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The Secret Of The Shamrock (Chime Travelers)



Synopsis

When Patrick has to work on his church's cleaning team on a Saturday, he thinks his weekend fun is ruined. But when the old church bells start chiming, Patrick and his pet frog, Francis, are suddenly taken back through time to ancient Ireland. Will the strange shepherd he meets be able to help him get home, or will Patrick be stuck taking care of sheep in the rain and mud forever? Find out in *The Secret of the Shamrock*. Book 1 in the Chime Travelers series, exciting new chapter books ideal for children in grades 2-5.

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Customer Reviews

"St. Patrick is more than just an Irish saint celebrated in March, thanks to Lisa Hendey's delightful telling in *The Secret of the Shamrock*. You'll travel through time and across miles: get ready for the fun!"
—Sarah Reinhard, author and blogger, SnoringScholar.com
"The Secret of the Shamrock" will jump-start young imaginations with a kid-friendly, entertaining twist on time travel that will inspire readers to leave boredom at the door as they experience the mysteries of the Catholic Church through this amusing new series."
—Jennifer Willits, co-author of *The Catholics Next Door: Adventures in Imperfect Living*
"I read aloud the first book of Lisa Hendey's

delightful new series to my 3rd grade students. They loved the story. They said the book was Saint-tastic, and they gave it five snaps and Jazz Hands!

•Barb Gilman, third grade teacher, St. Mary Margaret School, Omaha, Nebraska

“Lisa Hendey has always had the ability to inspire and lead other Catholic moms. Now, with the warmth and care of an experienced mother, she demonstrates her ability to offer inspiration to their children, too.”

•Jared Dees, author of 31 Days to Becoming a Better Religious Educator

“The Chime Travelers series is sure to delight even as it introduces you to your favorite saints as approachable people. The adventures these books share will make you think, teach you both history and faith, and inspire smiles and chuckles. You won’t want to put them down, and you’ll definitely want to share them with everyone you know!”

•Sarah Reinhard, author and blogger, SnoringScholar.com

“From baptism to confession, catechesis to church history, the smells of incense to the chime of the church bells, Lisa Hendey uses the beautiful, everyday elements of the Catholic faith to bring the Chime Travelers stories to life. With engaging dialog and scenes set to transport you back in time with Patrick and Katie, the fullness of Catholicism is taught in a way children can comprehend and are sure never to forget.”

•Allison Gingras, blogger and radio host

“Here is a whimsical series that will capture young readers’ imaginations while feeding their souls.”

Hendey has created a fantastical adventure series with a conscience that reminds readers of all ages that with God all things are possible.

•Kate Wicker, author of Weightless: Making Peace With Your Body

“Imagine if you could travel back in time and meet the saints in person. Through the eyes of the Chime Travelers, Lisa Hendey helps us do just that! She brings them to life in a way that is fun and informative, while encouraging us to live their examples.”

•Fr. Cory Sticha, Pastor, St. Mary’s Parish, Malta, Montana

“Beautifully written, capturing the readers’ attention and imagination, this is a wonderful weaving of the lives of saints with those of the characters. The Chime Travelers books capture many questions children this age ask about their faith and how can they truly serve God.”

•Carmie Gennock, Catholic school teacher

“Hendey’s wonderfully imaginative and faith-filled stories will delight young readers, while at the same time deepening their understanding of central Catholic beliefs: the saints, the sacraments, active love for family, friends, and strangers, and active life in a Church community.”

In the spirit of the parables, Jesus’ preferred mode of teaching, Hendey’s books delightfully achieve two goals at the same time: enchanting our imaginations and deepening our faith.

Present-day kids meet centuries-old saints in stories that

are at once surprising and compelling. — Rev. Lou DeFra, CSC, co-author of *Five Minutes with Christ: Spiritual Nourishment for Busy Teachers* and *Five Minutes with the Saints: More Spiritual Nourishment for Busy Teachers* — “Lisa Hendey’s Chime Travelers series delivers Catholic values in an entertaining fashion that will delight the young and young at heart. This father of five can’t wait for the next volume. — Pete Socks, The Catholic Book Blogger — “Lisa Hendey loves her faith, and that love shines through in this book. Young readers will be entertained without realizing they’re also learning a little more what it means to be a Catholic. — Rachel Balducci, author, *How Do You Tuck In a Superhero*, and co-host of *The Gist* —

Lisa M. Hendey is the founder and editor of CatholicMom.com and the bestselling author of *The Grace of Yes: Eight Virtues for Generous Living* and *The Handbook for Catholic Moms*. A frequent radio and television contributor and producer, Lisa has appeared on EWTN, CatholicTV, Relevant Radio, Immaculate Heart Radio, KNXT TV, and other Catholic media platforms. She travels internationally, giving workshops on faith, family, and Catholic new media topics.

These books are a wonderful resource for me as a Religious Ed teacher, as I keep them for the last part of the class and they will look forward to each chapter. It has been my experience that their favorite part of the class and the one time they are all quiet and attentive! Saints stories inspire and teach so much about the virtues, the journey to holiness, and also about history... and so much more! Lisa Hendey, aka CatholicMom.com, did a wonderful job creating these books. I like to call them a Catholic alternative to the Magic Tree House books. The protagonists are twins who must help clean the parish, and, well, let’s say the confessional, like a certain wardrobe from a another series, becomes a door to another time in history. Each book brings up a saint to get to know, and a lesson they learn. Add super cute illustrations by Jenn Bower and we have a winner series!

Reluctant Reader in your home?? Introduce them to Patrick and Katie!! They will introduce them to a whole other time ... and some incredibly fascinating people as well!! Engaging story and fantabulous illustrations!!

My son and I had a blast reading this book together — though it took longer than normal. But that was because of two simple reasons. One, we would stop and talk about some really great concepts such as faith, friendship, and our relationship with God... and two, because we

were trying to master voices for each character. I loved the questions at the end of the book and can see how this could easily be used as a classroom book club book. They were great at generating discussion among grade school kids. We are looking forward to reading the next one, and it appears we'll have to brush up on our Italian accents as we venture with St. Francis and St. Clare through Assisi.

Good book to introduce saints to young readers. It also is descriptive so that the reader can imagine what it was like in Ireland at the time of St. Patrick. Even though this is a time travel book, it also is a bit of a historical fiction book. There is enough action to keep the reader interested and engaged.

My daughter and I are reading this together. We look forward to reading more books in this series. I recommend this book if your child loves mysteries or other time traveler stories. I love that it brings in the stories of the saints into an adventure story that is easy for children to read.

This is a wonderful series of books. My kids adore them. Along with the Gospel Time Trekkers, which we also love, they offer interesting stories with a Catholic theme that isn't too heavy-handed. Thank you so much to the author, and I hope you write more!

This is a delightful book! I'm always looking for good children's books, and good Catholic children's books are like the gold at the end of the rainbow...The Secret of the Shamrock fills the bill -- charming illustrations (reminiscent to me of those found in wonderful older books) and a fast paced story that works for reading aloud and as an early reader (not too early, but in that bridge period between easy readers and full-fledged chapter classics). The story line was also reminiscent of some favorites, a kind of combination of St. Patrick's Summer and the older Edward Eager books. I highly recommend! And check out the other one in this series...

Bought for my granddaughter , She attends Catholic school and loved these characters and their antic.

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