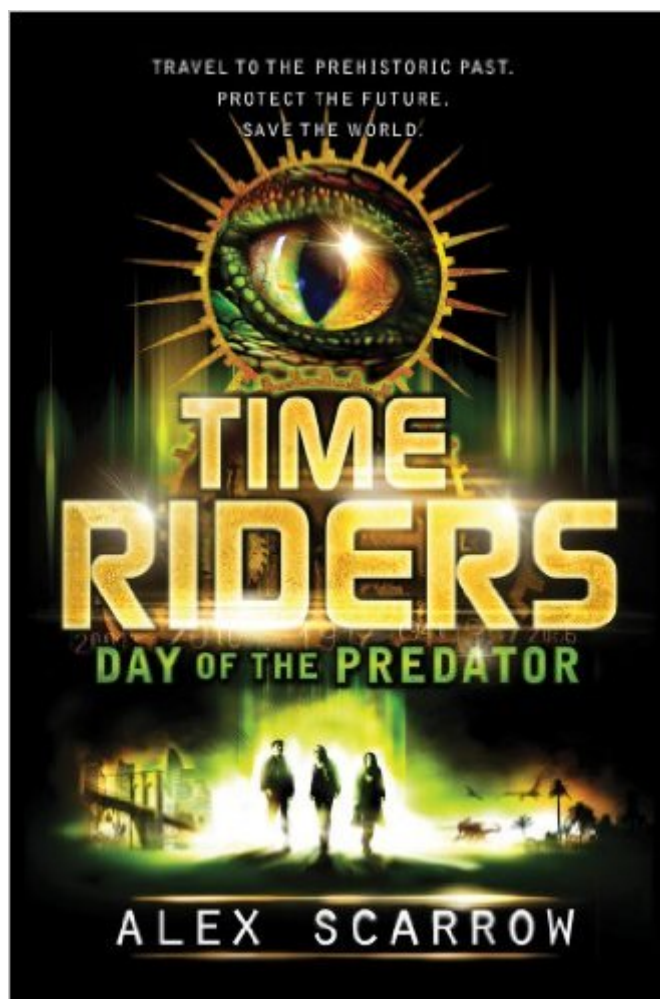


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TimeRiders: Day Of The Predator



Synopsis

Liam, Maddy, and Sal are TimeRiders, teens who've been saved from certain death to prevent time travel from destroying history-and the future. But when Maddy mistakenly opens a time window, Liam is marooned sixty-five million years in the past, in the hunting ground of a deadly species of prehistoric predator. Liam's only hope is to make contact with Maddy and Sal before he's hunted down by dinosaurs, and without altering history so much that the world is overtaken by a terrifying new reality.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Readers of science fiction may be familiar with the idea of a time travelling organisation that tries for various reasons to jump through the eras. Isaac Asimov did so years ago with *The End of Eternity*. While Poul Anderson wrote an entire series on the Time Patrol, *Time Patrol*. And most recently Kage Baker entertained us with the *Company* books, like *Mendoza in Hollywood (Company)*. Alas, all these authors are dead. But Scarrow makes a credible alternative in this juvenile series. Plus in this book, he posited a unique aspect of time travel, that I've never met in another tale. He suggested that travelling thru time aged the person dramatically. In contrast, most other stories have suggested that at the very least the traveller aged at the normal rate in his local reference frame (cf.

Anderson). While Baker had hers converted to immortals. Scarrow took what is the completely counter intuitive tack. A deliberately cruel irony that plays off the means to jump aeons against a shortened lifespan. As though in some cosmic level there is a balancing of books. It is this which to me distinguishes the series as having some literary merit. The book lightly touches on a key point more eloquently made by Anderson in his short story "Delenda Est". The latter revolved about a time change where Carthage defeated Rome, and thus an entirely different Europe emerged.

Alex Scarrow has followed book one with a cracker. Day of the Predator is just as exciting and addictive as book one. Liam, Maddy and Sal have settled into their own groundhog day (time cycles) as members of a highly secretive time agency. Their task? ... looking out for ripples in time in New York City. Bob, the super strong half robot/half human support unit had a rough time at the end of book one and his AI has taken up residence in the main computer. It's time for a new Bob, so the gang create a new one after locating the necessary ingredients in an olden day bank vault. But, here's a tip ... the new Bob is a little different to the first one. We also find out about Salâ™s original rescue from certain death by Foster, which resulted in her arrival on the time travel scene. One day an unexpected message arrives, which signals the start of a new mission. Things don't go quite as expected, and an unfortunate turn of events results in Liam and the new Bob heading way way back in time. That's not all of the bad news though. Our pair of time traveling heroes have a number of unexpected guests to contend with. The worst being some mysterious and deadly creatures that seem to have all of the nasty attributes that dwell in our nightmares. Maddy and Sal are devastated at the unexpected loss of their colleagues in the endless realm of time. The race is on for those in the past to somehow get in contact with those in the future. All the while there is the constant threat of the nasty critters that pursue Liam and his companions. Will Liam and the new Bob find a way to contact Maddy and Sal while avoiding the dangers of dinosaur times? It's another edge-of-your-seat adventure where the constant danger of contaminating the past threatens the future.

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