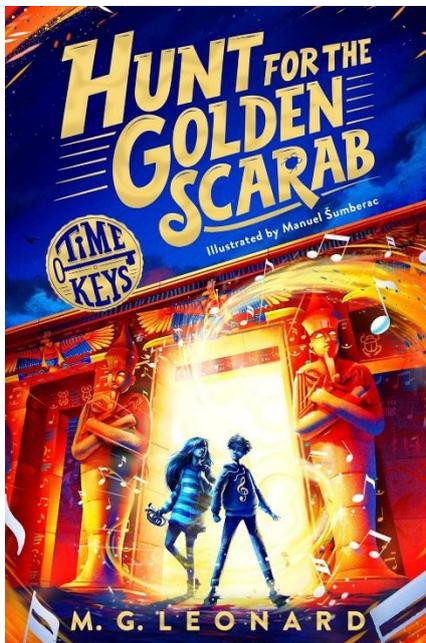
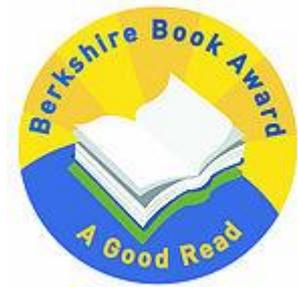


Berkshire Book Award 2026: Longlisted title

The Hunt for the Golden Scarab by M.G. Leonard



Sim and his mum never live anywhere long. When dangerous strangers appear one night, Sim discovers why. His mum has been keeping secrets: she has the power to open doors in time.

Running for their lives, Sim and his friends are determined to outwit the sinister Council of Keys and be the first to find Nefertiti's lost tomb and a powerful door to Ancient Egypt. They must piece together long-hidden clues if they are to solve the mystery of her golden heart scarab. Can they find it before the Council finds them?

Discussion Questions

- This story has lots of hidden secrets. How do you think the characters feel when they find out about them?
- What do you think about the way time travel is controlled in this story? What could be the benefits and the dangers?
- How does the author use different locations in this story to create a feeling of tension and suspense?
- If you could open a door to a different time, where would you go and why?