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Trouble is brewing at the Varmint Theater! Before he knows it, watchmaker mouse Hermux Tantamoq finds himself not only hired to track down a mysterious blackmailer, but roped into designing the set for an upcoming show. Hermux is on the case--and busy backstage--but as he enters the chaotic world of the theater he's lost in a whirlwind of distractions: an accidental foray into "reality theater," film director Brinx Lotelle's shameless interest in Hermux's friend Linka, beauty queen Tucka Mertslin's latest shenanigans, mysterious newcomer Corpius Crounce, and a very strange parrot.

When Hermux receives a threatening message, he realizes it's up to him to save the day, save the theater, protect his new friends and get the girl--a lot for one mouse to handle, even with a surprisingly talented pet ladybug in tow!

Rich descriptions and snappy, witty dialogue bring Pinchester to life in this highly-anticipated third installment of Hermux's adventures.

## **No Time Like Show Time Details**

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## August says

I loved Hermux Tantamoq when I first read his stories in my childhood, and since this is the third in a four-book series that I haven't touched since I was probably 15...I wasn't expecting much. But Hoeye delighted me again, and I was able to read this book in a single day because his pacing and characterization (and, dare I say it, pretty good dialogue!) kept me page-turning until I forgot I was standing at a cold bus stop for almost 30 minutes. Hermux is adorable, and I love hearing his lines in a Kevin Spacey voice in my head, just because Mr. Spacey is so good at pulling off the extraordinary ordinary man that he would do Hermux justice. Okay. Happy rant over.

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## Julie lit pour les autres says

Lu en français: Les souris mènent la danse

Mon livre préféré de la série! Avec un humour fin et une imagination débordante, Hoeye plonge Hermux, ma souris-détective-horloger-dandy préférée, dans les coulisses du théâtre. Tous les personnages de soutien sont fabuleux et délicieux: la reine des cosmétiques Tucka Mertslin, tellement méchante et sans scrupule, est une antagoniste fantastique. Que dire du développement du personnage de Terfèle, la coccinelle de compagnie de Hermux, qui se découvre des talents d'hypnotiseur (avec une paillette!) et d'artiste! C'est drôle, c'est rondement mené et extrêmement divertissant. Les adultes autant que les enfants y trouveront leur compte: Hoeye excelle dans l'introduction d'un deuxième niveau de lecture qui réjouira les lecteurs adultes.

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## Kathleen says

I enjoyed the third in this rodential mystery series, though I think the first is still the best and I don't entirely understand why Hermux's pet ladybug seems to be developing communication skills over the course of the trilogy. Still, she's a nice silent character and these are fun books.

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## Leo says

Read in Spanish a bazillion years ago, don't remember anything except that I enjoyed very much.

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## Cassie says

Although not literary masterpieces, the Hermux Tantamoq Adventures are entertaining and fun. An unlikely detective combats against a beauty tycoon used to getting what she wants. The characters are enjoyable and keep you reading. Good to read when you are in the mood for a fluff book.

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### **Wickie says**

Really nice childrens book. The author introduces many cute Details. But rather more interesting for children, than for adults.

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### **Ashley says**

The story continues in Michael Hoeye's No Time Like Show Time, where we once again join watchmaker/detective Hermux Tantamoq as he ventures into the world of theater. Having retrieved the famed King's Delight, Hermux looks forward to taking a breather, but the world seems to have other plans when Fluster Varmint, owner of the local theater, urges Hermux to join the cast of his current production in order to solve the mystery surrounding threatening messages he's been receiving, Hermux considers himself far out of his depth. Having no experience in the world of drama or set design, Hermux sets out on yet another story of intrigue and good ol' fashioned luck. Joined by his pet ladybug Terfle, it soon becomes obvious that high-ranking members of Pinchester are involved in a plot meant to steal the theater right out from under them, and the only one that can stop it is a silver-screen actress that hasn't been seen for years. What can a simple watchmaker do? I invite you to find out!

No Time Like Show Time takes us yet again to our favorite little town, inhabited by our favorite crime solving, watch-repairing hero. Hermux is a tale that readers of all ages can enjoy, and while I didn't enjoy the story quite as much as the others, it is regardless a worthy addition and I urge you all to try it out.

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### **Anna says**

Yes, this is a kid's book, but its still a good read. I own the whole series, and have thoroughly enjoyed every one.

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### **Amanda says**

August 3, 2010: This is the only one in the series that I own, so I will definitely have to reread the others soon. I love Hermux Tantamoq, watchmaker. He's the perfect main character. Lovable, quiet, unintentional detective who has a pet ladybug named Terfle. He just seems so real, even though he's a mouse. This time he's hired to save a theater and encounters strange ventriloquists, someone out to hurt Terfle, and Tucka Mertslin once again. Along the way he's trying to get up the courage to tell Linka exactly how he feels about her. Can he save the theater from destruction? Can he find a long-lost star? All the answers and more in this thrilling, yet amusing, detective story.

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### **Richard Legault says**

Great fun, witty and clever! Surprisingly adult elements for a book for younger readers (smoking, drinking, an unexpected pregnancy). Pacing a bit uneven, but overall very enjoyable.

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### **Lena Rohde says**

i really like this book! it was a mystery and it is really sweet. this book is the third in a series. the first is called Time Stops for No Mouse. the next is called The Sands of Time.

Have fun reading!

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### **Maheen says**

As strange as it may sound, i love reading books about talking animals (pourquoi?) but this book was very fun to read. Actually, my friend recommended it to me after i finished reading a more recent series and was waiting for some other kind of book series to read. I decided to give it a try, and I really enjoyed how there were several different conflicts happening at the time, though there was a main conflict, there was also smaller, more private/emotional conflicts in the story. There's an amazing climax in this story! Also, i happened to find a part in the book that i very much enjoyed, and a few chapters in, it happens again! Lucky me! Though it isn't boring, it is presented in a completely different way and you can draw tons of connections to the other occurrence. I also enjoyed the smaller details like the newspaper, and the fact that the main character lived in a "world" very similar to ours! I loved how the ending tied everything perfectly together!

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### **echyrosalia says**

kepincut buat ambil petualangan hermux ini karna harganya yang gak logis, 5000 perak. apa salah nya to? ^^ di covernya udah tertulis bahwa "anak - anak yang menyukai Harry Potter akan menyukai hermux"... sepertinya menarik, batinku. dari judul udah nampak kalo ini cerita detektif. di beri rating [tidak-terlalu-seram] juga. dikarenakan alasan suka terngiang cerita horor, aku ndak berani baca malam2.. parno total!

ok2, mulai!

ternyata, isinya sebuah fabel. Karna pertama kali ini aku baca buku Michael Hoeye, jadi ya sempat kaget! halaman 1... halaman 2... halaman 100...halaman 200... halaman 284... **done!!**

Hermux itu seekor tikus tukang reparasi jam. dia mendapat tugas r-a-h-a-s-i-a oleh pemilik teater fluster varmint bwt nyari pengirim surat ancaman. Hermux melaksanakan tugas dengan berpura-pura bakal masang weker di tiap ruang ganti para artis teater. Selain dia bisa menggeledah seluruh isi ruangan, dy juga di harapkan menemukan beberapa petunjuk penting. masalah demi masalah bermunculan. motif demi motif perlahan terkuak...

recomended bwt selingan.. ^^

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### **Leah says**

Apparently, I love stories about mice. How else could I explain loving this book as much as I did? It had a great plot to it, and the ending was terrific. Needless to say, I'll be on the lookout for more of Mr.Hoeys books.

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### **Alexis Drake says**

Questa serie è decisamente una delle mie preferite, e più leggo, più mi accorgo di come Hermux, il topolino protagonista, sia la versione topesca di Bilbo Baggins. E adoro alla follia che abbia una coccinella come animaletto domestico: il loro rapporto è dolcissimo.

Come dolce è Hermux innamorato. Le copertine in stile vintage sono bellissime da guardare. Un intrigo interessante quello di questo volume, ben sviluppato e con un bel finale. Ora mi manca solo l'ultimo della serie, e il pensiero già mi rattrista.

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