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*Treasure Island (The Classic Collection) [Robert Louis Stevenson, Michael Page] on www.nxgvision.com \*FREE\* shipping on qualifying offers. The narrator of this timeless adventure story is the lad, Jim Hawkins, whose mother keeps the Admiral Benbow.*

This section does not cite any sources. Please help improve this section by adding citations to reliable sources. Unsourced material may be challenged and removed. April Learn how and when to remove this template message Stevenson conceived the idea of *Treasure Island* originally titled, *The Sea Cook: A Story for Boys* from a map of an imaginary, romantic island idly drawn by Stevenson and his stepson Lloyd Osbourne on a rainy day in Braemar, Scotland. Stevenson had just returned from his first stay in America, with memories of poverty, illness, and adventure including his recent marriage, and a warm reconciliation between his parents had been established. Stevenson himself said in designing the idea of the story that, "It was to be a story for boys; no need of psychology or fine writing; and I had a boy at hand to be a touchstone. Two general types of sea novels were popular during the 19th century: A century later, novels such as *S. During the same period, Anthony M.* Specifically, however, Stevenson consciously borrowed material from previous authors. In a July letter to Anthony M. Eventually, the entire novel ran in 17 weekly installments from 1 October, through 28 January

Main characters[ edit ] This section may contain an excessive amount of intricate detail that may interest only a particular audience. September Learn how and when to remove this template message

Jim Hawkins: The first-person point of view, of almost the entire novel. Jim is the son of an innkeeper near Bristol, England, and is probably in his mid teens. He is eager and enthusiastic to go to sea and hunt for treasure. He is a modest narrator, never boasting of the remarkable courage and heroism he consistently displays. Jim is often impulsive and impetuous, but he exhibits increasing sensitivity and wisdom. The local doctor and magistrate. Livesey is wise and practical, and Jim respects but is not inspired by him. Some years previously, he had been in the British Army which fought and lost the Battle of Fontenoy. He is fair-minded, magnanimously agreeing to treat the pirates with just as much care as his own wounded men. As his name suggests, Livesey represents the steady, modest virtues of everyday life rather than fantasy, dream, or adventure. The cook on the voyage to *Treasure Island*. Silver is the secret ringleader of the pirate band. His physical and emotional strength are impressive. Silver is deceitful and disloyal, greedy and visceral, and does not care about human relations. Yet he is always kind toward Jim and genuinely fond of the boy. Silver is a powerful mixture of charisma and self-destructiveness, individualism and recklessness. The captain of the voyage to *Treasure Island*. Captain Smollett is savvy and is rightly suspicious of the crew Trelawney has hired. Smollett is a real professional, taking his job seriously and displaying significant skill as a negotiator. A local wealthy landowner; his name suggests he has Cornish origins a traditional Cornish rhyme states "By Tre, Pol and Pen, Ye shall know all Cornishmen". Trelawney arranges the voyage to the island to find the treasure. Trelawney is excessively trustful as the ease with which the pirates trick him into hiring them as his crew demonstrates. He hires Jim to be on the lookout for a one-legged man, thus involving the young Jim in the pirate life. His illness and his fondness for rum symbolize the weak and self-destructive aspects of the pirate lifestyle. He dies of a stroke as a result of drinking too much rum. Minor characters[ edit ] Pew: Despite his blindness, he proves to be a dangerous fighter and can even be considered a ringleader amongst his fellow crewmen. He is the second messenger to approach Billy Bones and the one to deliver the Black Spot. He is trampled to death by the horses of revenue officers riding to assist Jim and his mother after the raid on their inn. Stevenson avoided predictability by making the two most fearsome characters a blind man and an amputee. A sailor who does not mutiny. He is killed by the mutineers for his loyalty and his dying scream is heard across the island. His body is lined up by Flint as a compass marker to the cache. He participates in the storming of the blockhouse and is killed by Gray while attacking Jim. Along with Hands and Merry, he tipped a Black Spot on Silver and forced Silver to start the mutiny before the treasure was found. The first mate of the *Hispaniola*. He is an alcoholic and is useless as a first mate. He disappears before they get to the island and his position is filled by Job Anderson. Silver had secretly given Mr. Arrow alcohol and he fell drunkenly

overboard on a stormy night. Two fingers are missing from his left hand. Chief revenue officer titled: Supervisor who ascends with his men upon the Admiral Benbow, driving out the pirates, and saving Jim Hawkins and his mother. He then takes Hawkins to see the squire and the doctor. John Flint, the fictional pirate Captain of the Walrus. After robbing and looting towns and ships among the Spanish Main, in August, he took six of his own crew onto Treasure Island. After building a stockade and burying the bulk of his looted treasure, he killed all six men. In July, he died at Savannah, Georgia, of Cyanosis, caused by drinking too much rum. While dying, he gives his treasure map to Billy Bones. Several members of his crew figure in the story. He later escapes the island together with Jim Hawkins, Dr. He spends his part of the treasure on his education, marries, and becomes part owner of a full-rigged ship. Helps Jim by giving him the location of his homemade boat and kills two of the mutineers. Livesey gives him what he most craves cheese, Gunn reveals that he has found the treasure. He is killed on the Hispaniola by Jim Hawkins when he tries to murder him. The parents of Jim Hawkins. Hawkins dies shortly after the beginning of the story. The other manservant of Squire Trelawney. He also accompanies him to the island but is later knocked unconscious at an attack on the stockade. He dies of his injuries while unconscious. A mutineer who is injured while trying to storm the blockhouse. He is later shown with a bandaged head and ends up being killed at the rifled treasure cache. The youngest of the mutineers, who has a Bible. The pirates use one of its pages to make a Black Spot for Silver, only to have him predict bad luck on Dick for sacrilege. Soon becoming mortally ill with malaria, Dick ends up being marooned on the island after the deaths of George Merry and John. One of the manservants of Squire Trelawney, he accompanies him to the island. He is shot through the head and killed by a mutineer during an attack on the stockade. He launches the mutiny prematurely, forcing Long John to flee to the island with Jim as an improvised hostage. With Anderson and Hands, he forces Silver to attack the blockhouse instead of waiting for the treasure to be found. Later killed at the empty cache just as he is about to kill both Silver and Hawkins. He ends up marooned on the island with Dick and one other mutineer. A mutineer who survives the attack on the boathouse and escapes. He is later killed by Israel Hands in a drunken fight on the Hispaniola. The gamekeeper of Squire Trelawney, he accompanies the Squire to the island but is shot and killed by the mutineers during an attack on the stockade. An honest sailor who is killed by Silver for refusing to join the mutiny. Among other minor characters whose names are not revealed are the four pirates who were killed in an attack on the stockade along with Job Anderson; the pirate killed by the honest men minus Jim Hawkins before the attack on the stockade; the pirate shot by Squire Trelawney when aiming at Israel Hands, who later died of his injuries; and the pirate marooned on the island along with Tom Morgan and Dick. Timeframe[ edit ] Stevenson deliberately leaves the exact date of the novel obscure, Hawkins writing that he takes up his pen "in the year of grace 17". Other dates mentioned include, the date Dr. This section needs additional citations for verification. Please help improve this article by adding citations to reliable sources. May Learn how and when to remove this template message Real pirates and piracies[ edit ] Five real-life pirates mentioned are William Kidd active 1699, Blackbeard 1718, Edward England 1720, Howell Davis 1719, and Bartholomew Roberts 1717 Kidd buried treasure on Gardiners Island, though the booty was recovered by authorities soon afterwards. Supposedly, he later became a beggar in England. Silver refers to "three hundred and fifty thousand" pieces of eight at the "fishing up of the wrecked plate ships".

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A wild seaman, Billy Bones, comes to stay, bringing with him a large sea chest. He frightens the locals by getting raucously drunk and singing the sea chanty: One day, the pirate Black Dog comes to the inn and fights with Bones. Wounded, Black Dog retreats and Bones collapses. While the house is in mourning, a frightening and evil pirate Blind Pew, delivers the Black Spot to Bones. The Black Spot, a summons which tells Bones he has until 10PM to tell the pirates where the treasure is, shocks Bones so badly that he dies of apoplexy. Terrified that the pirates will descend at any moment, Jim tells his mother everything. They seek assistance from their neighbours who are too frightened to do any more than send for the revenue officers. Jim finds a packet of documents and takes it. He and his mother hide and watch the pirates ransack the inn. At last, the pirates are chased away by revenue officers on horseback, who accidentally trample Pew to death. Jim asks the officers to take him to Dr Livesey, who is visiting Squire Trelawney. Thrilled by the possibility of adventure and buried gold, the Squire commissions a ship, the Hispaniola. Jim bids farewell to his mother and arrives in Bristol, where the ship is docked. The Squire has meanwhile hired a cook for the voyage, Long John Silver, who has chosen most of the rest of the crew. Silver is a charming but morally ambiguous character who switches allegiance whenever it suits him. Jim carries a message to Silver, only to find that Black Dog is also in the same tavern! Just before the journey begins, the upright and serious Captain Smollett warns the Squire and Livesey that he does not trust the crew. They all know it is a treasure-seeking voyage, although this is meant to be a secret. During most of the voyage, his fears seem unfounded and the crew seems to be happy and efficient. One day, however, Jim overhears Silver convincing a man to turn traitor: Jim sneaks ashore and hears in the distance one of the honest men being slain at the hands of the pirates. He also sees Silver murder a man who he was unable to convince to join his mutiny. Terrified that he will be next, Jim runs into the woods. Gunn reveals that Flint had buried the treasure on the island with the help of six men, whom he had then killed. Gunn had returned to the island with a group of others three years before. Gunn, who is affable but slightly mad from his long solitude, has sought the treasure ever since. He now offers to help Jim and his friends if they will give him a passage off the island. Jim returns with his news about Gunn and finds a battle has already depleted their numbers. Surprisingly, Silver offers a truce but the Captain refuses. Another battle leaves more dead and the Captain wounded. He steers the boat to the Hispaniola, where he cuts the anchor cables. Hands promises he will help Jim sail the ship safely to shore if Jim will bind his wound and bring him some drink. Jim complies, but then sees he is not as badly wounded as he claims and that he has a knife. Once they sail to shore, Hands attacks. Jim escapes by climbing the rigging. Jim shoots and Hands falls to the water and dies. Jim now returns to shore. However, the pirates only agree when Silver reveals he has the treasure map! Livesey comes to treat the wounded pirates despite their enmity Livesey believes in his duty as a doctor. Jim tells him where the ship is, and tells him that Silver saved his life. Outnumbered, Livesey is powerless to help Jim and Jim has also promised Silver not to try to escape. Shortly afterwards, the pirates set off to find the treasure with Jim in tow. They come across the skeleton of one of the six pirates Flint killed, whose arms have been arranged to point in the direction of the treasure. Silver urges them to put their superstitions aside. When they come to the place where the treasure is supposed to be buried, however, they find it is gone. Enraged, the pirates turn on Silver. He is saved when Livesey, Ben Gunn and another honest hand, Alasdair Gray, emerge from the trees, firing at the pirates. Jim learns that Ben had found the treasure after all, and hidden it in a cave. Knowing this, Livesey had given Silver the map so the pirates would be distracted. Silver, who now firmly allies himself with Jim and the others, helps to load the ship with the treasure and they sail away, marooning the three remaining pirates. During a stop in a South American port, Silver escapes, taking with him one bag of the treasure. Everyone is pleased to be rid of him so easily. Chatto and Windus, Chatto and Windus, , p. This entry was posted in Novels.

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