

# Treasure Island

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Once upon a time, there was a lively boy called Jim Hawkins who looked after his parent's pub after they died at sea. It was hard work but he enjoyed meeting the colourful characters who came in.

One day, as Jim was chatting to his best friend Doctor Libby, an old sailor called Billy Bones burst through the door. He was renting a room above the pub, so Jim and Libby knew him quite well. He said that some pirates had been looking for him, and he was worried that they might have put the 'black spot' on him. That was a pirate curse, which Billy said would mean he was doomed. When he turned round, Jim saw he had a black spot on his back!

Billy realised the pirates had found him. Reaching into a pocket, he drew out a Treasure Map. That's what the pirates were looking for – and Billy decided that since he was doomed anyway, he would give it to Jim. Suddenly the Black Spot seemed to start working and poor Billy staggered off and met a grisly end. In the confusion, Jim and Libby didn't notice a well-dressed sailor come into the pub and sit in the corner.

Jim and Libby were very excited about finding the Treasure, although they weren't sure how to go about finding a boat. The mysterious sailor couldn't help overhearing, and just happened to be in town with her boat and crew at that moment. She'd be happy to take them. They were off on an adventure!

Jim and Libby set sail for the mysterious Skeleton Island, captained by the charismatic Long Jane Silver. As the new adventurers settled to sleep in the cabin below deck, Silver took the chance to sneak in and steal the map.

At the crack of dawn, they arrived at the island. As Jim went to put on his jacket he suddenly realised the map was gone.

Whilst they slept, Silver had used a message in a bottle to contact any pirates to join and help her raid the island for the treasure. She accidentally put the message on the back of the map and in the bottle.

Jim accused Silver of stealing the map from him, and as he did, she realised she is no longer in possession of it and confesses to what she's done and her mistake. They now don't have a map.

They head onto the island only to be faced with a huge pack of werewolves, but are saved by the marooned Ben Gunn showing up with a gun to protect them.

The bottle, with the map inside, had made its way into Ben Gunn's hands, but he kept that secret from them. He wanted to get rid of them, so he can find the treasure for himself, so suggested they go on a horse ride with him. They do, but he led them to quicksand and they start to sink.

Just as they are about to go under, Carrot the Parrot saved them, and pulled them out one by one. They could hear the laughter of Ben Gunn and followed the sound. Just when they thought they'd lost him, they suddenly found a half eaten cheese sandwich and followed its crumbs. They then followed smoke from his house.

When they arrived at the house they found Ben Gunn eating all the cheese and the map laid out on a rock. Carrot flew over and took the map. A chase ensued and the werewolves reappeared and ate Ben Gunn.

Finally, our friends could dig up the treasure! They celebrated with a party to the 'Drunken Sailor' song.