

TRAILBLAZER NOTEBOOK

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SPY FOR THE NIGHT RIDERS

-MARTIN LUTHER





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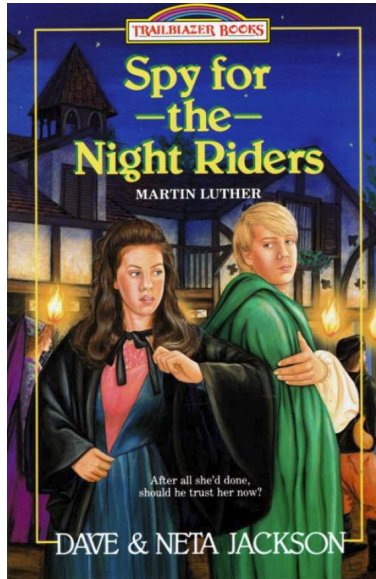
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Spy for the Night Riders

Introducing Martin Luther

Karl Schumacher was fifteen when he came to the German city of Wittenberg in 1520 seeking an education. He had been very fortunate that the esteemed university professor Doctor Martin Luther, had taken him into his household as a servant. Luther's promise of tutoring Karl in exchange for his labor was the chance of a lifetime—until a poster on the church door declared his master a heretic!

Karl is asked to travel with Doctor Luther to appear before the emperor's Imperial Council in the city of Worms. Will his life be at stake as well as Luther's? And who is the mysterious young lady who shadows their trip? Could she be a spy for Luther's enemy, Doctor Eck?

Or might the night riders be secret supporters of Luther? With danger lurking on every side, who can Karl trust?

Learn more at <http://www.trailblazerbooks.com/Frame-1.html>



The Trailblazers series by Dave and Neta Jackson is one of the most-loved series of missionary and heroes of the faith books for children we have ever seen. Because of this, and with the permission of Dave and Neta Jackson, we have created a notebook to accompany *Spy for the Night Riders*. It's a great way to add reading comprehension, vocabulary, history, and reflection to your child's adventure through this wonderful book.

Trailblazers Notebook

Spy for the Night Riders - Martin Luther

Getting Started

Our story starts in the year 1520, three years after Martin Luther had posted his ninety-five theses. That action in 1517 helped start the Protestant Reformation, which changed the lives of people all over Europe and beyond. But what else was happening in the world while Martin Luther was alive? Look at the list of historical events and facts from around the world. Choose at least three that you'd like to know more about. With a parent's help or permission, research them and learn more. Choose one and write about your findings on the next page.

1500s	Songhai Empire rules parts of Africa
1500s	Ming dynasty rules in China
1501	Safavid dynasty comes to power in Persia (Iran)
1502-1504	Christopher Columbus journeys to the New World for the fourth time
1503	Leonardo da Vinci begins creating the masterpiece <i>Mona Lisa</i>
1508-1512	Michelangelo paints the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel
1509-1547	Henry VIII rules England
1513	Vasco Núñez de Balboa sees the Pacific Ocean from Panama
1519	Ferdinand Magellan leaves on his voyage around the world
1519-1521	Hernando Cortés conquers the Aztecs
1520-1566	Suleyman the Magnificent ruled the Ottoman Empire at its peak
1522	Martin Luther publishes a translation of the New Testament in German
1525	William Tyndale translates the New Testament into English
1526	Babur founds the Mughal Empire in India
1533	Francisco Pizarro conquers the Incas
1534-1541	Jacques Cartier explores Canada for France
1543	Nicolaus Copernicus, who believed the earth revolves around the sun, dies
1547	Ivan IV, the Terrible, becomes the first czar of Russia
1558-1603	Elizabeth I rules England
1565	Pedro Menéndez de Avilés establishes the city of St. Augustine, Florida

Around the World

Event/Fact: _____

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Where in the World

Use an atlas, or the Internet with a parent's permission, and draw the location of Duben, Wittenberg, Worms, Leipzig, Naumburg, Erfurt, Eisenach, and Oppenheim on the map of Germany. Also draw the Elbe, Saale, Werra, and Rhine rivers and the Thuringian Mountains. If you get stuck, you'll find some of these locations on the maps at the end of *Spy for the Night Riders*.



Chapter One: A Closer Look

What did Karl's father do for a living? _____

What did the heretic say was the only thing that could convince him he was wrong?

Who did the heretic remind Karl of as he died? _____

Why do you think the heretic reminded Karl of that person? _____

How did the attitude of the older boys change after they saw the burning? _____

What did Karl do for Martin Luther? _____

What were Martin Luther's ninety-five theses? _____

What was the church doing to Martin Luther? _____

Who did Karl notice watching him? _____

What did Karl do with the bull? _____

Why did he do that? _____

What Do You Think?

What do you think Karl will do next?

What words would you use to describe how the heretic behaved as he died?

From reading the chapter, what do you think the word *heretic* means? _____

From reading the chapter, what do you think a *bull* is? _____

Using a dictionary, look up the words and see if you are right. If you need to change or add to your definitions, do it below.

heretic: _____

bull: _____

Draw what you think one of the people or scenes from the chapter could have looked like.

