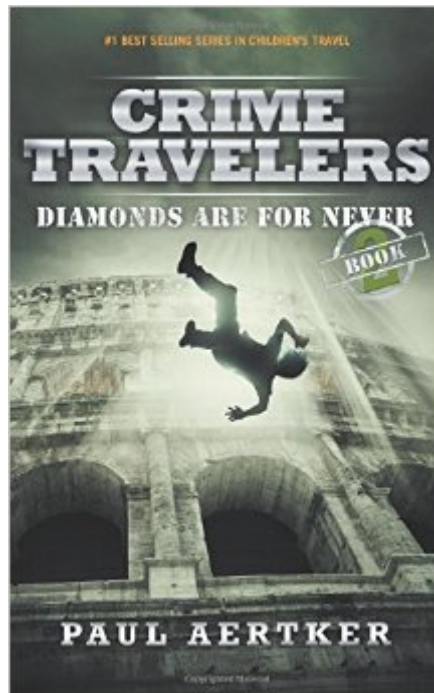


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# Diamonds Are For Never: Crime Travelers Spy School Mystery Series Book 2



## Synopsis

"This middle grade series reads like the Bourne Identity - but for kids."-Â Mark Robichaux, Editor, New York#1 Best seller | THE EXCITING SEQUEL TO THE CRIME TRAVELERS SPY MYSTERY SERIES | ALSO AVAILABLE: BOOK 1 - BRAINWASHED |Â Age Level: 8 - 14 | US Grade Level: 3rd - 8thÂ Â | NOW WITH ILLUSTRATIVE MAPSÂ If your children love excitement, don&apos;t miss this action-packed read! Lucas Benes is yet again a boy on a mission. After sabotaging a mass kidnapping in Paris, Lucas Benes faces a new and perilous threat from Siba GÃ nnerro and her anything-but-good Good Company. When a briefcase-toting kid from the Falkland Islands joins the New Resistance Spy School, 14-year-old Lucas learns the truth about his mother and becomes a boy on a mission. Lucas and friends speed in and around Rome--from the Colosseum to the Vatican--until they stowaway on a cargo ship carrying diamonds that could unlock the secret to Lucas&apos;s past and destroy the Good Company&apos;s future. In this action-packed second installment of the Crime Travelers mystery series, author Paul Aertker takes readers on a gripping world tour filled with adrenaline, humor, and pure excitement. Diamonds Are For Never is the second book in the bestselling Crime Travelers collection. The first book in the series, Brainwashed (#1 Best Selling Children&apos;s Travel Books), tracks the secret urban adventures of the New Resistance, a network of international teenage spies. This humorous and exciting middle school series with short chapters is perfect for school reading lists. "This mystery book is like a secret diary of lost kids in adverse international settings." A secret spy rider uses Kano, Minecraft, and Psion to help the kids travel the planet. Parents, teachers, and librarians will appreciate the worldwide geography and appropriate language for ages 9 - 14. "I am a 5th grade teacher, and this "spy school" series has exciting international plots, interesting characters, great hidden geography lessons, and short chapters that keep the pages turning for middle grade readers. Perfect for summer reading lists."Â "If you liked Alex Rider, you&apos;ll love Crime Travelers."- Larry Yoder, Spy | Mystery | Travel Bookseller

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## Customer Reviews

"Diamonds Are For Never." I'm smiling as I write that title after just finishing Aertker's second rip roaring installment to his brilliant Crime Travelers Series. Read it and you'll know why I'm smiling. Like the first book, Brainwashed, Diamonds is not just a great read, it's a "ride". I couldn't put it down and when I did, I was thinking about what I was missing while my real life was in session. I bought Brainwashed for my children, who read it in a few sittings and ended up reading it myself - and loved it. When Diamonds Are For Never arrived I dove in before the kids and was reminded why I like this series so much. The pace is brisk. It's actually kind of remarkable how there are no chapters that end where you can say, "Oh, I can stop reading here." I got sucked in deeper and deeper with each new revelation or twist. (And I'm not 11 years old!) Lucas Benes's world is populated with characters so vivid, sympathetic and fun, plucked from the far corners of the globe and drawn with respect for the multitude of cultures they represent, making each character compelling and likable. If you want a book with an authentic global/international flavor that reads like a classic spy novel, Diamonds Are For Never is it. The villains are as fun to hate and as diabolical as Dr. No, Lex Luther or Cat Woman. Siba Generro, CEO of aptly and ironically named, The Good Company enters her scenes with dazzling visual renderings and sizzling lines. I love her even though I'm supposed to hate her. She's brilliant, hilarious and not at all nice. The book is funny. I read a bio of Aertker where he claims he still has the mind of an 11 year old even though he's a grown man. It's true. The stuff he inserts for comic effect is so kid-like, and on point for his audience (my 11 and 13 year olds). I found myself giggling with this book - a lot. And throughout the book, Aertker sends a positive message to his child readers (and this dad) that the world and its problems are not in the hands of only the adults. The book's child characters convey the message that kids have the wit, determination and intelligence to contribute to the undoing of many of the "bad" things the world must struggle with- in this case, the dirty work of The Good Company. In reading both books in this

new, squeaky clean and fast paced series, I kept seeing the movie in my head. With any luck someone will turn this into an explosive, internationally set, action packed kids' movie. Don't worry mom, I'll volunteer to take the kids.KC - New York City, North America

repelling, breaking and entering, flying half way around the world, a giant container ship, and that evil Ms. Good. This second book is like the first, action and adventure that's screaming to be made into a movie, and the maps are fantastic,- what a great addition! When can I get my hands on Crime Travelers book 3?

I am a ten year old girl and I love this series!!! I have read other adventure novels such as the Percy Jackson Series and the Cane Chronicles. Kids who loved those novels will want to read the Crime Travelers series! Lucas Benes' adventures were amazing and I never knew what was going to happen next. This is a must read for middle school boys and girls!-Bridget B.

I have loved mystery and suspense stories ever since Nancy Drew and the Hardy Boys, many years ago. Paul Aertker's "Diamonds Are For Never," is a delightful read for all ages! Crime, adventure, exotic travels and places, everything that makes for an enthralling captivating read! Vivid description and fascinating characters along with humor, satire, and genuine thrills keep you turning the pages.I hope soon to see this made into a family channel movie, or better yet...a series, because there is the thrill of evil, and the dream of righting wrong's in the world.I would recommend this tale to anyone who loves an action-packed exciting adventure that will keep you smiling, and anticipating what the next page holds!

4 thumbs up again for Crime Travelers, Diamonds are for Never.My son tore through this book as quickly as he did the first book in this series over Christmas break. I read this book also. It was a humorous, fast paced, action filled, educational read!Lucas Benes and his friends/classmates/fellow spies from The New Resistance use math and other analytical skills to navigate through the obstacles they encounter on their worldwide quest to stop the nefarious, greedy Siba Gunerro, CEO of The Good Company.Both books expose young readers to exotic places, and show them what they can achieve using wit, teamwork, and tenacity!Can't wait for the 3rd book and hopefully a movie!!!

Diamonds Are For Never" is the second installment in the Crime Travelers series" is a

thrilling, action-packed book for middle grade readers, with an intriguing plot and fascinating characters. As for the teachers, I think they would appreciate the hidden geography lessons and the use of math to escape dangerous situations. It is overall a fun and adventurous read. \*\*Note: I received a complimentary copy of this book in exchange for an honest and unbiased review

Ms. Gunerrio and her Curukians are back at it again in "Diamonds Are For Never". Lucas and his friends travel to Rome, Italy in search of millions of dollars in diamond before Ms. Gunerrio and her gang try to retrieve them. It is an all out race to see who can get the loot first! Another exhilarating, fast paced read. I would definitely recommend this book to my friends. I can't wait for the third book to hit the shelves! PLEASE hurry Mr. Aertker!!!!

Diamonds are for Never is a fabulously exciting trip with the New Resistance from Las Vegas to Italy and on! This book touches the adventurer in all of us and although geared toward the preteen it is a really fun read for all ages! If you prefer crocheting tea cozies for your bridge group this book is probably not for you. However, if you have a pulse and remember when you dreamt of saving the world, strap on for this amazing ride!

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