



Ahoy maties!

Help best-selling author

Debbie Dadey

find treasure in reading!

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Treasure at Trident Academy

Can there really be a pirate treasure close to Trident City? Pearl is determined to find the diamonds, rubies, and pearls. She knows it will be an adventure, but she doesn't know the dangers she will face. Is Pearl willing to risk everything for some jewels? Treasure in Trident City is the 8th book in the Mermaid Tales series.

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Treasure in Triden



Author letter

Dear Reader,

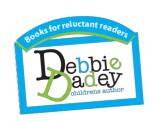
There is something quite exciting

about pirates and pirate treasure. Perhaps there's even some pirate treasure hidden close to where you live! Can you pretend you are on a mission to find that treasure? Close your eyes



and imagine. Perhaps you might even like to write story about it like I did.

Thanks for reading, Debbie Dadey



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Party ideas

Turn your classroom, home, or bookstore into a pirate ship with sails, a treasure chest, a parrot, and pictures from Treasure in Trident City.

Pirate cookies or a treasure chest cake combined with parrot punch make fun treats. Goldfish and shark gummy worms add to the fun.

Kids can select their own pirate names from our list or make up their own. Starting activities could be to make a pirate eye patch, dig for gold, or even have a pirate map scavenger hunt with clues found in a bottle.

Read part of Treasure in Trident City. A hook toss game, pirate make-up and tattoos, and a craft can complete the fun.

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Pirate games and crafts

Take some pirate hooks from a party store, and hang them on a board to make a ring toss game.

Take a wide plank and put it on the floor or elevate it slightly to make a Walk the plank game.

Fill a box or chest with inexpensive 'jewels' and sand. Kids can dig for treasure!

Make a folding pirate hat with newspaper and tape. Make an eye patch.

Make craft stick pirates or paper plate pirates.

Decorate a door knob hanger.

Make pirate hooks with paper cups and foil.

Use paint to make a 'hand' pirate.

For details or directions, check out the next pages or http://www.pinterest.com/debbiedadey/pirate-readingparty/ ©DebbieDadey 2014

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Nrite Like a Pirate

Draw your own pirate treasure map and write about it. You can create a whole pirate world full of fun characters. We've even given you a blank scroll.

Trace your hand on a piece of paper and cut it out. Decorate the palm to look like a pirate, but on each finger, write some story elements: three characters, setting, and the conflict (what is the problem?). Use these elements to help create a story.

In a notebook, write your own Pirate Code. Write the rules for being a pirate, dress code, and directions for finding your ship and buried treasure.

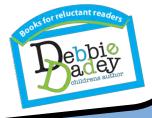
Pirate words to use in your writing:

Ahoy Matey! (hello) Avast! (stop) Arr! (yes) Aye! Aye! (yes, sir) Shiver Me Timbers (oh, my) Savvy (ok?) Thar she blows (there's a whale)

Skuttle Me Skippers (oh my goodness!)

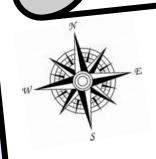
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Pirate jokes

What is a pirate's favorite snack?
 Answer: a ship's ahoy

• Why do pirates have trouble learning the alphabet?

Answer: because they get stuck at 'c'.

- What side of a parrot has the prettiest feathers?
 - Answer: the outside
 - Where do pirates sell their old ships?

Answer: At a yarrrrrrd sale.

· Now make up your own joke!



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Discussion Guide

- 1. Why do you think merkids do storytelling instead of watching TV? Can you tell a story?
 - 2. Pearl likes it when people look at her. Do you? Why or why not?
 - 3.Pearl doesn't believe in ghosts, but Rocky isn't sure. Do you believe in ghosts?
 - 4.Do you think Pearl should have gotten in trouble for going on the pirate ship?
 - 5. If you were writing this story, what would you have put in the chest that the octopus gave Pearl?





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Treasure Hunt

Search for pirate booty and win a prize!

Circle each item when you discover it, but leave it behind for the next pirate to find.

small mirror
fake strand of pearls
fake diamonds and rubies
octopus
pirate hat
pirate sword
treasure chest
small pirate ship
fake jellyfish



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ve patch and hat

Use a small piece of black paper to make an egg shaped patch. Poke a small hole on each end and run a string through the holes to make a patch fit for a pirate!

Fold a newspaper in half from top to bottom. Fold a top corner to the middle, making a triangle, but leaving a few inches to make a brim at the bottom. Fold the second top corner into the middle and tape the triangles together. Fold the brim up. Flip the hat over and do the same on the other side. Tape for reinforcement.



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Pick a pirate name!

Captain Jack

Blackbeard

Redbeard

Stinky Boot

Peg Leg

Hook Hand

Skipper

Stubby

Sealegged

Parrotless

Plundering

Landlubbin

Calico

Tortuga

Captain Hook

Long Black

Brigadeer

Molly the Red

Long Tongued

Teach



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