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In what might be their most dangerous adventure so far, Grant and Ash are sent back in time ten thousand years to recover a mammoth talisman for their teacher, Merlin. Life is a struggle in the Stone Age, and if they want to eat, they'll have to learn to use spears, track animals, and build fires without the benefit of matches.

Most importantly, they must recover the artifact so they can get back to their own time, but it won't be easy. They'll need to reunite two warring tribes, help a boy around their age prove his worth, and demonstrate their own courage on a deadly mammoth hunt. In this harsh and unforgiving world, hate and suspicion are as prevalent as they are in modern times, but understanding and acceptance can also be found if they know where to look.

Mammoth! Details

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Jamie says

Another new-to-me author that I will definitely read again. This is a quick read that's both fun and tense (there were a few moments I said, oh, boy, I hope they make it out of this predicament). There's magic and time travel and Merlin, which explains why there's magic and time travel. Ash and Grant are both teens who have gotten themselves into trouble one last time and are out a boys school for one last chance before jail. They're not bad kids, they just make bad decisions and get caught. One of those bad decisions, which this book mentions, is why they end up time traveling - they have to right a wrong. I don't want to give too much away but, really, you shouldn't mess with Merlin. There's some romantic content but it's tame, making this a good book for younger readers (I'd say probably late pre-teen on up) who might be interested in m|m relationships but you want to keep it clean. I've not read the first two books yet but there's enough backstory that you can get away without reading them.

Kat says

The third installment in a coming of age story, Mammoth! is a nice, light read.

Grant and Ash travel back in time to retrieve an artifact that was destroyed in a fire they caused. Using only their wits, they are tasked with locating the object and figuring out how to get it.

I enjoyed the banter between the boys - the bickering was cute and so reminded me of my brothers. And the action was pretty good. There are some problems with the story - its a bit simplistic and takes some license with history. The rift between clans seemed to resolve itself a little too easily, but considering the target audience, it can be forgiven. The main point is for the boys to learn about themselves and grow into men.

Dakota is a new to me author. I don't normally read time traveling stories, but I'm glad that I did. I did not read the first two installments before starting this one- it's not 100% necessary. It just feels like each book focuses on an aspect of the journey to manhood so I want to know what I missed.

I did pick up the other titles because I'm really invested in Grant and Ash and I want to see exactly how they ended up as Merlin's minions.

* Advanced copy provided for an honest review.

Serena Yates says

Stupidity has consequences, and reckless teenagers Ash and Grant are discovering they can be serious. Banished to the Stanton school for boys, they get into immediate trouble with their history teacher – who turns out to be Merlin (the one of Arthurian fame). Since they caused his collection of artifacts to be destroyed, he is now sending them back in time to retrieve the objects. After surviving the Ancient Egyptians and witch hunters in medieval Germany, Ash and Grant face their most perilous adventure yet in this third

volume of the 'Repeating History' series – by traveling to prehistoric times, ten thousand years ago, with the mission of retrieving a hunting talisman depicting a mammoth.

Please find my full review on Rainbow Book Reviews.

Melanie says

A Scattered Thoughts and Rogue Words Review

Rating: 5 stars out of 5

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Sue says

"Magic Treehouse" for grownups

When my kids were little they liked the "Magic Treehouse" books. In that series Jack and Annie can go up into their treehouse, open a book and point to a picture of an historical place or event. When they do so, they are instantly whisked back in time, and get to live a little of the history instead of just reading about it. I thought it was a really cool idea, and wished someone could come up with a similar series written for older readers. I'm a big history buff, and was intrigued by the idea of teaching kids factual history embedded in a fictional story, told in such a way that the kids could understand. I thought it was a really cool idea, and wished someone would come up with a simiar type of series, but written for teens or adults. Dakota Chase has now done just that with her "Repeating History" series, featuring juvenile delinquents Aston Walsh and Grant Reginald William Vaughn (yes, Grant's family is loaded, which is why they could afford to give him such a long name).

In the first book of the series Aston ("Ash") and Grant accidentally destroy a collection of rare artifacts owned by their history teacher Mr. Merlin Abrosius. Mr. Ambrosius had spent a LOT of time gathering those items, and was NOT happy about his belongings literally going up in flames. It's up to Ash and Grant to replace what was lost. How are they to accomplish that? It's quite simple really, since Mr. Merlin Ambrosius is a powerful sorcerer (yes, THAT Merlin) who can send them back in time to retrieve the items from the mists of the past.

"Mammoth" is the 3rd book of the series. While each CAN be read as a stand-alone, I personally would recommend reading them in order. Book 3 did contain a few references to things that happened in Books 1 and 2.

In this book the boys are sent to what is now the Virginia Beach region, approximately 10,000 years ago. They are to retrieve a hunting amulet with an image an animal carved into it, an image that Grant and Ash

believe is some kind of elephant. From the title and the time period you can guess where this is going; the image on the amulet is not an elephant, it's a wooly mammoth. To get their hands on this artifact Grant and Ash will have to earn it by helping the local peoples in their annual mammoth hunt.

Since I don't want to ruin the story (or for that matter, the series) I won't go into any further details about the plot. It's supposed to be a kind of suspense, a "what will happen next" type of book, and with that genre I'm an anti-spoiler kind of gal. What I will say, though, is that with each new book the boys (they are teenagers) are learning a bit of history, but also learning a fair bit about themselves and each other. The history is the lure, but what really snags the reader is the development of the 2 MC's.

In preparation for this book I read the first in the series ("The Eye of Ra") and was hooked enough that I immediately bought book 2 ("Hammer of the Witch"). It's a good thing that was a Friday night because I binge-read through both in one marathon session. "Mammoth" was a different night, but it kept me equally enthralled.

Summary -- 5 stars out of 5

PS- Dakota, please tell me there will be a Book 4 (and 5, and 6, and....)

Joyfully Jay says

A Joyfully Jay review.

4.75 stars

Mammoth! is the third book in Dakota Chase's Repeating History series and though these can be read as a stand-alones, I would definitely recommend that readers begin with The Eye of Ra, where Grant and Ash's adventures traveling back in time start.

As in The Eye of Ra and Hammer of the Witch, one aspect I really enjoyed about this story is Chase's attention to historical detail. Immediately, Grant and Ash are aware that they are in a time where they could easily become prey, particularly without weapons at their disposal, but Chase does not allow her reader to forget how resourceful her protagonists can be. This is perhaps best seen when the boys find Rabbit, a young member of the Bison Clan, who has fallen and broken his leg.

Read Kirsty's review in its entirety [here](#).

Marcine says

I received this book in an ARC lottery. I normally do not read books out of order, but ARC - gotta read it. I have to say after reading this book, I will be going back to the beginning and reading the first two books. The MCs are teen boys that are always fighting, can we all say, "Oooh, they "LIKE" each other!", but being boys have issues with communication. This story weaves the character of Merlin as the teacher the two boys have

angered by ruining some important items. Thus, in order to not tick off the wizard more than they already have, they have accepted the responsibility to go on quests throughout time to replace what they ruined. This story puts them in the past on a journey to manhood via a mammoth hunt.

I really enjoyed this book. It is great time travel story with a quest and a blossoming romance with kissing only scenes between the MCs as they learn what it means to become responsible young adults.

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Samsunthunderpaw says

I requested and was given an advance copy of this novel for an honest review.

Mammoth! Indeed!

This is the third in the Repeating History series of books by Dakota Chase. You can read this as a stand alone, as Ms. Chase gives us enough background to help the reader understand the thinking behind the way the two characters, Ash and Grant, think as they do. While they are quite juvenile in their behavior (they are teenagers), they seem to mature a bit as the story unfolds. For those reading this series for the first time as I did, you find out that Ash and Grant, both delinquents and underachievers at a fancy boarding school, caused a bit of a problem for one of their teachers, Mr. Merlin Ambrosius. As in set his office on fire, destroying valuable artifacts in the process. Ooops. And Mr. Ambrosius is THE Merlin. To avoid being arrested and going to jail, the boys agree to retrieve the artifacts lost in the fire. They are sent back in time and told NOT to take anything with them (love the Bic pen reference) and NOT to change the course of history. This time, it is to retrieve a talisman. When Merlin shows them a picture of the talisman, it's funny to see them try to figure out what the image is on the talisman.

As I read the first chapter of the book, two stories came to mind—Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure meets Clan of the Cave Bear. Though really nothing like the two, they do have some similarities.

The boys were transported 10,000 year back in time to an ice age Virginia Beach, Virginia, in the costume of the day, animal skins that smelled like, as they put it, wet dog. During their trek to find a tribe or people that could help them get the talisman, they happened upon a young warrior, Rabbit, with a broken leg. The boys are resourceful enough to make a sledge to transport Rabbit back to his clan, The Bison Clan. While they are celebrated by some, others look at the newcomers suspiciously. So their adventure begins in earnest!

The boys not only struggle in their endeavors to train to be a hunter, they also struggle with communication. While Ash runs hot, Grant (The tribe calls him Grass, because, well, what is a Grant?) is the voice of reason. And prior to the transport in time, we find Grant watched A LOT of documentaries. This helps the story progress, and educates the reader and poor Ash with what is going on during this time. The boys, nearly always at odds, are fighting a growing attraction to each other. They ignore it the best they can, like ignoring the six-ton wooly mammoth in the room, as only teenage boys can with insults, arguments, and at times, physical altercation. While it is not a large focus of the book, it does play a part of the discovery of self, self-worth, and friendship.

I can say that I did learn a great deal from this book. I love the vivid imagery Ms. Chase conjures up of the pristine shore and beaches, the glaciers, the caves, and the ice age daily life. This has me primed to check out the first two books in this series.

Ahhh...the music.

Funny how I could not get the song, Jungle Life by Tarzan Boy out of my head for this book. I know, TMNT are way different than this, but, the mind goes where it goes. Here is my play list for this book:

Jungle Life by Tarzan Boy

Hungry Like the Wolf by Duran Duran

Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure Sound track (check it out!)

Dana says

I give this book four and a half stars rounded up to five. I was initially worried that reading the third book in a series without having read the first two would be difficult, but I think the author did a good job covering what happened to get these two characters into the mess that has become a series. Grant and Ash unknowingly crossed a legendary wizard when they accidentally set fire to one of their teachers office. Now they have to go back in time to retrieve items that were destroyed. This is their third trip in time and though they feel they have matured a lot since the beginning, I find their behavior immature even for high school boys. There is a lot of petty arguments, but maybe they are just masking the boys attraction to each other. It's like they haven't admitted who they are even if they might enjoy kissing each other. I'm not sure what took place in the first two books, but for now, they aren't pursuing a relationship. I am curious what kind of circumstances might have to happen for them to break down whatever walls they have between them because this trip was kind of crazy. Fighting tribes, no innovations to make their lives even resemble normal. Not during the time of mammoths! They are lucky to have fire. They also have the wisdom of teens who have seen history repeat itself enough that they are able to help bring a little peace to the tribes and they did what they set out to do in that time period.

I thought it was a fun book and I picked up book one right after reading it because I do want to see how it all started. Would definitely recommend the book and I definitely will read more from this author.
