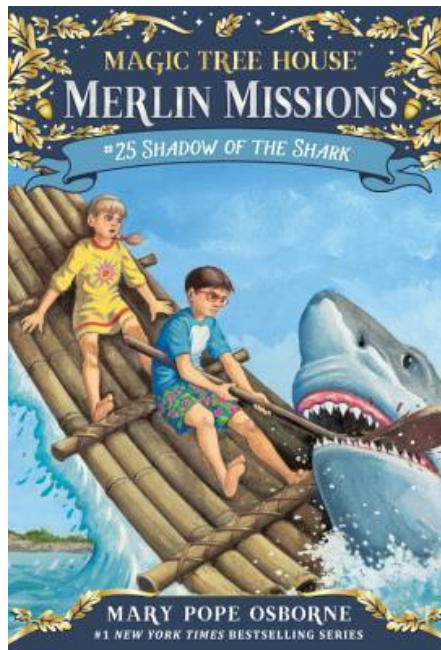




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Jack and Annie are going on vacation! Or so they think. Teddy, the young sorcerer, has promised them a relaxing time off the coast of Mexico. The magic tree house whisks them away to a beautiful sandy beach, and Jack and Annie are ready to raft on the ocean waves. But when a hungry shark attacks, their dream vacation turns into a nightmare!

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From Reader Review Shadow of the Shark for online ebook

Brenda Ayala says

The shark has a surprisingly small role for being on the cover. But sharks are cool no matter what!

Mont says

Merlin gives Jack and Annie a fun vacation on the sugar-white beaches of Cozumel, Mexico, as a reward for their previous adventures to save civilization. Misadventure ensues when the children, expecting luxury spas and beach resorts, accidentally return to the time of the Ancient Mayans. My child begged me to read the last chapter, even though it was past his bedtime, and I happily conceded. This series impresses me, because it can be a springboard to many other educational concepts that parents could explore as a supplement to the story. Through this book (and with a little help from YouTube), my child learned about Ancient Mayan rituals, coral reefs, friendly whale sharks, The Yucatan Peninsula, The Great Sun of Palenque, snorkeling, mangrove forests, and sinkhole-caves. Most importantly, this book helped me teach my son that girls can do anything and be anything. One of the heroes of the book is a young Mayan girl, named Heart-of-the-Wind, daughter of the Mayan King who helps Jack and Annie return home. In turn, the American children devise a plan to help the Mayan girl persuade her father to inherit the throne—with an assist from modern technology. This book provided an opening for me to teach my son that his gender invests him with no inherent privilege or entitlement, and that women of merit can be anything, including the ruler of the Mayan City of Palenque from 583-604, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, the Chancellor of Germany, and the next President of the United States.

Grace Stromquist says

it waS RILLY FUN AND IXITING

Margie says

Once again, Mary Pope Osborne has taken me on a magical adventure to the past. I started reading her series when I was a child and they still contain the magic they had back then. Jack and Annie were my dearest friends growing up and being able to accompany them on their Mayan adventure was like visiting with old friends. Simply magical!

Andrew says

actually didn't know what to think about this one...

Emma says

I love learning about this time period!

Kylie says

Summary

Jack and Annie are rewarded by Teddy, the young sorcerer, for all their hard work on the missions they've done. They get to take a dream vacation that can be any place of their choice. Their only mission is to have fun! The two decide on a beach vacation off the coast of the Yucatan peninsula in Cozumel, Mexico. They have plans to snorkel along the coral reef, enjoy a tropical paradise in resort-style hotels and explore the ancient Mayan culture that were displayed in a travel guide. But shortly after they've arrived to their paradise, they find out that they have traveled back over 1000 years on their paradise vacation. Together they must find a way to get back home safely while still finding ways to have fun!

Activity

- 1) Jack and Annie got to pick a dream vacation of their choice, where did they go? If you could pick a dream vacation where would you go and why?
- 2) What were the items that Teddy gave Jack and Annie to have fun with on their trip? Did they end up using them? Explain how.
- 3) What did Jack and Annie encounter as they went into the Mayan "amusement park"? What did they discover after they encountered the thing they had?
- 4) Who did Jack and Annie help as they were on their trip and how did they do so?
- 5) What was the important take-away from the book that Jack and Annie taught to their Mayan friend? Why do you think this is important?

Citation

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Jo-Ann Houde says

Nathan and I regressed with a little Jack & Annie adventure to Cozumel to prep for our cruise! LoL

Anson Tran says

Yay. Another fun adventure with Jack and Annie. Fun as always, i can't even count how many Magic Tree House books i have read ever- too many to count would not reads again b'cuz nah.

Becky says

I live magic tree house adventures. I always learn something about history I didn't know before.

Wayne Walker says

What is Jack and Annie's latest mission? To have fun! They return to Mexico where they saw the 1970 World Cup Soccer final game in their previous adventure. Their friends Randy and Jenny have just returned from a vacation at Cozumel near the Yucatan Peninsula, and the time-travelling siblings want to go there. So when their young sorcerer friend Teddy from Camelot with a thank-you message from Merlin and Morgan that enables them to have a holiday anywhere they want, they choose to go scuba diving at Cozumel. But facing a savage shark, unfriendly natives, and a growling jaguar, will they survive their trip? And why are there no luxury hotels, fine restaurants, theme parks, tourists, and cruise ships as their travel guide shows?

Annie uses the euphemistic exclamation "darn" a couple of times. Some might interpret Jack and Annie's encouragement of Heart-of-the-Wind to aspire for leadership among her people as a form of feminism, although apparently historical records seem to indicate that there was a female ruler among the Mayans from 573 to 604. And in the accompanying information on sharks, there are some evolutionary assumptions regarding "millions of years ago). The biggest complaint I saw was that there is less really educational material in this book as compared to others in the series. However, from a positive standpoint, there is some information about the geography of Cozumel and the Yucatan Peninsula, the history of the Mayan Indians, and the scientific facts about coral reefs and sharks. Also, the new, full-opening drawings are extremely well done and greatly enhance the text.

Barbara says

In this installment of the Magic Tree House series, Jack and Annie are supposed to be headed to Cozumel for a vacation, courtesy of Teddy, their sorcerer friend. But when they arrive, they are attacked by a shark at sea and realize that they've reached the right destination but at the wrong time. To their dismay, Jack is supposed to be the heir of the current ruler when clearly his own daughter, Heart-of-the-Wind is more suited to lead. But females were never rulers at that time. Taping a message on their cellphone and leaving the device in the possession of Heart-of-the-Wind, they make sure that at least one thing changes. Fans of the series will enjoy this one too, but I kept asking myself what other effects might have been caused by that one change. Too bad the youngsters never really get to enjoy that promised vacation.

Daphne Kim says

My daughter truly enjoyed this one as we continue through this wonderful series for children.

Samuel says

It was great. But i gave it three stars. But you can link me in samuel@gmail.com.

AMY says

130 pages. Another great adventure with Annie and Jack as they travel in time to Mexico. This time they accidentally end up in a Mayan city. Their raft gets attacked by a shark. YIKES! Great fun for elementary kids. Highly recommended for Grades 3-4.
