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## **Editorial Review**

From School Library Journal

Grade 3-5—Describing the concept of time and how it has been measured, Koscielniak gives an instructive yet entertaining march through the ages. A two-page explanation of daytime versus nighttime, as well as the seasons, sets the stage for the beginning of timekeeping and the origins of the Gregorian calendar. The author provides just enough detail for readers to understand how sundials and water clocks work and to comprehend the problems with their accuracy. Attractive watercolor illustrations in green and tan tones enhance the text. Detailed diagrams further explain such concepts as Huygens's balance spring, which later developed into the portable watch. Endpapers show various timepieces through the ages from an Egyptian shadow clock in 1500 B.C. to electric clocks in A.D. 2000. Children will be entertained as well as informed by this presentation.—*Blair Christolon, Prince William Public Library System, Manassas, VA*  
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Gr. 2-5. The author-illustrator of *Johann Gutenberg and the Amazing Printing Press* (2003) now presents an introduction to time and the history of timekeeping. The discussion begins with the meanings of terms such as *day*, *month*, and *year* and the development of the calendar in Western civilization. After explaining the use of early devices for marking time, such as sundials, water clocks, and hourglasses, the book traces the advancing technology of mechanical clocks from the thirteenth century onward and briefly explains twentieth-century advances such as quartz and atomic clocks. The ending briefly acknowledges three theories of time, from the ancient Greeks to Einstein. Brightening every page is watercolor artwork: clear diagrams of astronomical relationships, stylized historical scenes, sketchy (occasionally awkward) portrayals of people, and excellent pictures of clock mechanisms, which, in conjunction with the text, enlighten readers as to how the "workings" actually work. Students beyond the "telling time" stage will find this an attractive introduction to the broader subject of time. *Carolyn Phelan*  
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## **Review**

Children will be entertained as well as informed by this presentation.  
School Library Journal

Koscielniak's watercolor depictions of various clockworks are unusually lucid and well-explained. Mechanically minded children...will find the time well spent.  
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