

Friends Good Will Booklist

AGES 4-8

How I Became a Pirate

By Melinda Long, David Shannon (illustrator)

Reading level: 4-8

Publisher: Harcourt Children's Books; (September 1, 2003)

ISBN: 0152018484

When Braid Beard's pirate crew invites Jeremy Jacob to join their voyage, he jumps right on board. Buried treasure, sea chanteys, pirate talk--who wouldn't go along? Soon Jeremy Jacob knows all about being a pirate. He throws his food across the table and his manners to the wind. He hollers like thunder and laughs off bedtime. It's the heave-ho, blow-the-man-down, very best time of his life. Until he finds out what pirates *don't* do--no reading bedtime stories, no tucking kids in. . . . Maybe being a pirate isn't so great after all. Caldecott Honor-winning illustrator David Shannon teams up with witty storyteller Melinda Long for a hilarious look at the finer points of pirate life.

Sailing Home: A Story of a Childhood at Sea

By Gloria Rand, Ted Rand (illustrator)

Reading level: 4-8

Publisher: North South Books; (September 2001)

ISBN: 0735815399

With emotional range and plenty of historical detail, this picture book follows four children who grow up sailing the oceans on the *John Ena*, a four-masted cargo ship for which their father is captain. Games of tag on the deck; swings tied to the masts; a floating farmyard filled with chickens and ducks and even a pig; exotic pets, including a mongoose, a monkey, a kangaroo; studying astronomy and celestial navigation under the stars and geography with firsthand visits all over the world. This was the childhood of the four Madsen children who made their home aboard a four-masted sailing bark that carried cargo between 1896 and 1910. Based on the real-life journal kept by Captain Madsen and his daughter Ena, the story of this seafaring family is brought to life for modern children by Gloria and Ted Rand. Culminating in a dramatic Christmas Eve storm at sea, this is at once a rousing adventure and an intriguing look at a unique lifestyle that will fascinate young and old alike.

Sheep on a Ship

By Nancy E. Shaw, Margot Apple (illustrator)

Reading level: 4-8

Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Co; Reprint edition (October 26, 1992)

ISBN: 0395643767

The rhyming misadventures of a group of zany sheep on a pirate ship. The sheep are depicted as pirates, lulled to sleep on a calm green sea, but are awakened as "Dark clouds form / a sudden storm." The boat pitches as "Winds whip. / Sails rip. / Sheep can't sail / their sagging ship." Sheep abandon ship for a raft, dragging their treasure chest along, and drift until "Land ho! / Not far to go." When the dripping sheep finally reach the dock they are "glad to end their trip." The spare text is easily mastered by the beginning reader, while adults reading this aloud will appreciate the tongue-twisters and rollicking rhymes. Apple's softly shaded colored pencil drawings add just the right touch of whimsy. Readers will hear the call of the sea, and wish for another adventure.

Spirit of the Endurance: The True Story of the Shackleton Expedition to the Antarctic

By Jennifer Armstrong (author), William Maughan (illustrator)

Reading level: Ages 4-8

Publisher: Crown Books for Young Readers; (September 12, 2000)

ISBN: 0517800918

In August 1914, Sir Ernest Shackleton set out from England in an attempt to lead the first expedition across the Antarctic continent. What followed was one of the most extraordinary survival stories in history: a ship trapped and then wrecked by ice; an expedition marooned, first on the constantly shifting Antarctic ice pack, then on a remote uninhabited island; a daring open boat journey across the world's most violent ocean; a trek over unmapped mountains; and finally, an amazing rescue. Although he failed in his original objective, Shackleton is remembered for his leadership, for his courage, and- against overwhelming odds- for bringing home every one of his men alive.

This account of the *Endurance* expedition by award-winning author Jennifer Armstrong is illustrated with photographs from the expedition archive and original paintings by William Maughan. Together they create a spellbinding introduction to an incredible true adventure story.

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A Journey to the New World: The Diary of Remember Patience Whipple, Mayflower 1620 (Dear America Series)

By K Lasky

Reading level: 9-12

Publisher: Scholastic; (September 1, 1996)

ISBN: 059050214X

In this entry in the *Dear America Series*, subtitled "The Diary of Remember Patience Whipple," Lasky demonstrates how vigorous historical fiction can enliven the facts found in most textbooks. The Pilgrims, as they came to be known, traveled in a small cargo ship, the Mayflower, for 65 days of bad food, unfit drinking water, vicious storms, and sheer boredom on a leaky old vessel that had never been intended for human cargo and lacked even the most basic amenities. Mem, one of the 34 children among the 102 people on board, tells the story in diary entries. Almost as bad as the journey was what the travelers found when it was over. Mem's story is one of incredible courage in the face of almost insurmountable obstacles, but it is also a story of real people with all their foibles, who refuse to give up no matter what happens. In the course of these inspiring events, Mem herself almost gives up, but a sense of humor and her hopes for the future carry her through the worst of them. Memorable.

Eyewitness: Boat

by Eric Kentley, James Stevenson (Illustrator), Tina Chambers (Illustrator), Jim Stevenson (Photographer)

Reading level: 9-12

Publisher: DK Publishing; 1st edition (June 1, 2000)

ISBN: 078945758X

This superb collection of specially commissioned photographs tells the fascinating story of how and why boats, rafts, and ships have changed over the years. See how a plank boat is constructed, and look at sails from around the world, from the elegant junks and dhows of Asia to the many-masted clippers that sailed the seven seas during the 19th century. Learn why the Titanic was thought to be "unsinkable," and how it feels to be standing on the bridge of a modern fire ship. From fishermen on kayaks, to soldiers on galleys, cargo on steamships to sailors on yachts, this book will show you the importance and perils of a life at sea. Boat is a compelling and informative guide to the history and development of boats and ships worldwide.

Eyewitness: Pirate

by Richard Platt, Tina Chambers (Photographer)

Reading level: 9-12

Publisher: DK Publishing; 1st edition (June 1, 2000)

ISBN: 0789460246

Discover the world of pirates -- from the cruel corsairs of the Mediterranean to the bloodthirsty buccaneers of the Spanish Main. Here is a spectacular and informative guide to the dangerous and adventurous life of piracy, privateering, and buccaneering. Superb, full color photographs of weapons, ships, flags, maps, and treasure offer a unique and revealing "eyewitness" view of pirate life on the high seas. See a pirate's cutlass and pistols, a letter of marque -- the pirate's license, a hoard of pirate treasure, a real pirate costume and the many different kinds

of Jolly Roger. Learn how pirates attacked a Spanish treasure ship, why European kings and queens encouraged piracy, which Caribbean islands were pirate hideouts, what pirate ate at sea and why women pirates disguised themselves as men. Discover what kinds of ship the pirates sailed in, how governments tried to stamp out piracy and why skillful navigation was so important to pirates, and much, much more!

Eyewitness: Weather

by Brian Cosgrove, Karl Shone (Photographer), Keith Percival (Photographer)

Reading level: Ages 9-12

Publisher: DK Publishing; 1st edition (June 1, 2000)

ISBN: 0789457822

Here is a spectacular and informative guide to the skies above us. Superb color photographs of the sky in all kinds of weather conditions, together with specially built 3-D models, offer a unique and revealing view of weather, from calm summer days to the bitter storms of winter. See the biggest hailstone, inside the eye of a hurricane, a warm front in 3-D, the beauty of a snow crystal, a moon dog, and a dust devil. Learn the difference between a stratus and cumulonimbus cloud, how our weather may change in the future, and why tornadoes are so ferocious. Discover why deserts are dry, how clouds are born, what makes raindrops grow, how to make your own forecast, why the sky is blue, and much, much more.

Good-bye for Today: The Diary of a Young Girl at Sea

By Connie Roop (Author), Peter Roop (Author), Thomas Allen (Illustrator)

Reading level: Ages 9-12

Publisher: Atheneum; (May 1, 2000)

ISBN: 0689822227

Laura doesn't want to keep a journal, but her mother says she must. After all, writing about the day-to-day life aboard her father's ship, the *Monticello*, will preserve her memories of a most interesting and at times terrifying, experience. The *Monticello* is a whaling ship, and Laura's father has decided to bring Laura, her mother, and her little brother, William, along on this voyage, for as soon as they fill the ship's hold with whale oil in the Arctic they shall return to their home in New Bedford -- a home that Laura, who was born in the Sandwich Islands, has never seen. But the long trip to the Arctic is a perilous one indeed. There are terrible storms, increasing cold, the thrill (and pity) of the whale hunt, the loss of crew members, and most of all the threat of ice, which can surround a ship and squeeze it into splinters. Based on real journals from children who lived aboard nineteenth-century whaling ships, Peter and Connie Roop's story introduces young readers to one plucky girl and her family's unusual but fascinating lifestyle.

Oars, Sails, and Steam: A Picture Book of Ships

By Edwin Tunis

Reading level: 9-12

Publisher: Johns Hopkins Univ Pr; (September 2002)

ISBN: 0801869323

The evolution of shipbuilding reflects the growth of civilization, and in *Oars, Sails and Steam*, Edwin Tunis has produced a beautifully illustrated and skillfully written history of water transport from the dugout to the aircraft carrier. He presents the most interesting and important types of boats and ships in chronological order, revealing each advance that made navigation easier, faster, and more efficient. Every page in this delightful book becomes a new adventure in the story of humanity's progress on traveling across the seas.

Ship

by David Macaulay (Author)

Reading level: 9-12

Publisher: Houghton Mifflin/Walter Lorraine Books; Reprint edition (September 25, 1995)

ISBN: 0395745187

In *Ship*, the present day becomes a portal to the past--first recounting a diving expedition that leads to the discovery of *Magdalena*, a fictitious 15th-century wooden ship embedded in a treacherous reef near the Bahamas. Overcoming obstacles from pirate treasure hunters to government bureaucracy, the excavation team manages to piece together the intriguing but ultimately tragic story behind the 400-year-old caravel. Finally, the

team hits pay dirt when the ship owner's 1504 diary is miraculously discovered in an archive library in Spain's Seville. At this point the narrative switches into the past, allowing the reader to witness the building of the ship through the voice of the ship's owner--and experience the heart-wrenching escalation of the owner's hopes and dreams. Readers will appreciate the diverse artistic styles displayed throughout the book, from murky underwater images to highly detailed architectural drawings, sepia-toned journal entries to impressionistic watercolors. Simultaneously, the author eloquently portrays the many voices of this human drama, especially that of the ill-fated ship owner.

Stowaway

By Karen Hesse, Robert Andrew Parker (Illustrator)

Reading level: Ages 9-12

Publisher: Bt Bound; (August 2002)

ISBN: 0613451104

A Junior Library Guild Selection

In the summer of 1768, an 11-year-old butcher's apprentice named Nicholas Young climbed aboard a ship, hid himself from captain and crew, and waited to be carried away from the life he hated in London. Nick didn't know it, but the ship he chose- *HMS Endeavour*- was bound for an astonishing adventure. Captained by James Cook, *Endeavour* was on a secret mission to discover an unknown continent at the bottom of the globe. During his 3 year voyage, Nick encountered hardship and was awed by new discoveries; he weathered danger and proved himself brave when danger struck; he earned the respect and trust of the gentlemen on board; he made a friend for life. And he made history.

An 11-year-old boy really did stowaway on Cook's *Endeavour*. Based on exhaustive historical research and illustrated with evocative drawings by Robert Andrew parker, *Stowaway* is Newbery winner Karen Hesse's extraordinary fictional account of the real Nicholas's journey.

The Voyage of Patience Goodspeed

By Heather Vogel Frederick

Reading level: Ages 9-12

Publisher: Aladdin Library; (April 1, 2004)

ISBN: 0689848692

October 1835. Precocious patience Goodspeed, almost 13-years-old, departs Nantucket aboard her father's whaling ship. Between kitchen duty and whale blubber stench, this voyage is far from a pleasure cruise. At least Papa let's Patience assist the ship's navigator since she's so good at calculations. But the smooth sailing doesn't last long. When suspicious mates maroon most of the crew including Patience's father and brother, to a deserted island, Patience is faced with a problem maybe even she can't solve: Can she rescue everyone before it's too late.

YOUNG ADULT

The Brave Mousse, Deck Boy: Voyages on the Tall Ship Putnick

by Georges E. Chalonec

Reading level: YA

Publisher: Virtualbookworm.com Publishing; (May 2003)

ISBN: 1589394003

The Brave Mousse, Deck Boy captures some of the many voyages of the tall ship *Putnick*. The story is told by the ship's former mousse, a young man all of thirteen years old. Climb aboard as the *Putnick* fishes in the North Sea and unexpectedly catches an ocean mine. Traverse the stormy North Atlantic through fogs and icebergs without the benefit of radar, as the *Putnick* narrowly avoids the same fate as the Titanic. Help the crew haul a 200-pound pig aboard using a fishing setup. Watch as the mousse comes of age by enduring heartbreak and loss, including the death and burial of a naval officer at sea. "The Brave Mousse, Deck Boy" is a thrilling and touching adventure that will leave you captivated.

The Dark Frigate

By Charles Boardman Hawes

Reading level: YA

Publisher: Little Brown & Company; Reprint edition (October 1, 1996)

ISBN: 0316350095

In seventeenth century England, a terrible accident forces orphaned Philip Marham to flee London in fear for his life. Bred to the sea, he signs on with the "Rose of Devon," a dark frigate bound for the quiet shores of Newfoundland. Philip's bold spirit and knowledge of the sea soon win him his captain's regard. But when the "Rose of Devon" is seized in mid-ocean by a devious group of men plucked from a floating wreck, Philip is forced to accompany these "gentlemen of fortune" on their murderous expeditions. Like it or not, Philip Marham is now a pirate--with only the hangman awaiting his return to England. With its bloody battles, brutal buccaneers, and bold, spirited hero, this rousing tale will enthrall young listeners in search of seafaring adventure.

ALL AGES

The Tall Ship in Art: Roy Cross, Derek Gardner, John Groves, Geoff Hunt, Mark Myers

by Derek Gardner (Illustrator), John Groves, Geoff Hunt, Mark Myers, Roy Cross (Illustrator)

Reading level: all ages

Publisher: Blandford Press; (August 1998)

ASIN: 0713726946

Over 100 paintings in oil, watercolor, and pastel show a passion for accuracy and an obvious love for the subject of this subject. The tall ships portrayed so gloriously- ice clippers, racing schooners, Atlantic packets, and many more, from all the oceans of the world- recall the beauty, sometimes the hardship, of sail and sea, now all but lost. The artist's notes on the ships and their paintings add a further dimension to this remarkable book.

Treasure Island

By Robert Louis Stevenson

Reading level: all ages

Publisher: Gramercy; (September 1, 1998)

ISBN: 0517189631

Embark on a swashbuckling adventure with Robert Louis Stevenson's classic 'Treasure Island.' One of the most lively seafaring stories of all time, this pirate tale follows the adventures of Jim Hawkins and his crew who set sail for Treasure Island to find the lost loot of Captain Flint and do battle with dastardly rogues and villains, including the notorious Long John Silver. Enchanting for readers of all ages.



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