



Thyme RUNNING OUT

by Panama Oxridge

The second book in the Tartan of Thyme series, following the adventures of teenage, self-made billionaire Justin Thyme, as he struggles against mysterious forces to keep his family together and stop the Curse of Thyme from striking again.

'I don't have to build a time machine; I could still change my mind...' Justin shook his head, grasping at once the futility of his dilemma. The first domino had already been pushed; the fuse had been lit; the countdown had started. He'd passed the point of no return, and was trapped in the adventure of a lifetime with absolutely no way out.

Justin Thyme is a self-made billionaire living in a castle overlooking Loch Ness. The day he turns thirteen, he receives an anonymous gift: a fabulous watch with a puzzling message hidden on it. When he tells his father of his plans to build a time machine, the Laird of Thyme reveals tantalising fragments of past espionage and warns his son of a ruthless enemy keeping him under constant surveillance.

At first, Justin fails to take Sir Willoughby seriously, but when a stranger arrives claiming to be his long-lost grandfather, Justin is wary – especially after his beloved Nanny insists the old man is an impostor.

Suddenly, the race against time is on. Can Justin convert his vintage motorbike into a time machine, rescue his mum and discover the identity of their resident spy in less than a week ... or will the dreaded Thyme Curse claim another life?

“Remarkable...Ingenious...” Nicolette Jones, *Sunday Times*

The Author - Panama Oxridge

Once a successful author of picture-puzzle books, Panama Oxridge accidentally happened upon the secret of time travel and, ever since, has been forced to adopt a pseudonym, wear a series of disguises and move house thirteen times! One day, the author would like to travel back in time to the historical moment young Isaac Newton discovered gravity. “I’ve always wondered if an apple really *did* fall on the poor lad’s head!”

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