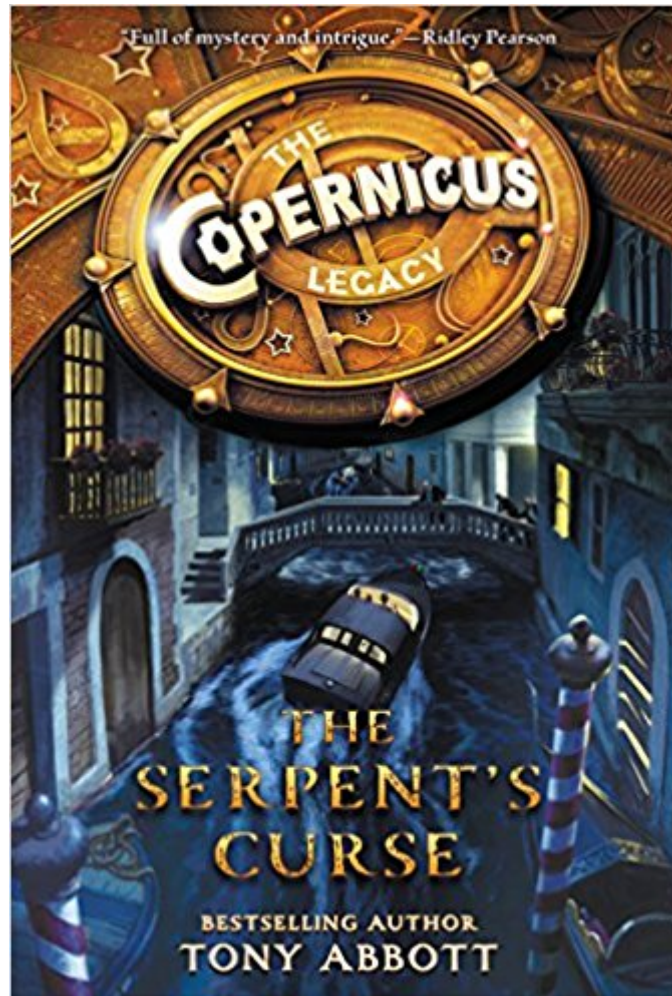




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# The Copernicus Legacy: The Serpent's Curse



## Synopsis

Bestselling author Tony Abbott returns with the next full-length book in the Copernicus Legacy series, a globe-trotting adventure packed with more riddles, puzzles, and secret histories. The hunt for Copernicus's first relic sent Wade, Darrell, Lily, and Becca to the far reaches of the world and put them in serious danger. But they never imagined Sara Kaplan—Darrell and Wade's mother—would be kidnapped by the conniving Galina Krause. Now they must race the evil Teutonic Order to find the Serpens relic and rescue Sara before it's too late. Fans of Rick Riordan and Ridley Pearson will love this epic series, which is filled with suspense and action. Correlates to the Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

## Customer Reviews

Gr 4—6 • Still reeling from their last adventure in *The Forbidden Stone* (HarperCollins, 2014) which ended only hours before, Wade, Darrell, Becca, and Lily are nearly killed by Galina and the evil Order. So begins another around-the-globe hunt for one of 12 mysterious relics that can reactivate a time-traveling astrolabe built by Nicolas Copernicus. But the relic is not the only valuable thing the group is searching for: they must find and rescue Darrell's

mother, kidnapped by Galina's thugs. Codes and riddles point the way to the hidden relic, and though readers are unable to participate in solving the puzzles, they will have fun witnessing the characters use their complementary skills to work together and find the answers. The novel's challenge is its length: multiple plotlines and secondary characters are interesting but numerous enough to slow down the otherwise fast-paced narrative. Moderate violence (stabbing, shooting, poisoning, and explosions) contrasts with occasional juvenile phrases such as, "Wade had been giving Becca goo-goo eyes" and "you are being tremendously awesome". References to the companion novella, *The Copernicus Archives: Wade and the Scorpion's Claw*, (HarperCollins, 2014) whose events take place after the first novel and before this title, add another layer. Readers learn a bit more about each of the four young heroes in this second installment, but those wishing for more character development will want to read the novellas. Fans of the series will eagerly await the next entry.

—Marybeth Kozikowski, Sachem Public Library, Holbrook, NY --This text refers to the Preloaded Digital Audio Player edition.

**Praise for *The Serpent's Curse*:** "Fast-paced and chock-full of secrets, puzzles and twists." (Kirkus Reviews (starred review))

**Praise for *The Copernicus Legacy*:** "Full of mystery and intrigue, this book had me completely transfixed." (Ridley Pearson, New York Times bestselling author of the *Kingdom Keepers* series)

"The *Copernicus Legacy* takes you on a fantastical journey that is as eye-opening as it is page-turning. With mysteries hiding behind secrets coded in riddle, this book is like a Dan Brown thriller for young readers. The further you get, the more you must read!" (Angie Sage, New York Times bestselling author of the *Septimus Heap* series)

"The *Copernicus Legacy* has it all: A secret code, priceless relics, murderous knights, a five-hundred-year-old mystery, and a story full of friendship, family, humor, and intelligence." (Wendy Mass, New York Times bestselling author of *The Candymakers* and *Every Soul a Star*)

"Tony Abbott is such an amazing storyteller, *Copernicus* should've named a star after him. With codes to crack, clues to unravel, and bad guys to outrun, this is one thrilling, smart, and fun read! I can't wait for the next chapter in this stellar new series." (Chris Grabenstein, New York Times bestselling author)

**Praise for *The Forbidden Stone*:** "With engaging characters, a globe-trotting plot and dangerous villains, it is hard to find something not to like. Equal parts edge-of-your-seat suspense and heartfelt coming-of-age." (Kirkus Reviews (starred review))

"With word games and rebus puzzles to spare, this whirling first entry in a projected six-part series from Abbott has international intrigue, fast-paced action, entertaining characters, and a healthy helping of science

history. (Booklist) "Fast-paced and clever, the novel reads like a mashup of the National Treasure films and The Da Vinci Code. (Publishers Weekly) "The author masterfully pulls all the threads together and creates an engaging thriller enhanced by codes, puzzles, exotic locales, and narrow escapes. (School Library Journal) "This lively escapade will suit fans of the 39 Clues series who are looking for a new puzzle to solve. (Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books) "A sprawling and fast-paced adventure in the great tradition of Robert Ludlum, Ian Fleming, and other masters whose tales loom larger than life. Readers are in for a real treat. (David Lubar, author of Flip, Wizards of the Game, and Hidden Talents)

This book is everything you would expect from the previous book. It, like the book before it, is very well written, with actual history events and places mixed very well into the fantasy of Abbott's world. The book is generally well paced, with some slow parts in the middle. The action is very good, especially when the wonderfully written villainess Galina is involved. I absolutely love that Abbott explains from Galina's POV why she doesn't just kill the Kaplans when she sees them. Both a pro and a con, this book is very long. On the plus side, Abbott does a very good job at fleshing out the story and the main characters, while managing to add in some very interesting minor characters. On the minus side, there are many minor characters, and while a few are very memorable, some take a bit to recall if you've set the book down for a while. Also, because of its long length, I don't recommend reading this on a small reading device, such as a phone or small tablet. The sheer size of the book can be a bit overwhelming and is much easier to read on a bigger screen. All in all, very good sequel, and if you enjoyed "The Forbidden Stone", you will most certainly enjoy this book.

I chose this rating because I love the action scenes and the constant running around in a frantic search for the relics. I would recommend this book to people in 7th grade through about the later years of high school because lots of difficult language is used, complicated topics, and hard coded to cipher. But the fun codes and language is what makes this book fun!

The story is very action packed. Intriguing characters and good humor.

easy quick read with a little history

Tony Abbotts latest thriller for kids! Great books.

Excellent as expected

I liked the action excitement really great book keep it up Tony Abbott. ALSO Love the series really cool love it.

great addition to my library

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