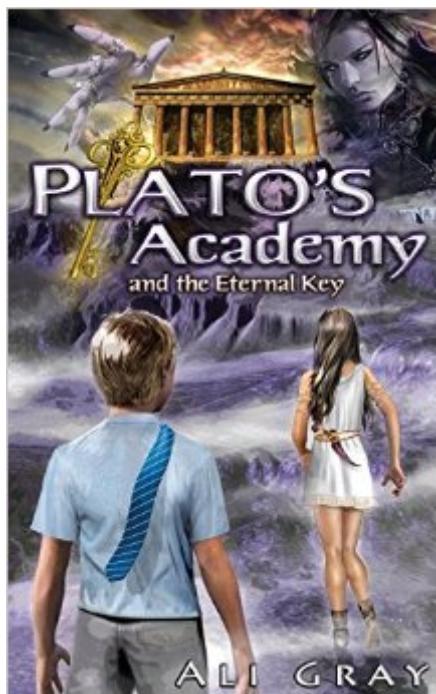


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# Plato's Academy And The Eternal Key (The Eternal Key Series) (Volume 1)



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After the death of his grandfather, Charlie knows what it feels like to be lost and alone. Or does he? A puzzling letter leads Charlie down a shadowy staircase to the depths of the museum. Before Charlie knows it, he is whisked through time, transported to Ancient Greece. And nothing in this strange world is familiar. Passing the Oracle's bizarre tests is Charlie's only chance to return home but can he untangle Plato's ideas and stay alive? A stunning and unforgettable time travel adventure story that introduces the philosopher, Plato, to children aged 9+. 'Plato's Academy and the Eternal Key' presents Plato's most famous writings including the Myth of the Cave, the Ideal City and the Elements in a unique way for children. The story carries Plato's overarching beliefs in the immortality of the soul and the existence of an Eternal World. A truly amazing novel for anyone looking for an exciting introduction to Plato and his ideas!

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Many people write to me seeking a review of a book or product, but few target my interests so well as did an Australian writer, Ali Gray, with her new first book, "Plato's Academy and the Eternal Key." Gray's book is ambitious and unusual in that it has the goal of introducing children between 9 and 12 years old to philosophy and to Plato in an appealing, interesting way. Gray herself has an inspiring background. A retired banker, Gray first came to philosophy while studying for an MBA and had the beautifully creative idea of increasing awareness of philosophical questions among young people. Her short novel about Plato is the result."Plato's Academy" is a mix of philosophy and

fantasy. The main character is Charlie, 11, who is saddened by the death of his grandfather, Ted, who had worked for the British Museum translating ancient texts. On his deathbed, Ted wrote Charlie a note asking him to return a manuscript to a secret library he had shared with his grandson. When Charlie does so, he finds himself transported back in time to Ancient Athens and to Plato's Academy. He needs to find a key to the library to return home to London and to the 21st century. In the course of his adventure, Charlie meets Plato's older brother Glaucon and Plato himself who teaches the young boy about the three parts of the soul and about the Eternal World. Plato sends Charlie to meet the Delphic Oracle accompanied by his prize pupil, a young woman and warrior named Adonia, to find the key that will allow him to return home. The Oracle and her pet feline are fierce and hostile and give Charlie and Adonia three dangerous and difficult tests based on understanding Plato's teachings that they must pass before Charlie receives the key to go home.

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