

Fort Collins Regional Library District
Avast Ye Swabs-Strike the Skull and Crossbones! Pirates in Fact and Fiction

Fleischman. **Giant Rat of Sumatra; Or Pirates Galore.** A cabin boy on a pirate ship finds himself in San Diego in 1846 as war breaks out between the United States and Mexico.

Hart. **Treasure of Savage Island.** After Rafe, a runaway slave, stows away on a ship that wrecks off an island near the Eastern Shore, he is helped by 13-year-old Molly. The two of them share an adventure involving pirates, spies, and a lost treasure.

Lawlor. **Dead Reckoning: A Pirate Voyage with Captain Drake.** At 15, Emmet Drake is essentially shanghaied by his elder cousin, Francis Drake, to serve as page aboard the Pelican, later renamed the Golden Hind. The expedition, billed as a trading trip, stretches into more than a year of wretched deprivation, piracy, and violent clashes with New World peoples as the unscrupulous, ambitious Francis pushes forward to achieve his goal of girdling the globe.

Lawrence. **Buccaneers.** In the eighteenth century 16-year-old John Spencer sails from England in his schooner, the Dragon, to the Caribbean, where he and the crew encounter pirates, fierce storms, fever, and a strange man who some fear may be cursed.

Lee. **Piratica: Being a Daring Tale of a Singular Girl's Adventure.** A bump on the head restores Art's memories of her mother and the exciting life they led, so the 16-year-old leaves the Angels Academy for Young Maidens, seeks out the pirates who were her family before her mother's death, and leads them back to adventure on the high seas.

McCaughrean. **Pirate's Son.** This terrific story begins as a deceptively simple tale. 14-year-old Nathan is thrown out of school in 1717 England because his father died without paying his fees. Having studied pirates, Nathan is exultant when his schoolmate Tamo White, son of a pirate and a Madagascar queen, takes Nathan and his little sister, Maud, onto a pirate ship that belongs to one of Tamo's guardians. They sail to Madagascar, where they escape slavery and worse under the guardian's heavy hand.

Meltzer. **Piracy and Plunder: A Murderous Business.** Nonfiction 910.45 This book surveys the history of pirates, why and how they became thieves and killers, the lives they led on sea and on land, the harm they did, and the fates they suffered.

Meyer. **Under the Jolly Roger: Being an Account of the Further Nautical Adventures of Jacky Faber.** In 1804, 15-year-old Jacky Faber heads back to sea where she gains control of a British warship and eventually becomes a privateer.

Poolman. **Speedwell Voyage: a Tale of Piracy and Mutiny in the Eighteenth Century.** Nonfiction 910.41 This tale of adventure on the high seas is completely true. The story is based on the real-life adventures of George Shelvocke, commander of the 22-gun privateer Speedwell that set sail in 1718 to steal treasure from Spanish ships in the South Seas. Filled with pirates, mutinies, sea battles, violent storms, and shipwrecks on exotic islands, the fast-moving narrative offers authentic details of the period and honest characterizations of real individuals.

Rees. **Pirates!: the True and Remarkable Adventures of Minerva Sharpe and Nancy Kington, Female Pirates.** In 1722, after arriving with her brother at the family's Jamaican plantation where she is to be married off, 16-year-old Nancy Kington escapes with her slave friend, Minerva Sharpe, and together they become pirates traveling the world in search of treasure.

Stevenson. **Treasure Island.** Teen Classic. Jim Hawkins has led an ordinary life as an innkeeper's son until the day he inadvertently discovers a treasure map in a trunk belonging to an old sea captain. Jim and his companions decide to follow the map to the coast of South America to find their fortune, but their plans run awry when they discover that the ship's crew is comprised primarily of pirates -- out to claim the treasure as their own!

Thompson. **Terry and the Pirates.** When 16-year-old Terry Talley stows away on a yacht, she doesn't expect to encounter another runaway and end up shipwrecked on a tiny island with a bunch of oddball pirates who are look-ing for some buried treasure.

Torrey. **Voyage of Plunder.** Daniel Markham loved his father's mysterious friends-they visited in the dead of night but were always gone by morning. He never imagined they could be pirates. But when the Markhams' merchant vessel is plundered by a pirate ship and his father shot dead in an act of revenge, Daniel can't deny the truth. And now, orphaned and alone, Daniel is faced with a choice: join the pirate crew or die.

Weatherly. **Women of the Sea: Ten Pirate Stories.** Nonfiction 910.45 The ten women profiled in this book were successful pirates from all over the world. They were not just wives of pirates who backed their men up, but women who led men into

battle and dictated what happened with the plunder. Some women pirates were crueler and more violent than their male counterparts.