

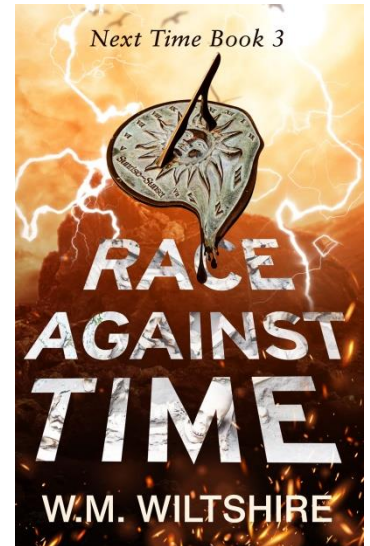
RACE AGAINST TIME

Book 3 in Next Time trilogy

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Discussion Questions

You've been on an incredible journey through history. You've travelled to 1937, 1888, 1692, 1537, 79AD. You've been to California, Hawaii, London, Salem, New Zealand, Peru, and Italy. And now you're finally back home. Congratulations. We all travel through time when we get lost in a good book or movie. Sometimes we step into the past and experience what life might have been like; sometimes we jump into the future and let our imagination take us on a wild ride. Wherever you choose to travel next time, be safe and enjoy the journey.



- Looking at the cover, did you find the hidden image? Do you know what it represents? What is the significance of the timepiece on the cover?
- Before reading this book, had you ever heard of Herculaneum?
- If you lived in Herculaneum in 79AD, how do you see yourself in society? As a slave, shopkeeper, farmer, prominent citizen, etc. and why?
- In 1982, three hundred skeletons were found in the boat sheds. There were also a few skeletons found in homes. Herculaneum was believed to have had a population of four thousand. Where do you think the other citizens of Herculaneum went? Or are they still buried in the unexcavated part of town?
- Do you think Mount Vesuvius will erupt again and if so how devastating do you think it will be?
- Richard, Rick, Rich, Richeard, Ricardo, Ricardus (Uncle Richard) was a reappearing character in each time period. Sometimes he was good, sometimes evil. Why do you think the author had a recurring character in the trilogy?
- Who was your favorite character in the series, and why? And who would you cast as that character in the movie (if a movie was ever made from these books)?
- Did you think the time periods were accurately portrayed? Was there too much detail/not enough/just right?
- How did you feel about the ending? How might you change it?
- If you could talk to the author, what burning question would you want to ask?