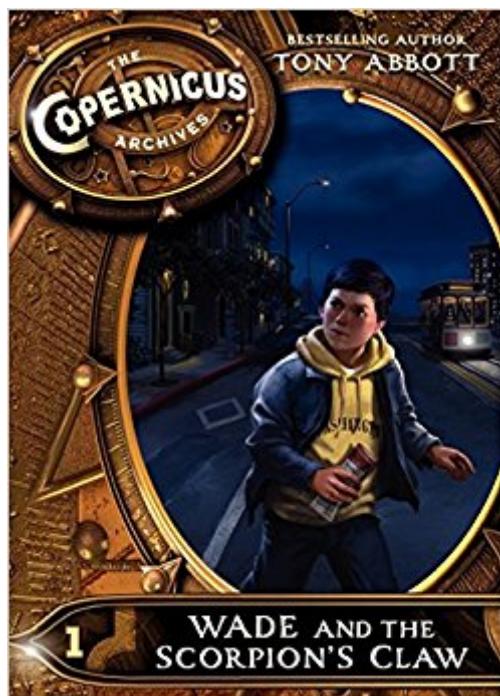


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# The Copernicus Archives #1: Wade And The Scorpion's Claw



## Synopsis

The quest for the relics continues. Travel deeper into the mysterious world of the Copernicus Legacy with the Copernicus Archives: exciting, fast-paced novellas that get you close to the characters and the heart of the adventure. Wade and the Scorpion's Claw picks up right where The Copernicus Legacy: The Forbidden Stone left off, with the Kaplan family seeking the next Copernicus relic. Now Wade, the curious, analytical, yet starry-eyed member of the group, leads the chase for another relic through the busy streets of San Francisco while on the run from one of Galina Krause's most treacherous henchmen. Perfect for fans of Rick Riordan and Ridley Pearson, Wade and the Scorpion's Claw continues the thrilling Copernicus Legacy quest and brings one of the characters into the spotlight. Supports the Common Core State Standards

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## Customer Reviews

Gr 4-6 • Readers meet Wade Kaplan and his father, stepbrother Darrell, cousin Lily, and Lily's best friend, Becca in this multi-volume series opener. They are traveling on an airplane from Guam to Hawaii, and have become involved in a quest to find 12 relics that were collected by Nicolas Copernicus and could be used for time travel. Copernicus has separated the

objects in order to prevent the evil Knights of the Teutonic Order from using the astrolabe (time travel machine) for their own purposes. To complicate matters, Sara Kaplan, Wade's stepmother and Darrell's mother, has been kidnapped. Now the family must find the relics, piece the puzzle together, ward off the evil Knights, and save Sara. Each character has a specific, though suspiciously convenient, strength that allows them to assist in the search. From Hawaii, where members of the Knights threaten, they fly to San Francisco where most of the story takes place. This is a good mystery/adventure book with just enough suspense; readers are never more "in the know" than the characters. Some clues are presented with puzzles, Chinese characters, or a rebus. The plot moves quickly, doesn't have too much blood and gore, and ends on an exciting note that will leave kids excited for the next installment. •Susan Lissim, Dwight School, New York City

Praise for the Copernicus Archives: "This first in a string of novellas is intended to link each of the six full-length novels in the Copernicus Legacy series. This fast-paced adventure features vivid settings, difficult brainteasers and likable characters. This series continues to deliver on its promise." (Kirkus Reviews (starred review) on The Copernicus Archives #1: Wade and the Scorpion's Claw) "A good mystery/adventure book with just enough suspense." (School Library Journal on The Copernicus Archives: Wade and the Scorpion's Claw) Praise for the Copernicus Legacy series: "Full of mystery and intrigue." (Ridley Pearson, New York Times bestselling author of the Kingdom Keeper series) "The Copernicus Legacy takes you on a fantastical journey that is as eye-opening as it is page-turning. With mysteries hiding behind secrets coded in riddle, this book is like a Dan Brown thriller for young readers. The further you get, the more you must read!" (Angie Sage, New York Times bestselling author of the Septimus Heap series) "The Copernicus Legacy has it all: A secret code, priceless relics, murderous knights, a five-hundred-year-old mystery, and a story full of friendship, family, humor, and intelligence." (Wendy Mass, New York Times bestselling author of The Candymakers and Every Soul a Star) "With engaging characters, a globe-trotting plot and dangerous villains, it is hard to find something not to like. Equal parts edge-of-your-seat suspense and heartfelt coming-of-age." (Kirkus Reviews (starred review)) "Fast-paced and clever, the novel reads like a mashup of the National Treasure films and The Da Vinci Code." (Publishers Weekly) "With word games and rebus puzzles to spare, this whirling first entry in a projected six-part series from Abbott has international intrigue, fast-paced action, entertaining characters, and a healthy helping of science history." (Booklist) "The author masterfully pulls all the threads together and creates an engaging thriller enhanced by codes, puzzles, exotic locales, and

narrow escapes. (School Library Journal) "This lively escapade will suit fans of the 39 Clues series who are looking for a new puzzle to solve. (Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books) "Tony Abbott is such an amazing storyteller, Copernicus should have named a star after him. With codes to crack, clues to unravel, and bad guys to outrun, this is one thrilling, smart, and fun read! I can't wait for the next chapter in this stellar new series. (Chris Grabenstein, New York Times bestselling author) "A sprawling and fast-paced adventure in the great tradition of Robert Ludlum, Ian Fleming, and other masters whose tales loom larger than life. Readers are in for a real treat. (David Lubar, author of *Flip*, *Wizards of the Game*, and *Hidden Talents*)

I am still getting used to the whole novella thing. I always feel that a novella should be a side story to the actual novel, not an integral part of the plot. I feel that the novella aspect of the book, with it being shorter, really cuts short the development of the story. All that being said I really liked this novella. It was interesting to really get a look at just one member of the group as they hunt for the relics. I also liked that the author wasn't afraid to have the heroes fail. I think that always adds an interesting twist to the story. Overall it was a good addition to the series, I just wish it was a full novel and not a novella.

good read!

While these archives are not as good as the full books, they are still good. Much better than other "in-between" parts of a series that I have seen. Love the whole series.

If you liked 39 Clues, you'll like this too. Good characters who help teach history and geography at the same time.

Wonderful story line for Tony Abbott. Thanks for getting them here so quick!

The book grabs you and takes you to the settings! I highly recommend it. It's truly a work of art.

Very pleased with product

Not crucial to enjoying the rest of the series, but a nice little nosh while waiting for the next full novel

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