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12-year-old Arnie Jenks is waiting to be collected by his aunt from a school trip to the crumbling, ancient Shabbington Hall when a sudden heavy snowfall forces him to stay the night. As he wanders the corridors and rooms in search of hidden secrets he is suddenly, without warning, transported back in time.

Could he have really travelled back over 100 years? He comes face to face with a room full of Victorian servants and looks around hoping that it is some kind of historical re-enactment, but when he takes a mysterious phone call it confirms that the Victorian surroundings are real. The people suddenly vanish and Arnie is plunged into the First World War becoming part of the tale of Thomas Hodges, a boy soldier on the run for desertion. Barely drawing breath, he is then thrown onto a ship with a stranger who irrevocably has changed the life of Lady Dervela Martlesham. He finally returns to 2014 to make sense of a secret that has remained hidden for over 400 years.

Just as he thinks his adventure has no purpose, Arnie stumbles into the 1970s to grapple with the circumstances of 18-year-old Dirk locked in a bedroom, the victim of a bungled burglary. Dirk takes drastic action when another figure appears who Arnie thinks familiar – but how could he be? Before he has the chance to find out, he returns to the present day where confusion overwhelms him. The snow begins to thaw and it's time for Arnie to go home. Finally, at the eleventh hour, he discovers the truth behind his extraordinary journey as the last visitor to the house appears. To Arnie Jenks life will never be the same again...

Arnie Jenks and the House of Strangers is an action-packed novel that will be suitable for children aged 12 and above. The adventure takes the reader from the 16th century through to the present day, which will appeal to young readers who enjoy both contemporary and historical fiction.

Arnie Jenks and the House of Strangers Details

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Vincent Ripley says

Thinking about this one.....

Billy Buttons says

This book was entered and was a 1016 finalist in The Wishing Shelf Book Awards. This is what our readers thought:

Title: Arnie Jenks and the House of Strangers

Author: Tim Bradley

Star Rating: 4.5 Stars

Number of 23 Readers:

Stats

Editing: 7/10

Writing Style: 8/10

Content: 9/10

Cover: 9/10

Of the 23 readers:

22 would read another book by this author.

20 thought the cover was good or excellent.

23 felt it was easy to follow.

22 would recommend this story to another reader to try.

10 felt the author's strongest skill was 'plotting a story'.

13 felt the author's strongest skill was 'developing the characters'.

23 felt the pacing was good or excellent.

22 thought the author understood the readership and what they wanted.

Readers' Comments

'Well plotted, plenty happening from the first page. The hero, Arnie, is interesting and fun to follow.

Excellent blurb, fab cover. A very original way of showing history to young readers' Primary school teacher, aged 34

'Arnie is the perfect character to carry a plot of this nature. It's actually fascinating. I think the settings could be even better described, but I'm an old man. This is for 12 years old, and I think they'd love it.' Editor, aged 63

'I loved this book. It's a page turner. I liked that so much happened to Arnie and we got to see lots of history. The writing was easy to follow and the ending was very exciting.' Boy, aged 12

'If there's another book about Arnie, I want to read it.' Boy, aged 10

'I liked that the chapters were not too long. I also liked how it was funny in parts. Even my brother liked it and he's not a reader. I think all history lessons should be taught this way.' Girl, aged 11 (brother, aged 9)

'Storytelling at its very best. A FINALIST and highly recommended.' The Wishing Shelf Book Awards

