

# 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 they'd manage it. The dandy looking sailor couldn't help overhearing, and just happened to be in town with her boat and crew at that moment. She said she'd be happy to take them. They were off on an adventure!

The adventure soon turned difficult as they quickly ran out of food. Captain Jane decided that she'd have to kill her parrot for them to survive. Before she did the deed, the ship struck an iceberg and the whole crew were plunged into the water! The parrot drowned, as did many of the crew but the ones that survived let out a cry of "Land Ahoy" as their destination came into view. As they were swimming to the island, a beautiful mermaid appeared and gave the parrot the kiss of life.

They reached the island and Jim and Dr Libby went off in search of the treasure. Captain Jane was going to follow them but an old comrade of hers appeared. His name was Ben Gunn and he was, quite simply, bonkers. He spoke gibberish and seemed very drunk. He had been alone on the island for years. He and Captain Jane fought furiously but, after a while, Captain Jane apologised for deserting Ben many years before and they made friends again.

Meanwhile, Jim and Dr Libby had found the treasure. They also met the parrot again, who warned them that Captain Jane and her crew would quickly find them. Jim and Dr Libby panicked. They saw another ship in the bay and decided to ride to it, using the treasure chest as a little boat. They made great speed but Captain Jane and her crew were soon hot on their tails! The baddies were getting closer when loads of sharks appeared and gobbled them all up in a frenzy.

Jim and the rest of his gang made it to the ship. They clambered on board and were greeted, unbelievably, by Jim's Mum & Dad, who had been lost on the boat for many years and had no idea how to contact their son. They were all overwhelmed with joy and cried many happy tears. His Uncle Jack Sparrow was there too and he soon got the party started. They all danced, sang, hugged and lived, together again, Happily Ever After.....