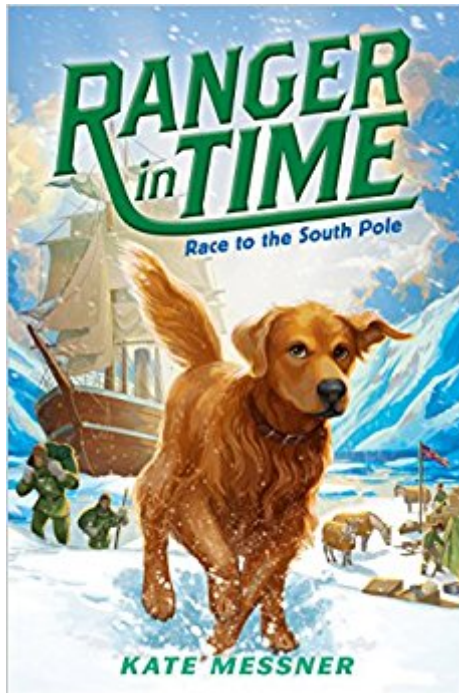




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# Race To The South Pole (Ranger In Time #4)



## Synopsis

Ranger, the time-traveling golden retriever with search-and-rescue training, joins an early twentieth-century expedition journeying from New Zealand to Antarctica. He befriends Jack Nin, the stowaway turned cabin boy of Captain Robert Falcon Scott's ship. They're racing against a rival explorer to reach the South Pole, but with unstable ice, killer whales, and raging blizzards, the journey turns into a race against time... and a struggle to stay alive.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 7 - 10 years

Grade Level: 2 - 5

## Customer Reviews

Praise for Ranger in Time "This excellent story contains historical details, full-page illustrations, and enough action to keep even reluctant readers engaged." -- School Library Journal "The third-person narration expertly balances Ranger's thoughts between the appropriately doglike (squirrels! bacon!) and the heroic (Ranger's drive to find and protect)." -- Kirkus Reviews "McMorris's richly rendered illustrations heighten the plot's many moments of danger and drama, and Messner incorporates a wealth of historical details into her rousing adventure story." -- Publishers Weekly "Readers will love following Ranger on his thrilling adventure along the Oregon Trail. What a great way to learn about history!" -- Lauren Tarshis, author of the I Survived series

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Once again, Ranger sets off through time to help a young person in trouble. He arrives in time to save Jack Nin from drowning. As Ranger travels with Jack and the rest of Captain Scott's crew, he has no idea that he will see and experience things that few ever do, penguins, killer whales, nasty blizzards, and deep crevasses. But through it all Ranger travels by Jack's side wondering when he'll get to go home. I enjoyed traveling with Ranger and Jack as Jack learns for the first time just what being an adventurer means. For a long time he thinks that fame and fortune is what it's all about, but slowly he learns that maybe adventure isn't quite as much fun as he has always thought. Messner has done a great job of using details from accounts taken from some of those who actually traveled with Scott to create a believable story with lots of exciting details. Another fun read in an appealing series.

My daughter is a 2nd grader and loves these *Ranger in Time* books. They are the perfect length chapter book for her - they aren't too short but aren't so long that she loses interest. She can't wait for the next book to be released.

I purchased these books because of my granddaughter's love of animals and the fact that they offer a history lesson. In a way that is entertaining and informative they tell the story about a moment in history that she may never know about. There is only so much that can be covered in school but isn't great that children learn while doing something they love. I always try to have a few new books for sleepovers at Grammy's and these are high on the list.

My 8 year old granddaughter really loves this series of books. For any child who enjoys reading historical fiction, these books are great.

Great series for beginning chapter book readers. My 7 year old loves the *Ranger* books and my 5 year old loves to listen to the stories. Well written and enjoyed by all ages!

Our 6 year old daughter read the book by herself and really enjoyed it.

My Grandson loves the whole series. Ranger in time Race to the South Pole.

My 9-year-old daughter loves to read this series - she is a dog lover and can't get enough of these, she says it's her favorite because it is from the dog's point of view. Great stories with good messages.

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