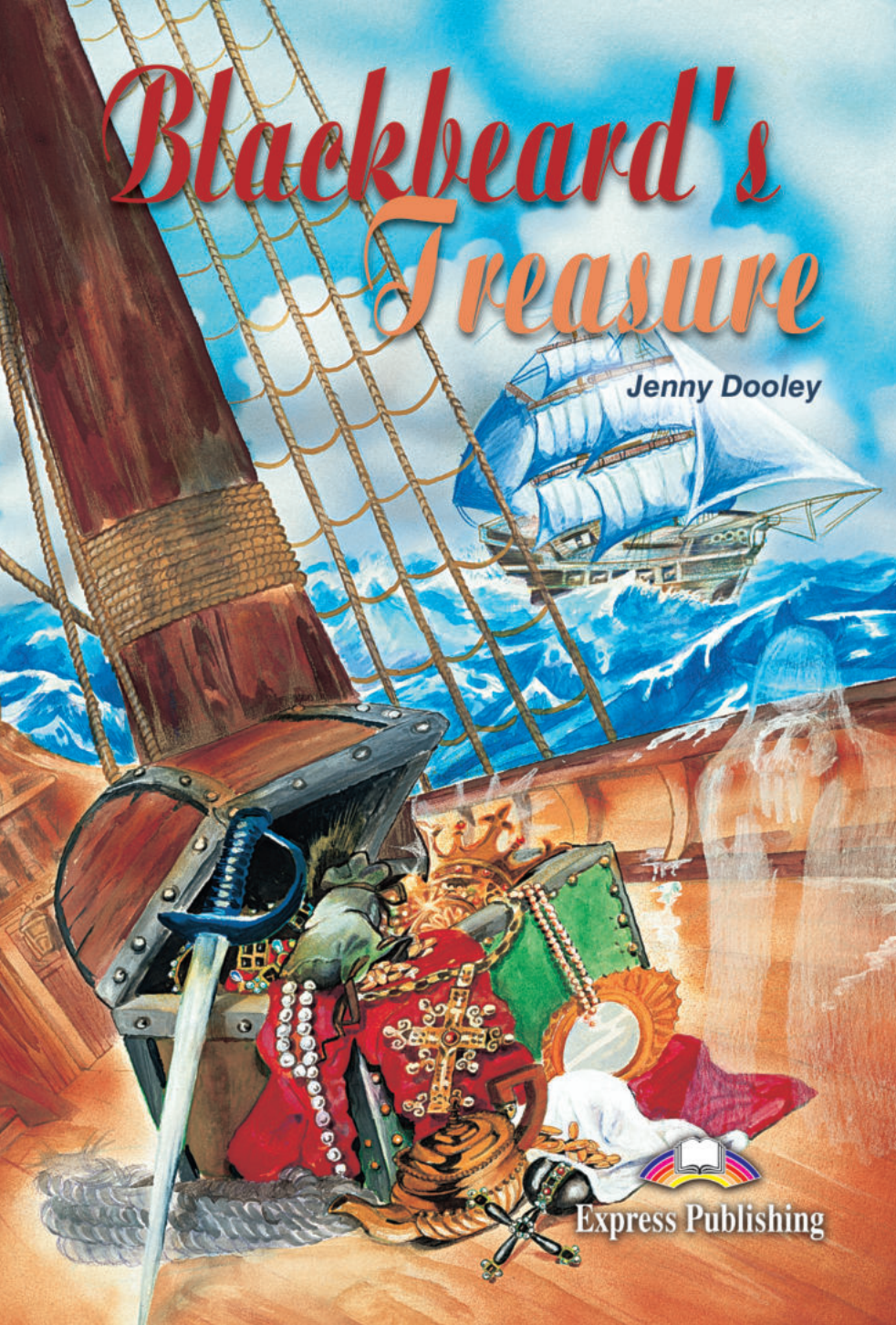


Blackbeard's Treasure

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Blackbeard's True Love

The men on Captain Pike's ship were very different from the British sailors of the *Queen Anne*. They played cards all night, and if they lost, they fought with each other. They were only sailing to the Bermuda Triangle to find Blackbeard's treasure and steal anything else they could. Their ship looked like the *Queen Anne*, except for the flag flying above the sails. It was black, with a white skull and crossbones on it. This was the mark of the pirates.

Some of the men were about to throw a man into the sea for cheating at cards when Captain Pike stopped them.

"What's going on here? Are you trying to kill each other before we find the gold?"

"This one was trying to cheat us at cards. We can't have that, can we?"

"That we can't my friend, but we're waiting for a treasure much bigger than the one you play cards for. Put him in the stocks for a day and let him think about things there."

The stocks were two pieces of wood with three round holes in them. The men placed the prisoner's head and hands in the holes. Then, they lowered the top and they locked him inside. He had to stand up the whole time.

Captain Pike was standing next to his First Mate, Santiago, at the wheel of the ship. Santiago asked him about the danger of finding Blackbeard's Treasure.

“They say no one can take Blackbeard’s treasure. Why do you think you can?”

“I think that Blackbeard and I are the same kind of pirate. He wanted everything, and he knew how to get it. When I see that treasure, when I put my hands on it, there’s nothing that can make me lose it.”

There was a pirate in a small seat above the sails, looking at the ocean through a telescope. This was called the crow’s nest, and he was the first to see Blackbeard’s ship sailing ahead of them. He whistled to the men below:

“Ship, straight ahead!”

Captain Pike put a telescope up to his eye. He saw Blackbeard’s empty ship, then yelled to the man who was steering.

“Go straight for it! This is what we’re looking for!”

Captain Pike and some of his men went aboard the empty ship, but they couldn’t find any treasure. Santiago thought they made a mistake.

“Maybe this isn’t Blackbeard’s ship. It could be a ship lost at sea.”

“There’s only one way to find out.”

Captain Pike went below to Blackbeard’s cabin and Santiago followed him. It was dark and the captain had to light a candle. He walked with the candle to one of the cabin walls where there was a round, old picture of a woman. She was a beautiful dark woman with large, dark round eyes. Her black hair was tied at the back of her head, and she had a gold necklace with a round, green stone around her neck.

“Who is it Captain?”

“It’s a woman who was once the Queen of one of these islands. They say Blackbeard was in love with her. They say





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*...When the men were all looking
at the treasure, something like a black
shadow came to the top of the stairs...
It stayed back in the darkness of the stairs
until the men moved the chest to their boats...
No one could see it but the shadow
was really a ghost that looked like a pirate...
No one could see him, but it was Blackbeard
and the treasure was his to watch...*

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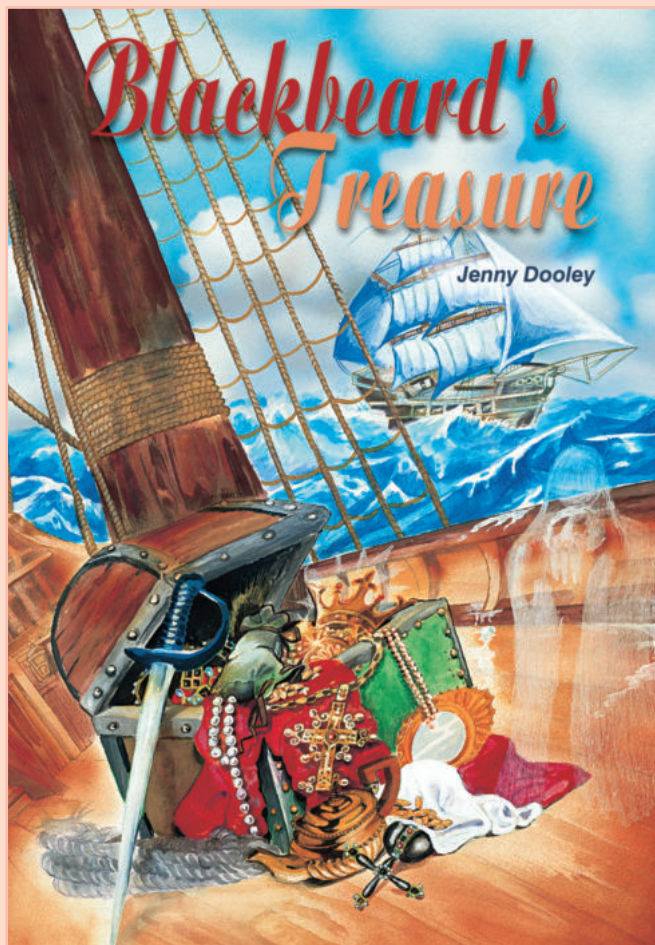


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Activity Book



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The Queen Anne

I. Listening



Listen to the recording and underline the correct word.

- 1 The men of the *Queen Anne* were **dancing** / **waiting** on deck when Captain Scott returned.
- 2 Smith sat on the chest to **tie** / **clean** his shoe.
- 3 Blackbeard knocked Mr Smith's **hat** / **scarf** off.
- 4 Blackbeard's chest was old, **grey** / **clean** and gold.
- 5 Smith put some of the treasure in his **bag** / **pocket**.

II. Comprehension questions

- 1 Why didn't the captain want the men to get too excited?
- 2 What was still on top of the chest?
- 3 Why did the captain think it was better to leave the treasure alone for a while?
- 4 Why did the men need encouragement?
- 5 Why were Smith and the other man going to fight?
- 6 Where did they put Blackbeard's chest?
- 7 What did Smith do?
- 8 What was Blackbeard's reaction?

Chapter 3

III. Topics for discussion

- 1 What do you think Blackbeard did to Mr Smith?
- 2 What do you think happened next between Captain Pike and Captain Scott?
- 3 What do you think the sailors did on long voyages to entertain themselves in Blackbeard's time?
- 4 Have you ever been on a long voyage by ship? Where did you go?

IV. Activity

Imagine you are Captain Scott. Write the rest of the entry in your logbook for the day he found the treasure.

Sunday, 10th December 1712

Our luck may have just changed. One of my men saw a
..... . Myself and
..... . When we got
aboard,
..... . We took the
.....

Captain Scott



Vocabulary Exercises

I. Fill in the gaps with the correct word from the box.

wait duty size sure promise

- 1 It is a policeman's to protect people.
- 2 What shoes do you wear?
- 3 You can go out if you to be back by midnight.
- 4 I had to for an hour at the bus stop.
- 5 Are you you want to come to the cinema with me?

II. Match the words from the box with the words below.

shoe	diamond	duty	trousers
ship	pearl	pocket	telescope
gold	logbook	hat	ruby

- 1 treasure
- 2 captain
- 3 clothes

III. Fill in the gaps with correct form of the words in capitals.

- 1 I was very about going on holiday. **EXCITE**
- 2 The men needed from the captain to fight the pirates. **ENCOURAGE**
- 3 I had a nice looking at the pretty picture on the wall. **FEEL**



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