

Treasure Island

by Robert Louis Stevenson (1883)

It is a novel about the buried treasure & pirates. Jim is the son of the inn keeper of the Admiral Benbow. As his dad was dying, they had an unusual guest named Billy Bones. The guest paid in gold and hauled a chest to his room. Black Dog paid him a visit & a blind man named Pew gives him the black spot. They were coming back for him at 6pm, but he died before then. Billy owned money for his room so Jim took the key from his neck & took what was theirs, but he also took some interesting clothe ball. Later to find out in it was a treasure map dated 12June1745.

Pirates came looking for it, but didn't find it. Jim took it to the local doctor & squire who bought a boat & found a cook named Long John Silver (who really was the captain of the pirates). Silver was very persuasive & had a parrot named Flint. The crew was made up of pirates who were looking for the treasure.

Jim overheard a mutiny while he was looking for an apple. It was 7 to 26 odds. They landed in the south inlet of the island & the captain gave the crew a day off to go ashore. Jim went ashore with them, but ran off as soon as his feet hit land. He witnessed Silver kill two of the honest crew. Jim also discovered a marooned man named Ben Gunn who had been on the island for 3 years.

Year before Flint & 6 strong men buried treasure on the island then Flint killed the others. Billy was Flint's mate & somehow came upon the treasure map. The doctor went ashore & found a stockade. And then they moved food & ammunition into it for safety against the mutiny. The pirates rushed them & many were killed.

Jim found them in the stockade & spent the night. The next day Jim slipped out and went to cut the ship anchor lose. He found the crew on board drunk & had a fight (one dead the other injured). He climbed aboard and sailed the ship to the north end of the island. Then he came back to the stockade, slipped inside & went to sleep. Only to be woken by the parrot's outcry of "pieces of eight". The honest men left the stockade & the pirates took it over.

Now he was in a fix. But Silver felt he could use a hostage. The pirates found the treasure map on the ship & the remaining pirates headed out for gold. When they got there it was gone & more battle broke out. The doctor & a few good men ran them off & took Long John captive. Ben Gunn shared his wealth & they gave him a ride home. They had to stop at the first port to get a new crew & Long John slipped away.