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# Long Road To Freedom (Ranger In Time #3)



## Synopsis

Ranger is a time-traveling golden retriever with search-and-rescue training. In this adventure, he goes to a Maryland plantation during the days of American slavery, where he meets a young girl named Sarah. When she learns that the owner has plans to sell her little brother, Jesse, to a plantation in the Deep South, it means they could be separated forever. Sarah takes their future into her own hands and decides there's only one way to run -- north.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 7 - 10 years

Grade Level: 2 - 5

## Customer Reviews

Praise for Ranger in Time: Rescue on the Oregon Trail "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

Kate Messner is the author of *All the Answers*; *The Brilliant Fall of Gianna Z.*, winner of the E. B. White Read Aloud Award for Older Readers; *Capture the Flag*, an SCBWI Crystal Kite Award winner; *Hide and Seek*; *Manhunt*; and the *Ranger in Time* and *Marty McGuire* chapter book series. A former middle-school English teacher, Kate lives on Lake Champlain with her family and loves reading, walking in the woods, and traveling. Visit her online at [www.katemessner.com](http://www.katemessner.com).

Ranger is such an appealing hero, especially since he doesn't know he is one. As a dog, all he knows is that when his time traveling first aid kit hums, it's time to go help someone. Messner has created an appealing historical fiction series that draws kids in with its time traveling dog as the main character. Students at my school really like this series. This series along with Lauren Tarshis's *I Survived* series are encouraging students to read historical fiction who would otherwise never pick it up because history is 'boring'. But in this volume of the series, history is definitely not boring as Ranger sets off to help a young slave girl and her brother escape servitude. There is plenty of excitement as Sarah and her brother try to work their way north to Philadelphia only to discover that Pennsylvania may not be far enough. Along the way Ranger helps them avoid wolves and slave catchers. The book contains plenty of excitement and tension while still conveying the drive for freedom that lead so many to accept the risks involved. The book is child appropriate while still showing the value of freedom. As always, Messner includes end notes that explain where she got her facts and which parts of the story are real. I love reading these notes and hearing about the research that Messner does to make her stories feel so real. A great series for young dog or history lovers that I hope will continue for a while.

The 3rd book in the series finds Ranger pulled back to 1850 to help Sarah and her brother Jesse. They become fugitive slaves when Sarah finds out her brother is to be sold south. We are taken along on their journey in the Underground Railroad as they race for freedom and their lives. Always so well researched, with informational author's note, Kate shares her sources of information and process for research. Love this series. I think every 2nd -5th grade classroom should have these books! Looking forward to the next!

I am 9 years old .I think the book was awesome.Each chapter would leave you on a cliffhanger. The chapters would get better and better. I have read all of the books in the series. I love all of the books.

My 4th grade class loves this series. One boy literally grabbed the new book from the box and hugged it. He read it in 2 days and passed it along to the next on the waiting list. How can you beat that?

Cute Stories!

Great book! Explains history in a way that young kids can understand. This is our second book from the Ranger in Time book series purchase. My 6 year old likes both so do we! We will be purchasing more. I recommend to parents who are looking to educate young kids in history but in a way they can grasp.

Great series! The whole family has enjoyed listening to these books on road trips! My 7 year old son is learning a lot from each book and asking questions. The detail is amazing! Can't wait for the next book!

My kids love these books!

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