

library pack

little known facts about R.L.S.

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Scotsman invents sleeping bag!

R.L.S. has a good claim to be the inventor of the Sleeping Bag, taking a large fleece-lined sack with him to sleep in on the journey through France described in his book *Travels with a Donkey in the Cevennes*.

Who was Long John Silver?

The one-legged pirate cook, the dark hero of R.L.S.'s most famous novel *Treasure Island*, is said to be based on the author's friend and collaborator William Ernest Henley, whom he met when Henley was in Edinburgh for surgery to save his one remaining leg from tuberculosis.

How did R.L.S. die?

Although probably afflicted throughout his life by tuberculosis, R.L.S. actually died in 1894 at Vailima, his home on the south pacific island of Upolu, Samoa. At the time, he was helping his wife make mayonnaise for supper! He died of a cerebral haemorrhage (stroke).

Malaria in California !

R.L.S. nearly died of it in San Francisco shortly before his wedding in 1880.

The real Dr Jekyll?

In his tale of *Dr Jekyll & Mr Hyde*, one of the first 'psychological' thrillers, R.L.S. portrays how two contradictory personalities - one conventional and 'good', the other an example of increasingly uncontrolled 'evil' - can coexist in one body. It is said that this was an idea modelled on the late 18th century case of Deacon Brodie, a respectable Edinburgh businessman by day who was a gambler, adulterer, armed robber and murderer by night. Nobody knew until he bungled a robbery, was eventually caught and hanged on a gallows of his own invention!

some ideas for Library related events

☛ Displays

☛ Stop (kidnap) classes, read *Kidnapped*

☛ Mock Trial of James Stuart

Background information can be found at

<http://heritage.scotsman.com/topics.cfm?tid=1267&id=2013922005>

<http://www.sundayherald.com/51171>

<http://www.scran.co.uk> has useful background material including a copy of a document for the expenses for the re-hanging of James Stewart. James Stewart's body was left in chains on the gibbet at Ballachulish to discourage others. Due to a gale the corpse blew down! Makes fascinating reading.

☛ Kidnapped Day Dress down day in school. A modern day pirate theme?

☛ Puzzles Wordsearch and sudoku puzzles available from the City of Literature website.

☛ Quizzes "Fling the teacher" quiz from the City of Literature website.

☛ Poetry Poetry based on *Kidnapped*, Scottish poetry.

☛ Mock Kidnapping Leave a "treasure chest" clue trail within library books to let visitors find out who has been kidnapped and where they are?

☛ Modern Day Heroes

What makes a hero? Top ten fictional heroes. Top ten real life heroes.

Invite guest speakers to talk about their heroes.

☛ Creative writing workshops

Useful websites

Kidnapped One Book-One Edinburgh Campaign

Edinburgh UNESCO City of Literature Trust website <http://www.cityofliterature.com>

Robert Louis Stevenson

National Library of Scotland website <http://www.nls.uk/rlstevenson/>

Robert Louis Stevenson website <http://dinamico.unibg.it/rls/rls.htm>

In 1994, the University of South Carolina marked the centenary of Robert Louis Stevenson's death with a special exhibition illustrating his life and writing career.
<http://www.sc.edu/library/spcoll/britlit/rls.html>

SLAINTE Scottish authors website <http://www.slainte.org.uk/scotauth/stevedsw.htm>

Wikipedia - R.L.S. page http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert_Louis_Stevenson

Kidnapped

<http://www.gradesaver.com/classicnotes/titles/kidnapped>

Wikipedia - Kidnapped page http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kidnapped_%28novel%29

Recommended Jacobite websites

National Trust for Scotland website <http://www.ntseducation.org.uk/pupils/jacobites.html>

Wikipedia - Jacobite page <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jacobitism>

BBC website http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/scottishhistory/union/features_union_jacobites.shtml

The Jacobite Heritage website <http://www.jacobite.ca/>

Recommended pirate websites

<http://www.piratesinfo.com/>

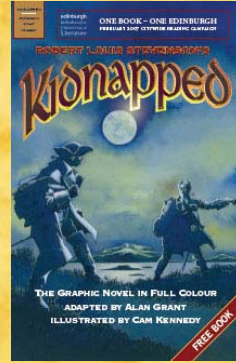
<http://www.rochedalss.q1.edu.au/pirates/>

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/pirates/>

<http://ukoln.ac.uk/services/treasure>

If you enjoyed
reading
Kidnapped why
don't you try
some other great
Adventure Books

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A Darn Good Read !



Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

A routine flight Hatchet by Gary Paulsen A routine flight turns into a life changing experience when it crashes in the Canadian tundra. Adventure at its best.

Alex Ryder series

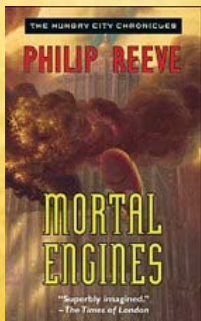
by Anthony Horowitz

Action packed spy series.

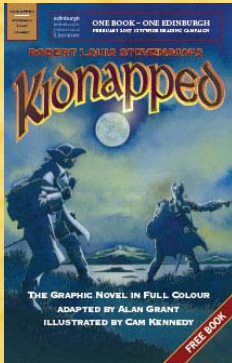
Has been called 'James Bond for kids'.

Mortal Engine Series by Philip Reeve

Well thought out science fiction adventure with unlikely heroes on huge wheeled cities.



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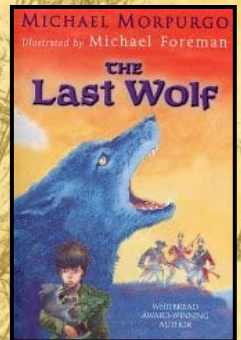
A Darn Good Read!

If you enjoyed reading *Kidnapped* why don't you try some other great books about

Bonnie Prince Charlie and the Jacobites?

The Last Wolf by Michael Morpurgo

Robbie McLeod is orphaned, brought up by his heartless uncle and born at the time of the Jacobite Uprising in 1745. Robbie, inspired by Bonnie Prince Charlie's call to arms, fights at Culloden and runs for his life from the field of the battle. Can he outwit the redcoats and make it to safety?



The Ravenmaster's Secret by Elvira Woodruff

Forrest Harper lives in the Tower of London. There, he makes friends with Maddy, a Jacobite rebel's daughter. Forrest is soon faced with a dreadful choice when Maddy is sentenced to death. Should he help her escape or watch his friends die?



Bonnie Prince Charlie And All That

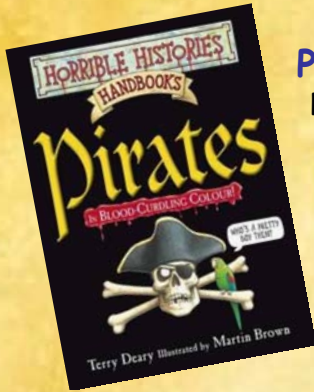
by Allan Burnett an Scoular Anderson

Fun and fact filled! Follow Bonnie Prince Charlie as he returns to Scotland and enlists the support of the clans. Find out where things start going wrong - and what happened next.



The Jacobites by Iain Rose

The story of the Jacobites and their support of the return of King James to the throne and of their battles against the English.



Pirates by Terry Deary and Martin Brown
Find out the truth behind the legends with pirates given the Terry Deary "Horrible Histories" treatment. Full of interesting, gruesome and foul facts.

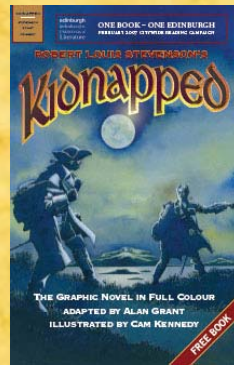


Pirates! by Celia Rees
A swashbuckling adventure from start to finish. Join Nancy and Minerva as they live the life of pirates in the Caribbean.

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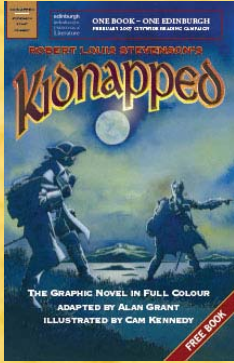
Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe
The most famous shipwreck story ever. Crusoe washes ashore on an island and finds a man servant on a Friday. If only he could think what to name him....



Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo
Another desert island and another shipwreck. After being shipwrecked, Michael struggles to survive on his own. He soon realises that he is not alone...



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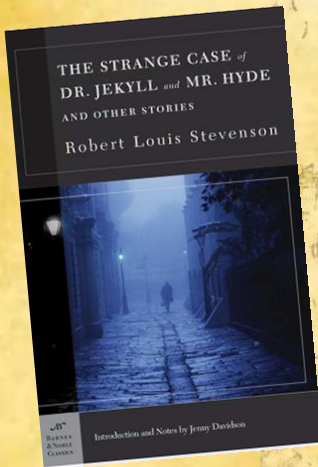
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If you enjoyed reading *Kidnapped* why don't you try some other great books by

Robert Louis Stevenson

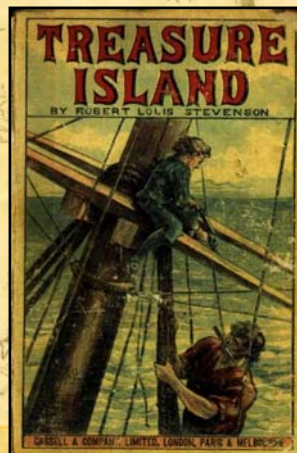
Catriona

If you want to know what happens to David after *Kidnapped*, then this book is for you!



Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde

Stevenson's dark tale of good vs evil set in Edinburgh.



Treasure Island

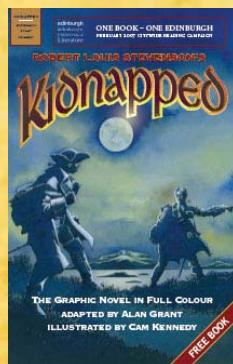
An exciting tale of pirates, skullduggery, and buried treasure.



You want more?

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....have you tried looking at these websites?

AchUKa! www.achuka.co.uk

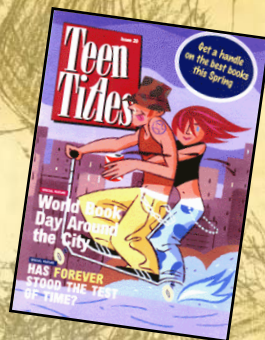
The chock-full, eyes-peeled, independent children's books site that has something for everyone... reviews, scoops on your favourite authors work, and tons more! Have a look yourself....

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Just as cool is the website that was started by a couple of keen teenagers and now has 2500 more than reviews, by hundreds of 10-15 year olds! If you want to hang out somewhere, and find out what your mates like reading, this is it!

.... browsed through this magazine?



It has lots of reviews that help you make up your mind.

You can find this magazine at the

City of Edinburgh School Library Resource Centres

.... or simply ask your librarian for a hot tip!

They are there to help you,
and not all of them bite...