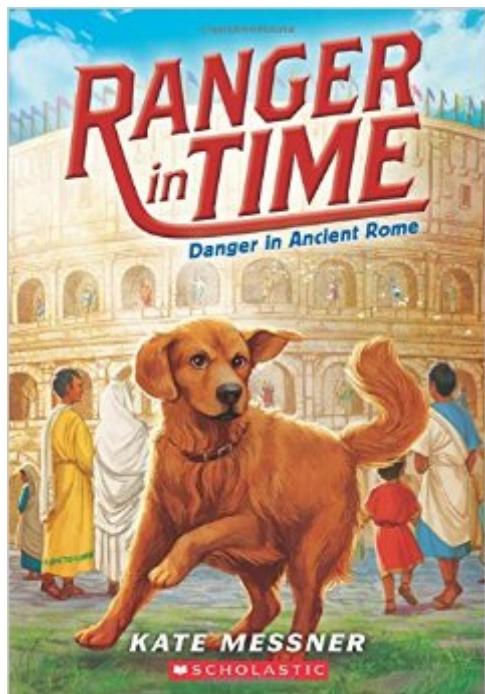


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# Danger In Ancient Rome (Ranger In Time #2)



## **Synopsis**

Ranger, the time-traveling golden retriever, is back for the second book in Kate Messner's new chapter book series. This time, he's off to save the day in ancient Rome! Ranger is a golden retriever who has been trained as a search-and-rescue dog. In this adventure, Ranger travels to the Colosseum in ancient Rome, where there are gladiator fights and wild animal hunts! Ranger befriends Marcus, a young boy Ranger saves from a runaway lion, and Quintus, a new volunteer gladiator who must prove himself in the arena. Can Ranger help Marcus and Quintus escape the brutal world of the Colosseum?

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 7 - 10 years

Grade Level: 2 - 5

## **Customer Reviews**

Messner has created an enjoyable early chapter book series that combines the adventures of a dog with history. What a fun way to encourage children to learn more about the past. In this volume of the series, Ranger ends up in the Colosseum in Ancient Rome where young Marcus works as a slave for a gladiator school. When Marcus gets attacked by a lion, Ranger races to the rescue along with a recently recruited gladiator named Quintus. Quintus doesn't seem to have what it takes to be a gladiator but Marcus does what he can to help. Ranger, a trained search and rescue dog helps Marcus find Quintus when he runs away. But can Ranger save the day again when Quintus ends up

in the arena fighting the most experienced gladiator from the school after only a few days of training? The story moves quickly which is bound to help young readers finish the book quickly. The illustrations are a nice touch as well giving the reader a glimpse into a very different world. The authors notes at the end I thoroughly enjoyed as Messner gives the reader a look into her research process and what she learned about Ancient Rome. A fun series for young readers.

**Summary:** Golden retriever Ranger is back for his second time-traveling adventure, this time to Ancient Rome. He meets Marcus, a slave boy who works for a gladiator trainer, and Quintus, a new gladiator who is afraid heâ™s made the wrong decision. Ranger, whose search-and-rescue career was cut short because of his inability to resist squirrels, is able to use his finding abilities in a number of adventures, including a fire, Quintusâ™s disappearance, and the final brutal fight in the Coliseum. Despite the odds being stacked against them, a Marcus and Quintus find satisfying happy ending, and Ranger is able to go back to his family in the present. **Grades 2-4.**  
**Pros:** Readers ready to move on from the Magic Tree House will enjoy this time-traveling adventure that features a lovable dog.  
**Cons:** Life was pretty tough there in ancient Rome. There are a few harrowing references to the public executions the precede the gladiator fights.

Our family loves this book series! My kids (ages 5 & 9) enjoyed learning about the different places Ranger goes & it sparked great discussions with them. The books made such an impact on our family that we just HAD to name our new golden retriever puppy Ranger :)

My 6 year old grandson loves this series of books. The book incorporates a lot of history which is always a benefit.

Our 7-year old loves this series! We had pre-ordered this second book and they were thrilled to receive it. They enjoyed it just as much as the first book.

My 6yr old and I loved reading the first Ranger in Time book together but for me the second was too violent for him. The characters spoke unkindly to each other as well. With that being said, the story was just as engaging. I just feel like it was too much for my age of child.

6 year old son LOVES these books. Easy enough that we can alternate reading pages. Great introduction into chapter books and historical fiction.

My son read this and loved Ranger in Time, he loves any book with dogs. This book is a good read for an 8 year old.

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