

Laughing Wolf by Nicholas Maes

The year is 2213 and Felix Taylor is 15 years old. He is a typical teenager except for one thing. He speaks Latin. There are only two people in the world who speak Latin, Felix and his dad. His dad is an historian who looks after historical documents called books. His love of history is contagious. Felix respects and loves his dad so much that he has gone along with learning Latin, a dead language that he knows he will never have a use for. Felix's world is one of peace and harmony. Technology has defeated war, famine, crime, and poverty. Felix lives an idyllic life until people start getting sick and this announcement is made:

Read page 34 – “Felix recognized Sajet... to than he'd imagined.”

A mysterious plague has broken out. The scientists are baffled. If a cure can't be found, human life will end. Felix's father dies of the plague. His mother is on a space mission. When supplies run out she too will have to return to earth and she too will be in danger of dying. Then it is discovered that this plague existed on earth back in Roman times. The cure was found in a flower called Laughing Wolf. Unfortunately this flower has been extinct for two thousand years.

The Federation has a plan. They have been working on an experimental time machine. Since Felix can speak Latin they decide to send him back to Roman times so he can locate the flower and bring it back to the future. They decide to send a girl named Carolyn along with him. She will pretend to be his sister, but her real reason for going is she is an expert in martial arts.

Felix and Carolyn make it to 71BC, but unfortunately things do not go as planned. They make an enemy of a very powerful leader and are in great danger as they look for the elusive flower

Read page 182 – “His eyes roamed the countryside... to “with some hesitation.”

Read page 186 “We've been spotted... to “high ground”

Will Felix be able to find the flower in time to save humanity?

For a glimpse into the future and for an adventure in the past read Laughing Wolf by Nicholas Maes.