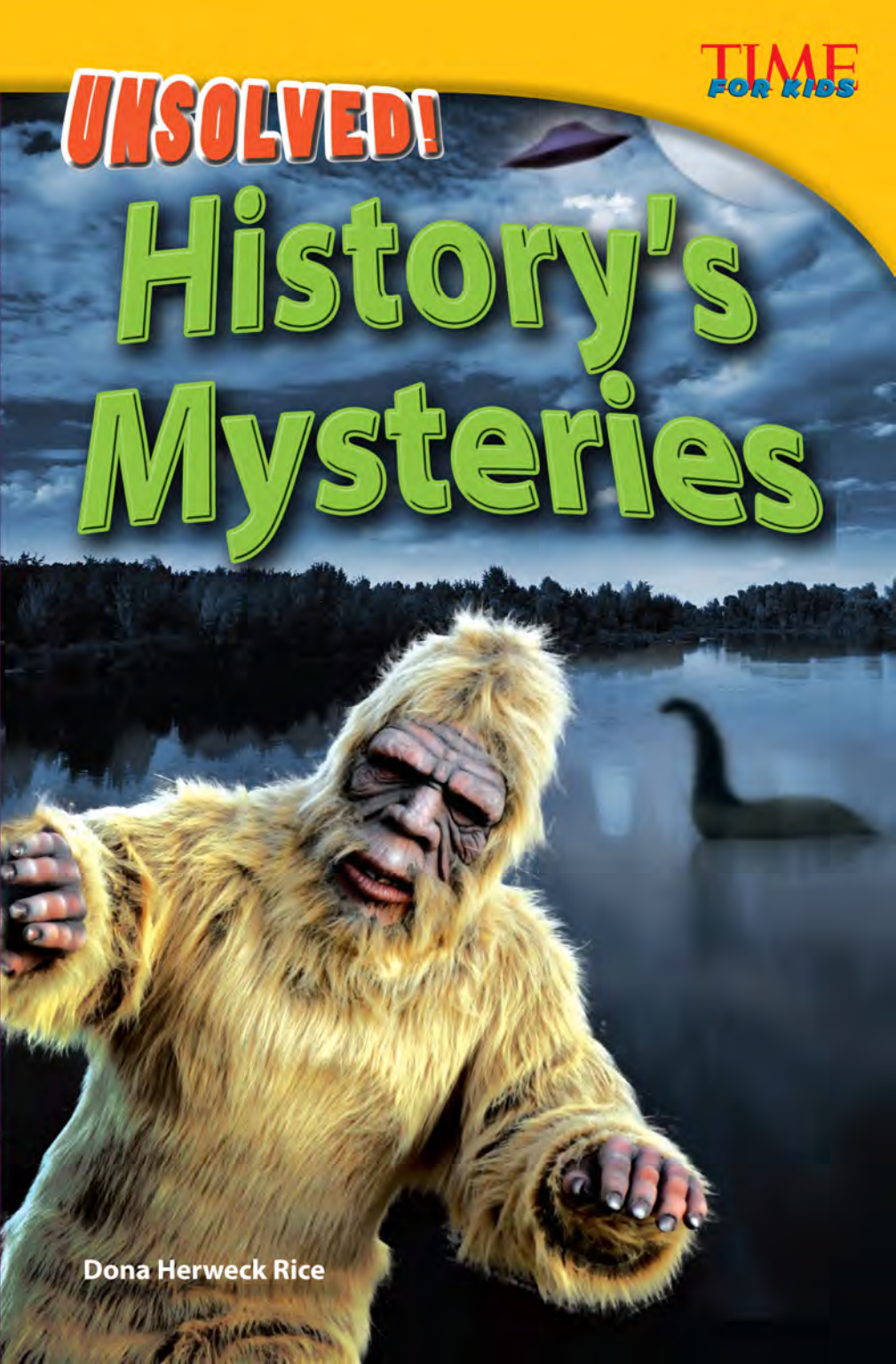
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For Real?

Oh, come on! Is that real? You will wonder that and more when you read about the strange disappearances, larger-than-life creatures, and mysterious happenings in this book. Are they real? What happened? Only history knows for sure. Could anything like that happen again? Perhaps that's a mystery for another time . . . .



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THINK LINK

History is more than the facts in a book. But there are some things we may never understand. And the truth is, some of the most famous events in history are also some of the most mysterious.

- How could some of history's most famous figures disappear?
- Did some of history's biggest moments really happen?
- Is there another side to these stories we don't know yet?

Whatever Happened To?

It's hard to do anything without being watched! Cameras are everywhere. They are posted on buildings. People have camera phones ready to film what they see. You would be surprised how many times *you* appear on film each day!

But it wasn't always this way. There were times when people came and went without video records. And even now, people who want to disappear—or make others disappear—can figure out a way.

Masked Prisoner

From around 1669 until his death in 1703, a mysterious man was held in jails throughout France. Most of the time he was in the **Bastille** (ba-STEEL). No one ever saw the man's face. It was always covered with a black velvet mask. The prisoner's name was Eustache Dauger (YOO-stay-sh DOH-zhay). That is probably not his real name. Dauger was told that if he talked about himself, he would be killed. Only the head of the Bastille was allowed to see his face. No one knows who he was or why he was jailed.



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At least a dozen movies have been made about the mysterious prisoner. They usually show him in a mask made of iron.

The True King?

Many people believe the prisoner was the brother of King Louis XIV—maybe even a twin brother. They think he was jailed by Louis XIV so no one could stop Louis from being the king.



The Bastille was a huge fortress used mainly as a prison by the royal leaders of France.

D.B. Cooper

On November 24, 1971, a man entered a Portland airport. He called himself Dan Cooper. That day, he bought a ticket to Seattle. After takeoff, Cooper handed a note to the flight attendant. It read, "You are being **hijacked**." He wanted money, parachutes, and more fuel. The **Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)** gathered the ransom. The plane circled above. Two hours later, the plane landed in Seattle. Cooper let most people off. He got the **ransom** money and four parachutes. The plane refueled and took off again. Cooper had the pilot fly low and head south. Then, Cooper jumped out of the plane! He was gone. No one knows what his real name was. The FBI isn't sure if he is dead. They are still looking for him.



This is the only unsolved airplane hijacking in all of American flight history.



Who Was D.B.?

A small-time criminal in the Portland area was named D.B. Cooper. The FBI thought maybe he was Dan Cooper. But they were wrong. The newspapers found out about this and printed that Dan Cooper was D.B. Cooper anyway. That name has stuck ever since.

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