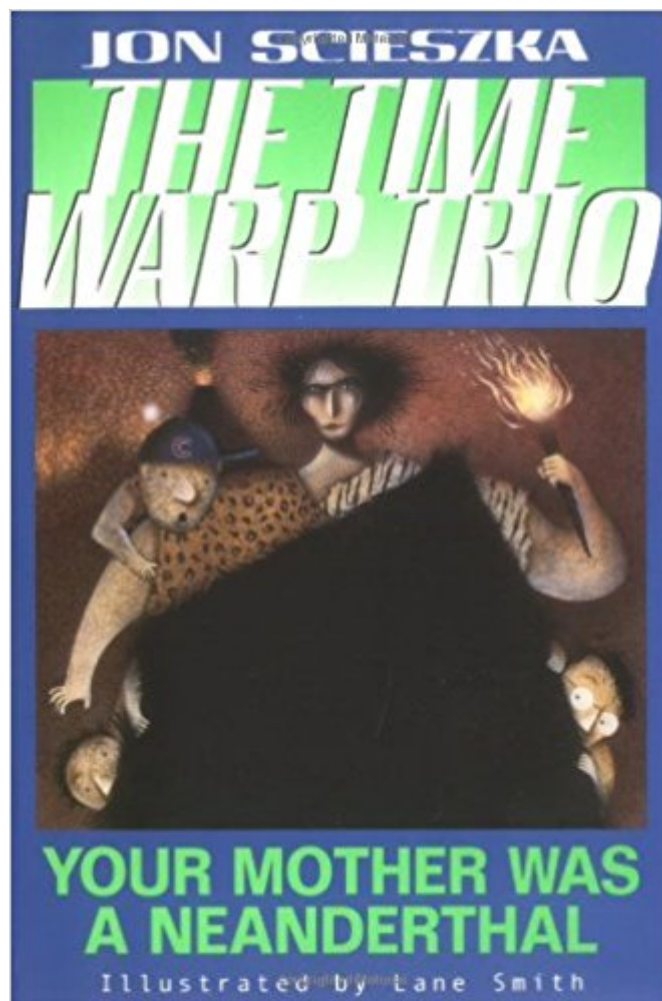


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Your Mother Was A Neanderthal #4 (Time Warp Trio)



Synopsis

Everyone's favorite time-travelers are changing their styles! The Time Warp Trio series now features a brand-new, eye-catching design, sure to appeal to longtime fans, and those new to Jon Scieszka's wacky brand of humor.

Book Information

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Age Range: 7 - 9 years

Grade Level: 2 - 4

Customer Reviews

Grade 3-5-Joe, Sam, and Fred find themselves "absolutely naked" at the outset of this prehistoric adventure. While fans of the previous three books won't be surprised at this somewhat outrageous beginning, it's sure to catch the attention of first-timers. Scieszka's humorous, zippy dialogue and word play, combined with Stone Age icons (a saber-toothed cat; a woolly mammoth; cave paintings; and an interesting and hilarious collection of cavemen, women, and girls), are sure to appeal to readers. References to classic time-travel books-Edward Eager's Half Magic, Madeline L'Engle's A Wrinkle in Time, and H.G.Wells's The Time Machine- are bound to spur many readers on to other new adventures. This fast-paced, fun story is perfectly matched by Smith's wacky black-and-white illustrations. Another great book from the dynamic duo!-Gale W. Sherman, Pocatello Public Library, IDCopyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Audible Audio Edition

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Gr. 4-6. Sam, Joe, and Fred, the Time Warp Trio who made their first appearances in *Knights of the Kitchen Table* (1991) and *the Not So Jolly Roger* (1991), travel back to the Stone Age and are immediately in trouble. First of all, they don't have "The Book" that enables them to travel in time, and second of all, they're naked. Sam, with a large leaf and a piece of vine, invents clothes--just in time for them to be discovered by "cavegirls." Sam, Joe, and Fred escape (they think) the hostile women, take refuge with men hiding from a saber-toothed tiger, flee a woolly mammoth, and save the day with some simple physics involving a fulcrum and a lever. Scieszka's text is funny and fast, always clever and never cute (OK, naming the cavegirls Nat-Li, Lin-Say, and Jos-Feen is cute, but that's the only part), and Smith's pen-and-ink drawings add a rollicking, somewhat riotous air to the proceedings. This is the kind of book that kids tell one another to read--a surefire hit to the funny bone, whether read alone or aloud. Janice Del Negro --This text refers to the Audible Audio Edition edition.

It was a 70th birthday gift for my sister who just had her DNA test done. Results mentioned she has Neanderthals on her family tree. So the book gave us all laughs and discussion.

This is an okay book. My son loved some of the other books in the series but this one was just "okay." The series of books is really good but like all series some books are better than others.

My 9 year old son started reading this series at school through the American Reading Company. He was immediately hooked and asked for more to read at home.

Well written series for kids. Satisfying stories.

This was a 4th grade summer project read and is a good story. I would recommend to person that wants to go on an adventure.

This is the second of Time Warp Trio adventures which my daughter (8 years old) and I have read. Again, we laughed and were intrigued to follow the adventure. Again, the illustrations were humorous and imaginative! Best of all the end of the story was a creative twist which had us look at each other and question what was said and what did it mean.

Synopsis: The story starts off with the Time Warp Trio finding themselves in front of a forest with strange trees and giant ferns. They also realize that they are completely naked, and they cannot find the Blue Book that brought them to the Stone Age. They need to find the Book in order to get back to their own time, but now that they are in the prehistoric times before language, writing and books were invented, how are they ever going to find a book that was never made? The last thing they remember is being in Joe's room, where Sam brought up the idea of taking all the important necessities and traveling back to the Stone Age, where their things would be more impressive, and where they could meet their ancestors. What they didn't expect is to find themselves without anything, even their clothes. They don't have much time to think because they soon find themselves being chased by what they think is a dinosaur. They soon meet three girls around their age, who introduce themselves as Nat-Li, Lin-Say and Jos-Feen. They notice the girls scaring a group of cavemen away, and the girls notion the Trio to follow them to meet "Ma". The boys reluctantly follow, not sure what lies ahead of them. The girls take them to a cave, where they meet a big bear like figure. The bear leader takes Fred's hat and reveals herself. She looks exactly like Joe's mother! Ma orders Nat-Li to take the Trio inside the cave somewhere, and the Trio soon find themselves trapped inside a room in the cave, making them prisoners. The Time Warp Trio try to find a way to escape Ma and the girls, only to find themselves trapped amongst the cavemen in a pit that is guarded by a saber toothed cave cat. They realize that the Book could be in the form of a painting, since Sam tells them that prehistoric people believed that paintings had magical powers to control things like the animals they hunted. Can they escape the cat, the cavemen, Maa and her girls, a woolly mammoth and find the book in time before they are ancient history?

Review: I thought this was a marvelous Time Warp Trio Book! From encountering a saber-toothed cave cat to a woolly mammoth, this book was filled with twists and turns as the Time Warp Trio find themselves from one problem to the next. I also enjoyed how the author introduced characters like "Duh", and symbolized women by the cavemen chanting "Woo Maa". I think the main reason why I liked this book better than some others in the series was because it had a little element of suspense (where the Trio didn't know how they would find the book), adventure (when they try to escape the pit from the saber toothed cat), mystery (as to seeing if Maa was actually one of Joe's ancestors, or as to figuring out where and in which form the book would be in), and even a tinge of romance (as the Trio play matchmaker to get the cave men and the cave women together). The author beautifully manages to put all these elements in this book, while keeping with the fast pace of the storyline, making this book a real page turner. The illustrations provided by Lane Smith add well to the story, where some

of the drawings are really scary to look at, like the saber toothed tiger, the woolly mammoth, and the dinosaur, but are also nicely blended with other humorously drawn illustrations like the Trio tying leaves and twigs to cover themselves, or the manner in which the cavemen are drawn. The back of the book also has an interesting pop quiz that the reader could take during their free time. Overall, I was not able to put this book down, because it was very well written that would be enjoyed by both children and adults. I would recommend it to anyone who likes the series, or even if you planning on reading "Time Warp Trio" for the first time, I would suggest reading this book first.

Time Traveling By Zachary Your Mother Was A Neanderthal is about three boys named Fred, Sam, and Joe who go to the past and see LIVE NEANDERTHALS!!! When they are there, they go through a lot of adventures such as teaching the Neanderthals to read and write. They got to the past by a book called The Book that Joe's uncle gave to Joe for his birthday. Hope is found in this book because they hoped they would get back to the future because they were in the past. A message in the story is never get ahead of your self. I agree with this because sometimes when I write stories, I put important things in front of other important things. Another is never give up. I agree with this because I never give up when hard things happen. If I could trade places with a character in the story it would be Sam because I could recreate modern civilization in the Stone Age. I think Sam represents intelligence because he can make clothes using leaves and vines. I think Joe represents magic because he knows a lot of magic tricks. My point of view about the characters is I think Joe, Fred, and Sam are good characters. Before I read Your Mother Was A Neanderthal I thought that you should give up if things were way to hard but after I read this book I changed my schema, now I think you should never give up. I recommend this book to boys and girls because both might like the setting. Also recommend this book to kids in reading level 2 through reading level 4. I gave my book a 5 star rating.

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