

## First Read: The Hero Schliemann: The Dreamer Who Dug for Troy

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### Introduction

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Author Laura Amy Schlitz's engaging book tells the story of German businessman and archaeologist Heinrich Schliemann, who was born to explore. As a boy, Schliemann thrilled over Homer's stories in *The Iliad* and *The Odyssey*, and as a young man in the import trade, he traveled the globe, learning to speak fourteen languages along the way. By age 46, the wealthy Schliemann was ready to fulfill a boyhood dream—finding the lost city of Troy.