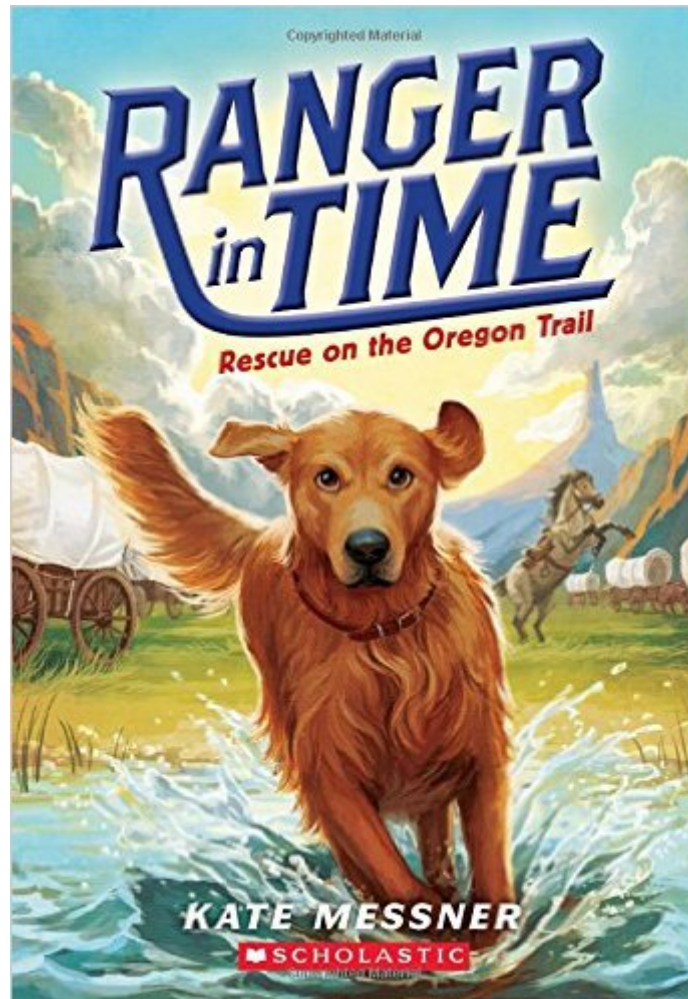


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# Rescue On The Oregon Trail (Ranger In Time #1)



## Synopsis

Meet Ranger! He's a time-traveling golden retriever who has a nose for trouble . . . and always saves the day! Ranger has been trained as a search-and-rescue dog, but can't officially pass the test because he's always getting distracted by squirrels during exercises. One day, he finds a mysterious first aid kit in the garden and is transported to the year 1850, where he meets a young boy named Sam Abbott. Sam's family is migrating west on the Oregon Trail, and soon after Ranger arrives he helps the boy save his little sister. Ranger thinks his job is done, but the Oregon Trail can be dangerous, and the Abbotts need Ranger's help more than they realize!

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## Customer Reviews

RESCUE ON THE OREGON TRAIL by Kate Messner is the first book in the newly released, action-packed historical fiction series titled RANGER IN TIME. Ranger the rescue dog is sure to be a hit with young readers. Ranger is a time-traveling golden retriever. Trained as a search-and-rescue dog, he is transported back in time to the year 1850 to help the Abbott family on their journey west along the Oregon Trail. The authentic historical details mixed with the fast-paced story make this an excellent book for young history fans who are just beginning to read chapter books. Using a rescue

dog as the main character was a brilliant move and will easily draw dog lovers into the historical context. Although the first book in the series focuses on the Oregon Trail, references are also made to the Mormon Trail and the California Gold Rush. The outstanding author's note section contains excerpts from real journals, facts about training rescue dogs, and additional readings. Written for ages 6-10, this series is perfect for fans of the Magic Tree House books. Teachers will find this book an excellent interdisciplinary resource for literature circles. It's a great jumping off spot for a more detailed exploration of the Oregon Trail. There are lots of great websites geared to children and the Oregon Trail such as Kids on the Trail. Go to <http://goo.gl/amWduJ>. For a great teacher's guide, download <http://goo.gl/UgTxn6>. Check out a video at <http://goo.gl/5OIRsN>. Check out a cool interactive map at <http://goo.gl/JbRonp>. There are also apps you can download with Oregon Trail games. Try <http://goo.gl/tc38tx>. The second book in the series titled *Danger in Ancient Rome* due out June 30, 2015.

Time travel has long been a staple of the science fiction/fantasy genre both for adults and for children. But this is the first time I've read a book that focused on an animal time-traveling. It creates an interesting conundrum for the animal since Ranger, a dog, can't explain to himself or to his new companions what happened and where he came from. I liked the fact that Ranger's skills in tracking and finding are clearly explained by his search-and-rescue training. The time travel elements are kept simple which is appropriate for a book for the 7-10 age group. More sophisticated readers might desire more explanation but for young readers it's best not to get bogged down in details. The book moves smoothly and quickly through the plot which will keep children turning pages. This new series I think will be a fun way to introduce young readers to just how interesting the past can be, in this case the pioneers who traveled across the plains to find a new life for themselves. The author includes many of the dangers that these pioneers faced such as buffalo stampedes, dangerous river crossings, and disease (including death). And yet the troubles Ranger and his adopted family face don't overwhelm the book. And Ranger despite his new attachments never forgets Luke and his original home. The book works well as a read-a-loud and would make for an excellent introduction to historical fiction while including a science fiction twist that will draw readers into the story.

Ranger is a hyper-active golden retriever who just failed search and rescue training. He loves his human family and chasing squirrels but one day he uncovers a mysterious and magical box and is transported back in time. In the first installment of this series, Ranger ends up in 1850 on the Oregon Trail. It's here that his search and rescue training becomes second nature as he helps a

new family and their friends survive a wagon train ride west. It's a delightful book with historical insight and author Kate Messner does not gloss over the realities of life on a wagon train across the prairie. Not everyone will survive the journey but most will thanks to Ranger to the Rescue! No doubt Ranger will time travel to many exciting periods in time always trying to get home to his family. This is simply a delightful book for children that adults will enjoy and appreciate. I can't wait to read more of Ranger's travel in time adventures.

My son loves this book! He's a 7 year old dyslexic student who hates to read. However, he heard about this book and asked for it so I got it. He hasn't put it down yet! We can't wait for the 2nd book!

This is a fun story told from Ranger's point of view. He was trained as a Search and Rescue dog, but he kept chasing squirrels, so he didn't pass the test. Instead he went back home with Luke and chased squirrels until one day he dug up a box--a strange box--so Ranger decided to show it to Luke; he shoved his head through the leather strap so he could carry it and then the box got hot and bright, and Ranger closed his eyes because of the light. When he opened his eyes, he was on the Oregon Trail, where he joined Sam and his family and their wagon train on the trail, sometimes helping them with his search and rescue training, but he never stopped wondering where Luke was and wanting to go home. I bought it because I was curious about a time-traveling dog and a story about the Oregon Trail. I did a lot of research on the Oregon Trail for Detour Trail, and I'm always ready to learn more. The author's note covers the history of the trail and search and rescue dogs, and there's a bibliography for readers who want to find out more. By the way, Ranger does go home after escorting the train to Oregon, and there's another adventure upcoming.

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