Bones In The Badlands: Time Spies, Book 2 (Bk. 2)
When Alex, Mattie, and Sophie touch the spyglass, they find themselves hurled back to 1898, where real-life dinosaur cowboy Walter Granger has a job for them. Granger has discovered a secret cache of dinosaur skeletons. But someone’s trying to steal the bones for himself. Can the Time Spies catch the thief before the spyglass sends them home? ‘Candice Ransom’s spare writing style should make history accessible to reluctant readers.” – Vivian Vande Velde, author of A Hidden Magic

Mattie, Alex, and Sophie - along with a stuffed elephant named Ellsworth - are itching with anticipation of their next adventure. Since returning from their first trip to the year 1781, the three siblings have had nothing to do but nose into the business of the various travelers who have stayed at their new home, which doubles as a country bed-and-breakfast known as the Gray Horse Inn, and, basically, be bored. Even their father can’t cheer them up with trips to local museums, because anyplace that doesn’t allow you to touch the merchandise - even if said merchandise is actually antiques - is mind-numbingly dull. All the trio truly want is for another Travel Guide to arrive at the Gray Horse Inn, and give them the clues to their next adventure. Luckily, they don’t have to wait
much longer. A woman by the name of Ms. Van Hoven arrives one night, fitting the description of a Travel Guide. Ms. Van Hoven is a scientist, a paleontologist, to be exact, and spends her days digging up and investigating bones, and other fossils that appear over the years. Mattie, Alex, and Sophie just know that a new adventure is mere moments away, and before they can finish breakfast, they’ve grabbed ahold of the antique brass spyglass in the secret tower room, and been yanked out of present day America, and thrown into Wyoming, in the year 1898, where Walter Granger, a true dinosaur cowboy, quickly enlists their help in discovering more dinosaur skeletons. Walter is convinced that the children are orphans who lost their way, and makes a pact with them to keep them by his side, until the end of the week, when they’ll be picked up by the orphanage. Mattie, Alex, and Sophie know that they probably won’t be around that long, but agree to Walter’s terms, and begin helping him in his work.

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