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Preface

*To all the readers who want to know
more about fictional (or not) pirate stories.*

Dear readers,

In this collection of stories, you're going to read what you've never read before. You're going to experience what people used to experience, back then during the pirate era. You'll read various stories including iconic pirates such as Mary Read or even Blackbeard, sea monsters such as the Loch Ness monster, the Kraken and Morgawr. You'll also read about more familiar subjects such as sailing and smuggling and discover fauna and flora like you've never seen them before.

If you're a child, it's going to develop your imagination. And if you're older, it's going to expand your knowledge about British legends.

These stories were all written by the classes of 1°1 and 1°2. They were inspired by legends which were also used in recent shows and movies so you won't be lost reading them.

We would like to thank the students from both our classes for writing these captivating stories, as well as our teacher for guiding all of us through the writing of these stories. Finally we would like to thank all those who will spend their time reading them.

The students from 1°1 and 1°2
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I. MONSTERS

What a trip!

By Lou-Ann Besset

Jim, the captain of a ship, was sailing on the sea with his crew when suddenly huge waves sank their ship because there was a big storm.

First, Jim and his crew swam until they found an island. As soon as they arrived on a beach, Jim found fresh water to survive.

On this island, the mythical legend told about a treasure who was hidden somewhere around there, under the sea. Since the 16th century, this myth had been the subject of a lot of research but nobody had found it. People who would find it would have eternal wealth provided they shared it.

Next, Jim and his crew looked at this treasure but a sea monster attacked them. This monster had a massive body and pointy teeth.

The crew fought him for two hours. A few hours after that, the sea monster swallowed the treasure.

So, Jim and his crew returned home with a boat that they built together. They had told an inhabitant about this story but to not scare people, Jim embellished the gossip. He just said his ship sank and he swam until he arrived home. Jim had not talked about the sea monster because he had been scared.

In the end, Jim had been very sad because the treasure ended up in the monster's body.

That was not that we thought

By Gaïane Cabos

Once upon a time, a brave female pirate captain decided to sail in order to find a famous treasure after she had learnt about it. Nobody had found this one so she wanted to be the first one.

The travel looked good. Suddenly, the captain saw a strange island. The treasure was supposed to be there, so everyone was excited at the idea of approaching the coast. But one thing stopped them: there was a strange melody. Then, mermaids emerged from the waves.

At first, they looked good and friendly until they started to move the ship and scream so loud. Two pirates fell in the sea and disappeared. The captain fell too and was attacked by one of the mermaids. She defended herself and swam until the island. She was so tired after the attack that she slept immediately on the beach.

She woke up a long time after: she was in a bed, in a beautiful house and her crew was around her. Someday before, she had been rescued, like all the pirates, by some villagers who lived in the island. When she stood up, she discovered a wonderful village that nobody knew. The captain understood that the village was finally the treasure.



Dimitris Mytaras, *Boat and mermaid*

The British Monster

By Aélis Cadars

It's a story about a mysterious creature who was hiding in the British waters. This monster attacked the pirate ships that sowed terror on the village. But, this monster wasn't nice because he ate the villagers who got too close to the ocean. A little man who lived in Britain, named William, had succeeded in approaching the water. The villagers wondered how.

One day, a fisherman came across the young man who was holding money in his hand. The fisherman kept it a secret and came to see the monster with money too.

The Huge Monster

By Nolwen FABRE

I'm going to explain my story with the huge monster.

Me and my crew of pirates were going to sail on the north sea. Everything was fine until a huge monster jumped on the ship. Members of the crew fell into the sea and drowned because there were huge waves. All the crew was scared while I was relaxed. The monster was very creepy. It tried to attack us. Many times, it tried to eat me, but I defended myself. But finally, the monster managed to escape.

The woman found a treasure after being followed by a creature!

By Lilou FABRE

Marie wanted to go in search of a treasure with pirates, but she was a woman, so she decided to disguise herself as a pirate. Then she boarded the ship filled with pirate men. No one suspected that she was hiding under this disguise... The travel was supposed to take eight days but after seven days, the boat turned around because of a storm with huge waves. She found herself in the middle of the sea alone but she swam to the island a few kilometers away. She had to swim, so she swam. It was long but she finally arrived... Watch out! A huge creature followed her when she was only two centimeters away from the beach! So she swam, swam.

Finally she arrived on the beach but she was scared. The treasure was in front of her eyes. It was on the beach. She couldn't believe her eyes. It was not real... The woman had found the treasure!



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Jérémy Joli, *A mysterious treasure discovered on a beach in Venezuela*, 2020.

The Myth

By Yanis EL HAJJI

Have I ever told you about my brother? His name was Victor and he disappeared at the age of 22. On a random Saturday, he went fishing in a very dangerous spot. It was called the Loch Ness. He had been hearing some crazy rumors about that place before he decided to go fishing there. Some said the lake was cursed and some even said a monster used to live there, but he didn't believe them. In fact he wanted to go see by himself why this place was so dangerous. So on a Saturday night, he snuck out and took our dad's fishing boat.

I saw him go but couldn't manage to stop him on time, it was already too late. He was heading to the lake. That was the last time I ever saw him. Days went by and we never found him. We looked for him everywhere but never went to that lake, not after what that place probably did to him. Some rumors said that he just ran away and was now living in another state. Some said that he was attacked on his way to the lake. But I always felt like something had happened to him. He wasn't the type to run and abandon his family, and he always had been more of a runner than a fighter.

He said the exact same thing happened to our father when he was a kid and was really curious about that lake. I went to his place and he had tons of books about the "Loch Ness monster". Before this, I always thought it was just a myth to scare children but now everything started to make sense. We went to that lake. It was locked down for "research" but we made our way in. There was no monster in sight, just some pebbles thrown into the lake. We waited for hours and hours then we finally saw it. It was about 6 feet tall and we were surprised on how small it was compared to the myth. We were prepared and had weapons so taking it down was easy, but after killing it we still felt its presence. We went back home disturbed and I read the books about it. According to the myths, "killing" it will just make it stronger and it'll just come out bigger, but it's just a myth, isn't it?

Gustavo the Pirate

By Ethan Garcia

This story takes place in the Atlantic Ocean, in the 18th century. During this century, everyone wanted to be a pirate especially for one reason. All the pirates were looking for a specific treasure, the “One Piece”. Nobody really knew if it was a real treasure or just a myth but anyway, if somebody found it, he would become the most famous pirate of all time.

A man, named Gustavo, was in a well-known pirate crew. They were known to be wealthy because of the high number of treasures they found. However, Gustavo never really cared about money. All he wanted was the “One Piece”. One day, while he was watching a map, one of his friends who was on the mast, shouted he was seeing an island. The island wasn’t on the map because it was in the middle of the Bermuda Triangle. Gustavo wasn’t scared by the sea so he decided to go through it. As they entered the location, storm and big waves hit the ship. The boat was huge but it was hard for Gustavo to navigate. While they were going for the island, the boat suddenly stopped. After the captain had looked for the problem a kraken appeared on one side of the ship. Gustavo was shocked and didn’t have time to do anything that the kraken broke the boat in two parts. All the pirates ended in the water and started to be eaten by the monster. At this moment, Gustavo knew he was dead so he closed his eyes, waiting to die.

However, two days later, he woke up on an island. He didn’t understand how he could be alive, but, maybe it was his destiny. After he had looked for the crew but had found nobody, he fell on the ground knowing he was going to die, a second time. But just to his right, a bottle with a map inside emerged from the sea. He looked at the map after he had opened the bottle and found something. The treasure he wanted so much, was in the island but it would not be easy for him to unearth it...

The day my life changed

By Yaël Guischet

My friend and I were always at sea, fishing or just looking at the waves. On this day, it was cold and cloudy. We had been at sea for probably two hours when, all of a sudden, I saw some movements in the water. Waves started to become bigger and bigger and suddenly, for a quick second, I saw something. I hadn't got anytime to understand what it was, that a shadow in the sea started coming towards us. We were scared until the shadow went away.

We instantly went back to our village, and we said nothing because we thought nobody were going to believe us. We did some research and there was one legend who seemed to correspond with what we saw, a monster named Morgawr. We had taken the decision not to go here anymore but two weeks later curiosity got the better of us. This time, we had been fishing for less than one hour when, as we expected the same things happened. But this time a big monster, with some crazy teeth, yellow eyes and it seemed to be twenty feet tall was coming towards us. The collision was quick and brutal. The last thing that I remembered is that we sank and then, nothing. I woke up, alone, with the sound of the sea in my ears. I was in a desert island, with nobody with me, I never saw my friend again and my new life started here.

The Monster of the Ocean

By Mathéo ICHANSON

Once upon a time, in the seventeenth century, a mermaid lived alone in the ocean to protect the treasure, the legacy of the ocean and the mermaids' story. This mermaid was called Aurora. Aurora had many powers. Before killing pirates, she could hypnotize them with her voice. She also created a storm and used the powers of the sky. To finish she could use the power of the ocean. She had the control of water to destroy the pirates ships and sink pirates. One day, when she was swimming next to the coast, she saw two different pirate ships. Before knowing the existence of the mermaids, the pirates had searched for the treasure of the sea. But when Aurora saw the pirates with their huge ships, she decided to attack them. She sang a song to stop the pirates on their way, and hypnotized all the pirates on the ships. Then she used the power of the ocean to create a giant wave to sink the pirates and kill them. To finish, Aurora created one of the biggest storms ever seen in the whole world, and with the thunder she destroyed the ships. Before the explosion of the two ships, they were on fire. After this night no one saw the pirates come into her home.

Then Aurora was called the Monster of the Ocean because on one of the two ships there was the King of England. Only one person saw the tragedy and he said to the world he saw a mermaid. Finally he called Aurora the Monster of the Ocean and now everyone calls Aurora like that.



The Mermaid of the Ocean

By Imaginary Creatures

The Royal Guard of the Sea

By Corantin Laval

Bluebeard was a fierce pirate with a dangerous crew. One day, he had decided to go in the Black tavern, a well known tavern, when he heard the captain of the Royal Navy, Rocky McKenzie. The captain said “Tomorrow I leave England to fetch the treasure of the Royal Family exhibited in Ireland”.

Bluebeard told his crew after he had heard the information about the Royal treasure. Next morning, the pirates in their boat named Santa Maria, left the harbor. After three hours of sailing, some one of the crew saw the royal ship.

Suddenly, a very big fish appeared underneath the ships after the fight begun. The fish looked like a shark with two heads and lots of swords planted in its body. The monster had fought the two crews until he sank both ships. The treasure fell in the sea.

The legend says that the treasure of the Royal Family, was found by a poor fisherman who bought a new big fishing boat with the money. Every day the man gave fish to the monster to thank him.



Ivan Aivazovski,
Le brick “Mercure” attacked by two Turkish ships, 1892.

The Titan War

By Léo Lemouzy

James was the famous captain of “Medusa”, a pirate boat. He was helping his crew until he heard a loud cry coming from the deep sea. A tempest hit immediately. James saw a tentacle in the waves. “It's the kraken,” said Robert, a friend of James’s, as the crew had seen the monster’s face in the sea. The monster had a giant head with a lot of tentacles. The skin of the kraken was ocean blue to hide in the sea. The kraken attacked the pirate ship until a giant shadow jumped on the monster. James and his crew had been saved by... another monster? The crew was shocked by our hero. The giant shadow was a giant two-legged reptile with dark skin. The kraken hit the giant reptile with tentacles and the crew saw the fight of the monsters. The giant reptile opened his mouth and spat energy waves. The kraken died. The giant reptile looked at the crew and gave a victory cry. James was scared but the monster didn’t attack the crew and returned in the deep sea. “I can’t believe that” said Robert.



Tempest, William Turner (1842)

An Unlucky Expedition

By Matteo Lopes

Blackbird was having an expedition with his crew mates in the Pacific Ocean when suddenly, they saw a giant animal in the water. This animal had the same shape as a big shark, a giant fish. It started to turn around Blackbird's ship as if it wanted to attack it. At this moment, Blackbird's crew mates started to be very angry and be very scared and wanted to kill it. When they were searching a weapon to kill the creature, it disappeared but, two minutes later, it reappeared and attacked the ship.

Blackbird saw it, it was "Morgawr": a giant oceanic monster with big teeth which was not afraid of anything. The consequences of this attack were enormous. The ship had been broken in two parts: half of the pirates sank with the first part and died, and the second part with Blackbird and the others pirates succeeded to escape the shipwreck. After this event, they built a large camp on the beach and made a great fire to avoid monsters which wanted attack them. During many years, they lived fishing to eat fish all days until finally, they caught Morgawr which decided to attack them and killed all of them.



Francisco de Goya , *The Shipwreck*,
1793 - 1794 , Oil, canvas.

The Myst of White Beard

By Ethan MICALLEF

In the eighteenth century, piracy had grown and was very important, but one pirate, the most powerful and rich, had hidden all of his treasures on the terrible “Bone Island”. His name was White Beard. At the beginning, people thought that it was a myth but a lot of pirates tried to go on this island and no one had ever come back. A legend said that the ghosts of White Beard and his crew protected the treasure on their ghost ship. After this, the real century of piracy began and each pirate dreamt to defeat White Beard to take his treasure and be a legend too. But, in fact, the ghosts of White Beard and his crew didn't exist. His legendary ship is currently on the island but it's because he and his crew were killed by the most horrible sea monster, the kraken. The kraken catches any ship easily with his nine tentacles of fifteen meters. With his three circles of cutting teeth, he bites and breaks the low part of each ship he sees to drown it. No one can prove his existence because nobody stayed alive after seeing him.

The Sea Plot

By Célia Michaudon

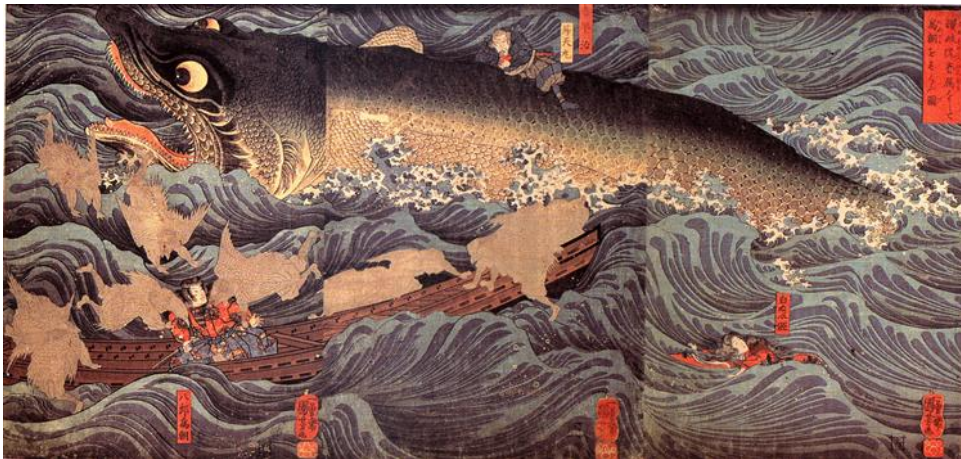
My name is Mary Read. I hid for many years as a man, so I could survive and be considered as a captain. I was captured in the past for having stolen the necklace of the queen of England with my crew helping me to escape, vowing to return one day and be able to continue my quest. While I was drinking my beer like I do everyday in a bar, a dark man arrived. He looked very strong and dangerous with scars on his body. I heard him talk about the legend of a big sea monster who kept a treasure. My crew and I were very confused because the man probably didn't tell the truth and we would find nothing. But, suddenly, we heard a song..... a voice, a beautiful voice. It's was a mermaid. She was standing on a rock and I didn't know but every man was bewitched by her and started to jump over board. I tried to stop them but I couldn't... She started to become red and to move in every direction. The boat was sailing in a circle. Her teeth were terrifying. At this moment I saw maybe 100 or 200 dead bodies. All the crew was dead and I was the only survivor. For a quick moment the mermaid raised her hand and put the board on the sea floor and at this moment I was dead. The last thing I saw was the treasure. It's wasn't fake. The treasure was just a trident. I realized the dark man at the bar was Aquaman, a friend of the creature's. He just wanted to kill every pirate because for him, these people are very bad.

The Sea and its Secret

By Lucie Niel

This story happened night on the sea. There was a boat, a sailing boat with four pirates. They had sailed when a storm arrived. The leaders of the pirates didn't panic and said to the other pirates to protect them. They were going on with their lives when they were attacked by a big shadow. It was panic on board! Who was this shadow? This shadow was a monster. It had yellow eyes, a long neck, a lot of big teeth and a massive body. It was very tall and pirates tried not to panic but it was complicated. The monster had attacked the boat and for the pirates. It was complicated to kill a sea monster.

Pirates were crying because they thought it was finished for them when one of the pirates, Johnny, remembered of a legend : "If you meet a sea monster, you have to remember they detest light". It was the solution! The monster disappeared when he saw all the light and this pirate saved all the crew. This pirate was a hero and he was respected until he died.



Utagawa Kuniyoshi, *Tametomo*

The Treasure Hunt

By Elouan ROCHE

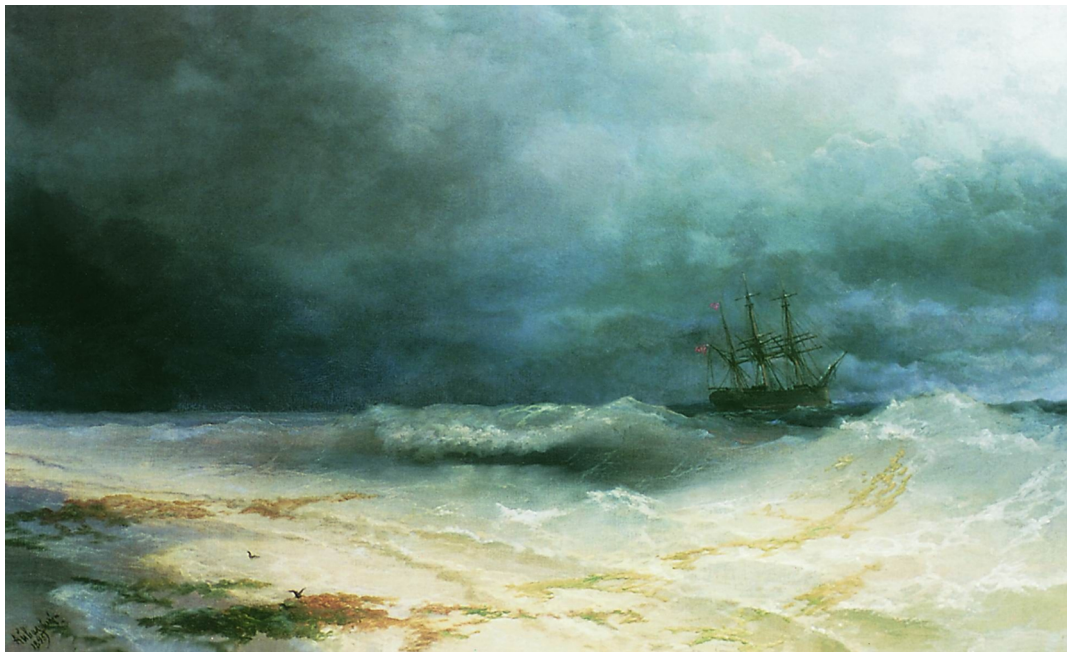
A day, I was sailing on the sea. I was in my fishing boat. I wanted to find an island with a treasure.

Then, I fished because I was hungry. Next, I arrived in the middle of the sea. There was huge waves. Suddenly I saw a creature in the sea. It was a Kraken. He attacked my boat. My ship sank in the sea. I swam to a coast. In the coast, I hunted beasts to eat. I climbed in a tree to sleep. Even a monkey became my friend. Ultimately, I lived two years on the island.

The Only Sea Monster of the Earth

By Joanna Rossignol

It's the story of one pirate ship which explored a new sea. But nothing had been explored before so it was an unpredictable sea. This sea was called the "surprise-sea". It was not a good name. When the crew decided to go explore it, they never thought about what they would discover. When they arrived in the surprise-sea, the weather changed. It wasn't sunny anymore. And suddenly, a monster came to the ship. It had the body of an elephant and long hair on its head, like a mammoth. It didn't have legs but a long tail fin. This monster sea was the biggest they had seen in their lives. So when the captain saw it, he changed directions. But the monster attacked his ship, all the crew got scared, and jumped off the ship. Only the captain stayed on the ship and only him saved his life. Since, nobody came back. When he came back, he changed the sea name and now it's "the darkness-monster sea". This monster was the only monster of the sea on the earth.



Ivan Aivazovsky, *Ship in the storm*
(1887)

Poulpe

By Tom Vidal

One day, the sea was calm and the sun was absent. This day, I was waiting with my wife and my children on my boat but I saw one or two shadows. But it wasn't possible because the sun was absent. So I didn't say anything and I waited to see another shadow. These shadows were fast, I didn't see the forms but they were big, very big. Two minutes later, one giant monster sprang off the water, it was so big, I thought I saw two of them. The giant monster had six long tentacles, four eyes, one body of eight meters and looked very hungry.

I hid my wife and my children for their security and I prepared myself to fight this monster. I took two weapons and one big fish. The monster attacked the boats when he saw the fish but I didn't realize it at this moment. I took one weapon and shot the monster. The monster was very hungry and attacked the boat with much power. The fish was ejected off the boat and the monster was happy. I understood this and I took much fish for the monster. I realized, the monster was very cool and my family adopted the monster and named it "Poulpe".

II. NATURE

The History of Nature

By Anaïs ARDISSONE

It's the story of a pirate. Her name was Marie Read. During one outing in the sea, there were big waves. Thirty minutes later the waves disappeared but Marie Read got lost. With the power of the nature elements and the sea, Marie found an island. The power of destiny had led her to this island. There was one treasure on this island. Marie left in security, in the calm sea, and ended up rich.

The Fight against Nature

By Matisse BACQUIE

Hello, I'm Mike and I'm going to tell you my story. So to start, I was born in England in a family of pirates. So sailing was a part of my life. When I was young, my father told me about the dangers of nature but I didn't trust him and thought that it was a myth. At twenty, I had my first crew after becoming a captain.

One day, I had an exchange to make with Blackbeard's ship on the Atlantic ocean. On the road to the exchange, suddenly, a giant storm and big waves spawned. At this moment I understood what type of danger my father talked about. I was scared. We were stuck in ice after the waves had put us on the way of the iceberg. After this accident, I took my crew and walked away on the ice but member of my crew hadn't survived. This was hard for me to discover. During our walk, the cold temperatures made us sick but I kept going. After long hours, three pirates died on the way and this lowered my morale. The night took place and the wild animals came. So, we looked for a cave when suddenly, a group of wolves came around us and the fight against nature began. At the end of the fight, we had succeeded to escape the dangerous wolves before finding a dark cave to take refuge.

In the morning, we started to walk again. That was so hard but we found a beach and stayed here. Luckily, the ship of the exchange arrived, and after, we joined Blackbeard's ship and survived all the dangers.

The Storm of the Pacific

By Nathan Busqueres

Pirate stories are mostly false but this one is real. Jack Johnson was a famous pirate who liked to travel through oceans and seas with the famous “Whitepearl”.

The story begins on February the 19th 1489 in the Caribbean. Jack had left an island with his crew to attack the English royal ship. After one day in the middle of the Atlantic, a big storm approached, which made them change directions. Now, the “Whitepearl” was sailing on the Pacific. The captain couldn’t stay in the ship after it had been hit by a giant wave which made Jack fall in the water. He tried to swim back to the ship but it was impossible. The storm was shaking Jack Johnson and the crew.

Suddenly, the captain opened his eyes and he saw sand under his hands. He stood up and found an island with wild nature and a beach. The captain walked toward the forest in order to find water. He walked during two hours and suddenly found a river. Jack drank this water but after this, he saw a skull in the river and heard a dangerous snake. He hid from the wild nature and thought about growing food to survive in this island. He built a shelter and hid hoping that someone would come to help him.

The Island

By Maévine CAURE

Elisabeth was a passenger of a ship. She was about to return to her country when the ship sank. It was a disaster. When it completely sank, she found herself in the ocean. She fortunately didn't die. Indeed, she saw something big floating and it saved her life. She couldn't see what it was because it was too dark around her, but she didn't care. She would be able to see her husband and her children again. She would make it. She just had to be patient, and hopefully, she would find the coast.

Half an hour after the shipwreck, she couldn't see anyone nor anything around her. She was alone, and cold. She just had to wait and she would make it. That's what she kept telling herself.

But before she even noticed, a big wave had swallowed her. When she woke up, she found herself in the sand. The waves had led her to a coast. She was alive. She had survived a shipwreck. It was a miracle. She stood up and went in a forest. She had to find someone. She ran. She had to go back to her country. But nobody was around.

She died a few days later. There was nothing to eat nor drink on the island. Before she died, she had hallucinations. In these, she saw people around her. They were watching her dying. She was angry at them. It was their fault that she wouldn't be able to see her children again.

Since, the island is haunted by her ghost. Until now, nobody has survived the island. The legend tells that she kills every human she sees on the island. She wants revenge. The waves are helping her by bringing humans on the island. Travel by plane! (it's safer)

A Dangerous Night

By Lou-Anne Fradcourt

Two months ago, my life became an adventure. I was followed by people who wanted my death because I stole their merchandise. So I decided to hide in the first place I could see. It was a ship I hid myself in. It was the ship of Whitebeard's crew. They discovered me after three days without eating. They had hesitated to throw me in the water in the middle of the sea, but they kept me and I became part of the crew thanks to my ability to keep calm in every situation. I wasn't as experienced as them but I had an objective. Their destination was the north coast of England. They were smugglers, they had a lot of alcohol and tobacco in the ship.

The weather had been calm for days when, one night, the sea started raging. It was even scarier than during the day because the water was so deep and dark. We had sailed on the violent sea during some hours without any problem but then, a dangerous storm happened. The wind and the huge waves were pulling our ship back and forth. We saw a shadow passing under the ship, under the water. Some young pirates from the crew were frightened. The ship had followed the waves and it hit a huge rock. That damaged the ship and caused a flood. The water was extremely cold. We kept going forward and fortunately, we saw a coast far away. The ship was sinking slowly but we didn't have any other choice than trying to reach the coast. It was too damaged, we had to dive in the deep and cold water. Unfortunately, some of us drowned while trying to swim to the shore. When we arrived on the beach, we were happy to be alive, but sad due to the persons we lost. We took shelter on this island. A few weeks later, we fixed the ship's damages and sailed in direction of England. The merchandise was well delivered and we made a lot of money.



Ivan Aivazovsky, *Stormy sea at night*, 1853, oil painting

The Young Sailor

By Charlotte Fuentes

In a small village on the seashore lived a family of sailors. The youngest one couldn't wait to travel on the sea by himself, but his old father wouldn't let him go.

"Hold your horses! You are way too young!" said the wise sailor.

But his son was adamant to prove himself. During the night, he left his house and went to sea with his father's boat. As he was getting really far from the coast, he decided that he would come back with a fish or two to impress his family. But suddenly, the weather began to shift. It was as if the ocean was mad at him. The sea got angry and the dark, cloudy sky shouted thunders. The young sailor screamed out of terror after he had realized that he was stuck in a storm. He couldn't even see his village across the sea anymore. If he wanted to survive, he had to sail to the eye of the storm and wait until sunrise. But the water was too unstable and he struggled to keep the boat afloat. That's when he noticed a monstrous wave coming toward him. He thought that he was going to die here, eaten by the sea, lost in the cold, salty water forever. Defeated, he closed his eyes and he accepted his fate.

When he opened them again, he was lying on the beach, next to the remains of his wrecked boat. After he had gotten up, he ran to his house and begged his father for forgiveness. The old sailor, relieved to see his son alive, immediately forgave him and promised him that if he never ran away again, he would help him learn properly. The son agreed and decided to stop biting off more than he could chew.

The Fisherman

By Gabriel Galera

During the 18th century, a fisherman living in York, decided to leave to rebuild his life, so he decided to participate in an expedition to discover the Indian Ocean. He therefore boarded a ship of the royal navy. This trip lasted one year then at the end of this expedition, a storm hit the expedition which saw all the ships of the expedition sunk by waves in a terrible storm.

After the storm, the only surviving sailor was the fisherman who ended up stranded on an unknown island. To survive he decided to explore the island and ended up finding a pirate village in the south of the island.

After integrating the pirate community, he became a pirate and started a family. He even bought a ship that allowed him to loot other ships. He became known as "the terrible fisherman".



Pirates boarding a ship, engraving, 18th century ©Getty - Universal History Archive/UIG

Peter's Adventure

By Coralie GRIMAL

It's the story of a pirate. His name was Peter. He explored the sea with his ship to find a big treasure! He sailed until he saw fishes swim in the water. A big storm approached. The sea was more and more violent. Water came on Peter's boat. Peter ended up in the sea and he lost consciousness. After a long time, he opened his eyes. He was on an island. He was so tired by this storm but he decided to explore the island. After many hours, Peter sat on the ground. He was very hot. A snake surprised Peter! After Peter saw the reptile, he noticed a treasure! The treasure! Peter was so happy. One day, a fishing boat found Peter and Peter left the island with his treasure. Finally, without this big storm and this wild snake, Peter would never have found this treasure! Peter was just sad for his ship...because, now, his ship was at the bottom of the sea... but with the treasure Peter would buy two new ships!

Rayley

By Clément Haro Pages

The story started in 1658 when Rayley a nineteen-year-old woman decided to explore the world but for this she needed a boat. To succeed her mission she needed a crew but no one wanted a girl in their crew because the girls weren't accepted on boats at this time. Rayley bought some shirts and pants of men pirates in a store. After that she tried again to join a crew but, this time, she succeeded. The next day, the boat went to explore the world. Raylay had changed her name before the start. Now, she was called George. Many days passed and they stole many boats... One day, at night, like a sign, a giant storm went to the boat and hit them with terrifying 50 foot high waves.

Suddenly Rayley woke up. Nobody in the crew had survived the crash. Rayley was alone on a giant island. She built a shelter with wood and some plants. Rayley was looking for food when she remembered the storm. The storm happened after stealing the resources and she understood the storm destroyed the boat because they stole the resources of another boat. Nature was not okay with this and attacked the boat. After the reflection Rayley promised to never steal again. She made a fire. Suddenly a boat saw her. After that, she went back to her home home and she understood the power of natural elements.

Hailey's adventures

By Lilie JOYMUNGUL-LANDREAU

In the 18th century, Hailey, a young, smart and great girl had lived in a small village with her parents, when she decided to leave. She was annoyed by her basic life. She wanted to explore the world, meet someone or find new things. She had never left her house, she didn't know how the world was. So when she had finished to repair boat, she left on the sea without plan, just the flow.

At night she observed the stars and the moon. But daytime was like paradise for her. She found many fish with many colors. Hailey wasn't afraid. But one day, Hailey had sailed for many hours when she heard a music, and this music didn't stop. Hailey didn't know what the source of this music was. The sound grew louder. She saw an island with many fish around it. Big fish, small fish, red fish, blue fish...but for her the real beauty was the vegetation on the island. Hailey had wanted to see it closer but when she was closer of the island, the waves became bigger and dangerous. The rain came to fall and the tsunami woke up. Hailey was afraid. Now she regretted to have left her house. She had wanted to rescue herself, so she was determined to approach this island. The sand under her feet moved. Hailey ran to climb a tree. When she was in security on this tree, she looked at the sea and saw a big boat. She thought about the pirate's boat. Hailey had screamed "help" many times, when the boat turned around to rescue her. She was afraid of potential pirates, but the night fell down and she didn't want to stay here. Few hours later the boat had arrived, Hailey ran fast to escape the moving sand and hard rain. She jumped higher and ran fast to be delivered from the misfortune of the island. This island was a dangerous one, many people had died in this place. Hailey no longer wanted to leave without being prepared before.



The mysterious island alone in the middle of the ocean. (Thailand)

A Threat from the Seas

By Marie Laclau

The destroyer was a creature. It was terrifying, and the four elements had to destroy it. In 1743, the elements were represented by characters. Windy was the element of the wind, Sunny the fire, Rosalia the earth and finally Icy was the element of water. They met to talk about the monster that had eaten all the fishes of the North Sea. This monster looked like a big... a very big snake, with a mouth... a very big mouth to eat each fish.

The elements hadn't agreed about what they had to do with the monster. Finally they had decided to build a big and beautiful aquarium to keep the monster alive and fishes in security. The monster wasn't really happy about this piece of news but fishes were.



Landscape (fresco at Villa Barbaro), Paul Véronèse 1565

Lord of the Sea

By Baptiste Lopez

Long time ago, a great number of creatures lived in the British seas. But one of them claimed its superiority on the other creatures. Its name was Morgawr. This beast-like reptile was known for its long neck, its razor sharp teeth, and its extreme violence. It destroyed so many ships he had won the title of “Lord of the Sea”. All the men who traveled the seas feared it.

But one of them decided to fight this monster face to face, this man was a pirate named Flint Hodson. He was the captain of his own pirate crew “the Red Knife”. He had never been afraid of anyone and had fought a large number of enemies.

One day he decided to face Morgawr to end its reign of terror. He left the port with his crew mates to fight the beast. They traveled the seas for days and days and found nothing. Flint wasn’t ready to lose. He had never lost in his life and that was not going to be the first time. One day when the sea was enraged, he finally found what he was searching. Morgawr was in front of him and his crew. Following the orders of the Captain, the pirates started to open fire with their canons which had served many times. They threw harpoons at the beast but they weren’t powerful enough. The beast destroyed half of the ship with its jaw, but Flint wasn’t afraid. He had seen other things. He climbed on the top of his ship and started climbing on the neck of the creature. Arrived on the head of the creature, he ripped one of his teeth off with a harpoon. Seeing the determination of the man, Morgawr stopped fighting and went back to the ocean and never came back.

Flint with the surviving member of his crew returned to the land as heroes with the teeth of the monster as trophies. After that, Flint was named “Lord of the Sea”.

The Treasure of the Seabed

By Maëva Molinier

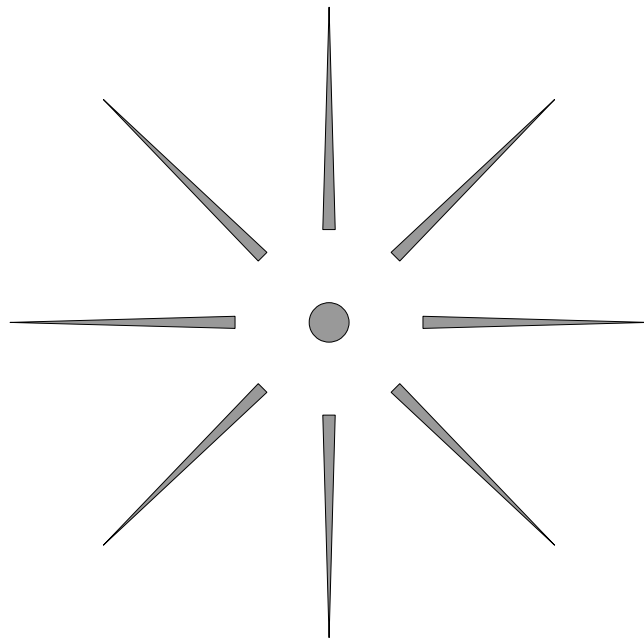
Last week, my friend and I lived a strange and fantastic adventure on the sea, between monsters, natural elements and fear. To start, this Monday, we had left a beautiful island for a new adventure, “the fish treasure”. This treasure was in a big boat, on the sea, between monsters and strange creatures. We had sailed during 4 days. Thursday, we were on the sea when a big monster attacked us. We won this fight with a lot of damage but we were alive. Next, during 2 days, a very dangerous storm created huge waves on the sea and we thought we were dying. After this scary adventure, we were looking for the treasure point when suddenly we saw it! We had swam during many hours when we saw a beautiful and fantastic thing, the treasure! We took the money and returned on the boat. We were very rich and happy!

Letters of a Sailor

By E. Rodiere

This diary must go to my family if I can't do it myself. To Emily, my wife. I'm sorry to let you alone with our daughter. Please take care of Ginny. To Ginny, my daughter. Don't be sad. You and your mother are too strong to stop your life because of me. Be happy.

I'm still alive. I don't know for how long. The day started perfectly. The sun reached quickly its highest point on the sky as if it wanted to stay here all day. We were as peaceful as the sea when we felt more than we heard the earth moving in the deep of the ocean. We stayed quiet few seconds which seemed to last as long as minutes. If we were able to feel the earth move whereas there was hundreds kilometres of water between us, the tsunami was going to be huge. The crew captain broke the silence and told us to tie a rope around us and the ship not to fall off the deck. We finished to retract the sail when we saw it. But it wasn't alone. I think we did some mistake which made the sea god angry against us. A tempest approached as quickly as the tsunami. It stopped the sunlight so the tsunami seemed to arrive from the darkness. Luckily, the tsunami was still young because it hadn't be formed a long time ago. The ship hold on and passed the tsunami but some crew members were ejected from the ship. They didn't succeeded to come back on the deck all the time we were on the tempest. The wind and the waves were stronger than us. When we found a place on the ship to resist the wind, a wave kicked the ship and made us fall in the sea. We fought against the elements during three longs hours. The wind had cut the ropes on the ship and a few crew members fell on the ocean. I don't know where we are but, with this ship, I don't think we will reach a shore one day.



Stranded Pirates

By Mayanne Souillac

One day, a pirate was sailing in the Mediterranean sea when a big tornado happened. The boat weakened because the waves were violent. The men were scared and ran in the boat. Suddenly, the boat broke and the men jumped in the sea. On the horizon, they saw a desert isle.

Two days later, they were in the isle but they hadn't eaten. They drunk sea water. The captain decided to eat a fish. There were no women so they wouldn't make babies. They built a little house. They ate a fish and a fruit. They should live in this isle all their life.

The Secret of the Treasure

By Léa STYRNA

When I was little, my mother told a story about the treasure which my ancestors had hidden in an unknown island. When I was eighteen, I decided to search for the treasure. I took to the sea to start my travel, but I did not know how difficult it was. As I was sailing, I saw a strange creature. This creature was swimming. I was surprised when I saw a beautiful mermaid. I thought they were mythical creatures. All of a sudden, the waves raised. A tempest approached. It was hardly raining and storming. A few hours later, I woke up on an island. I had been pulled by waves and I had passed out. Suddenly, I recognized the island. This was the same island as in my mother's story. I took the treasure map that she had given to me. It was certain, the island where I were and the island written in the treasure map were the same! I looked for the big tree on the island. In my mother's story, it was the place which contained the treasure. I walked and I saw the treasure in the sand but a wild animal protected it. I hid from him. I was afraid that it would eat me or attack me but it didn't. At night, it went on the other side of the island. At the same moment, I unearthed the treasure and opened it. To my huge surprise, there was no gold or jewels in the chest but... I can not reveal what was in it...

The Heroic Whale

By Myla Tournel

Once upon a time, a pirate ship was on its way to the West Indies. In the crew there was Mary Read disguised as a man. A summer afternoon, Mary saw that clouds were black and there was mist. She understood that it was the storm. There were many storms and big waves. Suddenly a wave took Mary and pulled her in the ocean. She sunk and stood in front of the ocean. When a whale came and saw the young girl who had lost consciousness. After it had engulfed her, Mary Read woke up in the animal's mouth. She didn't understand why she was here and was afraid. All of a sudden, the whale's mouth opened and she saw an island. Mary understood that the whale had saved her. Mary Read thanked the animal and she promised to see her again.

III. PIRATES

Storm of the Seas

By Samira ABDOU

13th September:

It was cold, my crew and I were in the middle of the ocean. There were huge waves, and the storm was very bad. Suddenly, in the ocean, we saw a ship which was coming in our direction. The captain of the ship was a woman. They were being attacked by a monster. So, we decided to swim in the ocean to help them, as suddenly we saw a monster who tried to attack us. We swam, my crew and I. We got pulled back by the waves and in addition the ocean was frozen.

15th September:

It was in the middle of the night. We tried to survive in the center of the beach. We had found sea water when we searched something to eat. Some of us found a skull on a cliff and a fishing boat. And others saw wildlife in this island. By chance, we saw the sun and also a ship. We called them and that was the same crew that we had tried to help after we had attacked.



Joseph Mallord William Turner, *Dutch boats in the storm*, 1801, oil on canvas

One Treasure, Two Ships

By Celia Byache

In 1804, the British pirate ship decided to live an adventure to search a treasure left many centuries ago. They were going to the beach, to prepare their ship to sail. One hour later they decided to go to sail. After a long time, they saw another ship with another pirate ship.. The other pirate ship wanted the same treasure. The other pirate ship was a French pirate ship. There was a big battle for the treasure. When the two pirate ship had been fighting, one British pirate sank in the water. The pirate sank and it was at this moment that he saw a treasure map. He decided to go to the beach. When he was in the ship, he spoke to the pirate to stop the battle. The battle was stopped many hours later, and the pirate ship could go to the beach. When they were on the beach, the pirate who sank gave the treasure map to his crew. All pirates were impressed and they decided to leave another day but at night.

The Fantastic White Beard

By Paul CAPELLE

The crew of the dangerous pirate “White Beard” was sailing on the Celtic sea with their huge ship. The ship was known as invincible.

It had never lost a fight against other pirates. It was composed of four giant masts which made it really fast. More than thirty canons were on board with more than four tons of cannonballs.

The crew was composed of fifty one pirates including Captain White Beard.

He was known as the scariest pirate of the whole Oceans and Seas.

The ship was sailing in direction of Cornwall to smuggle the products they had stolen from other ships before.

It was night. The crew was not far from the coast. They were going to stop the ship and go to the shore with smaller boats to be more discreet.

Three small boats were sailing in direction of the shore.

When suddenly a huge monster came out of the sea. It was a giant octopus with four eyes and fifteen arms. This creature was the most dangerous of all. No one had succeeded to survive it. One of the boats was already sinking into the sea. White Beard was on one of the two other boats.

He asked his crew to leave him alone against the monster. He took his legendary sword and jumped on the head of the octopus.

The creature was hitting everywhere to reach White Beard. The courageous captain attacked the eyes of the monster first. He managed to destroy three of them. Then he cut off all the arms of the octopus one by one. All the crew was impressed. White Beard became the first human to win against the giant octopus.

He swam to the ship and sat on the deck. He was extremely tired and hurt. He fell asleep and never woke up.

Toma Jesu Alone in the Vastness of the Sea

By Loïc Doineau

On the seas, there were many pirate ships.

On the northern seas of the pacific, there was a very dangerous pirate. His name was Toma Jesu. This pirate decided that in the future he would be a king of pirates. To achieve this, Toma Jesu and his crew decided to destroy many enemy pirate ships. But one day, Toma Jesu attacked the wrong ship because it was the second ship of Sophia Massoca. She was one of the most ferocious pirates of the northern oceans. She decided to gather a lot of ships to attack Toma Jesu to get her revenge. But the latter learnt of Massoca's strategy. He called on his pirate alliance to attack first. The battle was very complicated and extremely long but Toma Jesu, his crew and his alliance came out of the battle victorious. They recovered all the treasure and money that Sophia Massoca had collected and destroyed her ship.

Seven years later, the pirate alliance was broken up and Toma Jesu accumulated a lot of power and became the number one pirate, he is now called THE KING OF THE PIRATES.

The Fake Friend

By Philippine Ferey

It was in a cold night of May. The crew of the ship “The Black Spirit” had been sailing for a long time. That was why they decided to stop by a cove that they could perceive on the horizon. When they stepped on the shore, they thought that it was the perfect place to stay a few days and recover before going back to their activities.

There was a member of the crew, John, who was special. He would always disappear, at midnight, to be away from the rest of the group, for no reason. As the night went by, the pirates started to go to sleep. But this member didn't. And so did the captain. The captain acted as he was sleeping so that he could follow John and finally discover his little secret. But, he wasn't prepared for what he was about to see...

John, hiding behind a rock, and pulling off his head a wig!! The captain was in shock. But, it was not the only thing. John started to take off a mask, and his true face showed up...He was the vicious enemy of the crew, in person! All this time, it was him! The captain kept the secret for a week. When the crew returned on the boat, he decided to gather up everyone. He grabbed John by the neck, and pulled off his wig. Then, he did the same with his mask. Everyone was speechless.

Since then, we still don't know what happened to John. But, he probably didn't last long.



Newell Convers Wyeth, *The duel on the beach*, 1928, oil on canvas

The Return

By Tristan Fradcourt

Three centuries ago, a famous pirate crew was stationed next to a beautiful coast. There was a huge cliff with a tropical forest at the top. The pirate at the top of the mast saw many strange creatures in that jungle. So, the captain, named Captain Hook, decided to go on the island to see what had happened. But an immense storm was coming. After their arrival on that mysterious island, they had decided to build a shelter to escape the storm. Four pirates explored the island to find the ideal place. But suddenly, a huge monster with three heads appeared. They ran really fast and went back on the ship. The storm came upon the ship. The wind was strong but Captain Hook decided to take his weapons to fight this mysterious monster under the storm. The fight started, and as soon as possible, he cut one of the monsters' heads. It looked like a giant dog. But after some minutes, a second head was cut. The dog tried to hit the pirate but he quickly fell on the floor. That fight was intense, and in Captain Hook' honor, the last head was fixed in front of the pirate ship. Captain Hook and his crew went back to London to tell his adventure.

Now, in 2023, Captain Hook is more famous than ever because of some historians who wrote the myth. But... it's not a myth, it's reality.

Jack the Arrow

By Noah Gallaire

During the 1540s, piracy went through a golden age. Between all the extraordinary crews, including very strong captains, only one was the best. All those crews were fighting to find and recruit the best pirates they could find to grow up their power. But one pirate was particularly wanted, Jack the Arrow. He was known for his incredible fighting skills. Indeed, he had fought against the most powerful kraken of the sea. Only one crew succeeded to recruit him. Let me tell you the story of the recruitment of Jack the Arrow in Big Fleirch's crew.

After he had found a sea monster, Jack decided to sail until he found an island where he could drink some fresh water. So his little boat had fought many big waves before stopping on the coast of a bay. Few hours later, one of the most famous crew had seen his boat and went to the same bay. Jack found a tree next to a little cliff and decided to climb this tree in order to sleep and hide from the wildlife. Jack slept half a day. After this, he finally decided to go and hunt to eat. But during this time, Big Fleirch's crew deployed four pirates on the island to look for him. When they found him, they thought they could beat him in a fight to bring him to the captain of the crew. But Jack dodged all of their attacks. In only five minutes, Jack won against 4 members of the best crew sailing on the sea. Unfortunately, the others members of the crew took his boat and pulled it back into the sea so Jack had no choice. He was forced to join the crew. After plenty of attempts to escape from the crew, Jack had finally decided to join the best pirate, Big Fleirch. The famous pirate, known for being one of the strongest and the scariest one, who was sailing alone, stopped his career only two months after this story.

But we don't know if this story is true, it's only a myth, nobody can say if it's true or not.

The Pirate Secret

By Nell Hamoneau Bonsoir

Once upon a time, there was a famous pirate crew called “The Sea Storm”. People from the sea would call them like that because every time those pirates found a new ship to steal from, they would destroy it to the point you would think it was actually caught in a storm. It was around the year 1718, near the English coasts, that the captain of “The Sea Storm” found a mysterious map, leading to a treasure. He found that map in a chest he stole from the last ship he and his crew destroyed. One of the members of his crew approached him:

“Captain Hawkeyes?” he asked “What are we going to do with that map?”

The captain responded:

“Well, what a stupid question! Are you really bothering me with that? Of course, we're going to find that treasure! I think I might know where it's located.”

The next day, they sailed upon the sea, following the map's instructions. They arrived some hours later, discovering a large bay, with sharp rocks coming out of the water:

“I don't know if we should continue now, we could end up damaging the ship!” said one of the crew members.

At this moment, they heard a melody, as if someone was singing, but at the moment they understood what was happening, it was too late, that was a mermaid's singing! The captain immediately yelled:

“Cover your ears!”

But four of the crew members had already jumped to their death, getting eaten by the other mermaids. The captain pulled out his sword and confronted the mermaid, who confusedly asked:

“How are you not affected by my singing, human?”

He answered:

“Because you see, mermaid, I'm actually a woman!”

Hearing that, the mermaid was shocked, because it was forbidden for a woman to be a pirate, even more so a captain! Only captain Hawkeyes knew that and had kept that a secret for years.

She cut off the mermaid's head with her sword and then saved the rest of her crew, who didn't know about her secret. After some search, they finally found the treasure, then left for new exciting adventures and more ships to steal.

The end.



Goran Vojinovic, *Sailing ship*, 2020, oil.

Stealing the Wrong Boat

By Timothé Jorrey

John was a famous pirate. He could steal what he wanted. One day, he was sleeping on his boat when a member of his crew saw another boat. Immediately, John and the rest of his crew took knives and guns and stole the boat : food, treasure ... all the boat was stolen. At a certain moment, John saw the flag of the United Kingdom and understood that he had stolen the boat of the King and the Queen of England.

A week later, he was arrested for his crime and he was imprisoned at the prison of London. He was judged by the King and the Queen for his crimes in the past and his crime a week before. He was sentenced to prison for the rest of his life. At the end of the judgment, the princess of England recognized him : they were friends at school when they were children. She decided to help him to escape from prison but at one condition : she would go with him because she didn't love her parents and she wanted to be a pirate. John went with her and they became the most famous couple of pirates.

The Mermaid Waves Company

By Myla Leray Gele

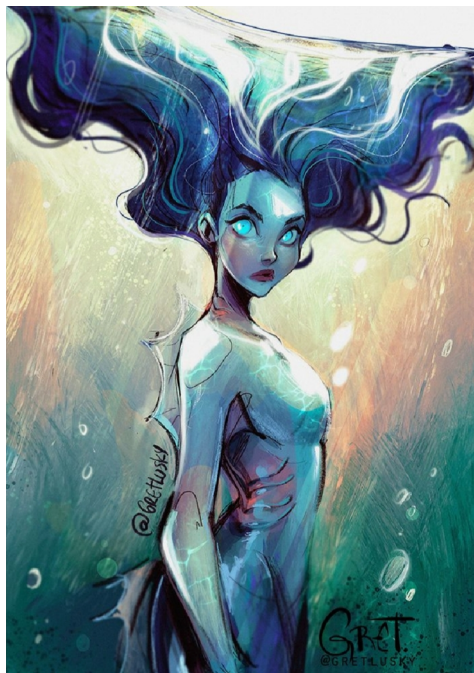
John was a creative child. He would play with pirate toys and would tell pirate stories. One day, when he went to school, he found a treasure map on the road. He decided to go on an adventure, his pirate adventure.

John had taken a fishing boat in a harbour and he sailed in the sea to the ocean. As he had sailed many days, he heard the mermaid song and met a beautiful mermaid: Serena.

Serena had many abilities. She helped him to hide from the kraken, a sea monster, had climbed mountains, had killed a pirate enemy when they found the treasure. They lived many adventures together.

But one night, a storm created huge waves and John was dragged by them. He almost drowned and his fishing boat went on the rocky coast. John was safe on the shore after the storm. But he was alone and he tried to look for Serena on the shore and in the wildness of the island.

After many many days he found the treasure from the treasure map but... alone. He decided to live on the island and waited for Serena. He found a friend pirate and they created the pirate company “Mermaid Waves”. After this long time, John is still looking for Serena in the ocean.



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Green Beard

By Emma Leroy

Once upon a time there was a pirate called Green Beard. Green Beard was the scariest pirate of all times. He was nicknamed the king of the sea, even by his enemies! A few years ago, Green Beard had found the biggest treasure of the world: the gold pumpkin. But he had lost it during a fight a few years before. The gold pumpkin had fallen off the ship and had sank

Since then moment, Green Beard had been desperate. He was sure he would never see this treasure again. But one day, when he stopped in Cornwall with his crew, he saw a little thing shone. It looked like the gold pumpkin! He ran and started to unearth the thing, it was the treasure! He couldn't believed it! He came back to his crew and showed their the gold pumpkin. All of the crew jumped of happiness even Green Beard. Suddenly, Ghosty, a member of the crew, took his gun and killed Green Beard. The crew was shocked and stayed frozen.

"Now, I am the captain, and if you don't agree with this, say it and I will kill you," said Ghosty

Nobody said anything.

"Well, now go to the ship," he said

Since this moment, all of the fights were lost. The crew became "the children of the sea".

The royal treasure

By Aline Martin

Our story starts during the 18th century. It was a rainy day, and as usual, Oscar and Jack, the worst pirates of England, were still looking for the treasure they had heard about. They had decided to find this treasure because they were tired of stealing and attacking other pirates boat's.

One day, they were next to a big city, which was known for its rich royal family. The horrible pirates decided to kidnap the king's beautiful daughter. They had succeeded, so they went back to the ship and forced her to tell where the treasure was. She was a member of the royal family and the legend of this unfound treasure said that the treasure could only be found by a royal member. So Jack and Oscar did everything to force her to talk.

After many days of silence, she decided to talk because she was scared to be killed. As soon as she had spoken, the boats took another direction, and went to a little island. After two nights on the boat, they arrived. Here, the king's soldiers were ordered to stay, protect the royal treasure and bring Princess Anne back. But she refused. She said that the pirate treated her in a better way than her dad. She told the British soldiers to let her find the treasure with the pirates. So that's what she did. The pirates became the richest pirates ever, and decided to keep the new female pirate called Anne with them. She helped them to find multiple treasures after that, so maybe, the real treasure was her.

Marina and her Adventures at Sea

By Romane MASSOL

One day, a woman, Marina, wanted to go in research of a treasure with pirates in a boat. They only had a fishing boat for this trip but it was little. So, they went on an adventure.

The power of the sea and natural elements were important in this escape because there were huge waves and a storm coming. Suddenly, Marina fell into the sea and the pirates searched for her but they didn't find her. A few seconds later, they found Marina. She had swam because she had seen an island a few meters away. This island was an uninhabited little island because the cliff was going to crumble down. It was a mysterious island with mythical black flowers and monsters on the trees. They decided to come back because this island was worrying for her. The only unique treasure they found was tobacco, gin and rum. They decided to take these objects and they called it "contraband". They came home on a fishing boat to live in security.



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The Female Pirate of the 18th Century

By Noémie Matet

Mary Read was a female pirate. She wore men's clothing because it was forbidden for a woman to join a crew. She was in the crew of captain Johnson.

In the 18th century, when she was sailing, she saw a bottle in the sea. Mary broke the bottle after she had retrieved it. In this bottle, Mary found a treasure map. She decided to go to the islet indicated on the map alone. After she had taken a little ship, Mary sailed to the isle.

She found the island and she arrived on the shore. Suddenly, a giant animal attacked her. This animal looked like a monkey with long and sharp teeth. Before Mary managed to kill the monster, she fought two days. Then, she explored the island to find the treasure. After Mary had survived one month on this dangerous island, she found the legendary treasure.

She returned to captain Johnson with the treasure. Johnson was very happy and he had congratulated Marc, the nickname of Mary, but all of sudden, Blackbeard, the famous pirate, attacked them. Johnson and Mary, together, killed Blackbeard. To celebrate this victory, they swallowed a lot of alcohol like pirates did.



Knut Baad, *The Island of Traenen in Nordland*, 1838, oil

In Search of the Lost Treasure

By Tristan Miralles

The other day, I met an old pirate, who told me that he had been on a ship with Mary Read. I believed him, even if it seemed a little weird. So, to begin, he told me that she was constantly dressed as a man and he had recognized her only before she got captured. Once, Mary Read told him that she had found a map leading to a treasure. As she was sailing to get to this treasure, she saw a silhouette of a boat hiding in a fog. She started to feel scared but she went out as if she wasn't because pirates can't show their emotions. She kept sailing and finally made it to the shore. After they arrived on the island, they discovered that they were not the only ones looking for treasures. Another pirate crew, led by a pirate known as Blackbeard, was also searching for the treasure. Both crews began to argue and fight for the treasure. Eventually, Mary read and her crew managed to find the treasure, but Blackbeard did not give up. He chased them trying to steal their treasure. The two pirates had to fight to protect their treasure and their lives. After a long battle, Blackbeard was defeated and Mary Read managed to keep the treasure for her crew.



N.C Wyeth, *Pirate Treasure*,
2019, painting.

Jack, the Legendary Pirate

By Betina ROCCA

Once upon a time there was a young sailor named Jack. He had grown up on a shore of the sea and had always dreamed of becoming a great pirate. One day, he heard about a legendary treasure hidden on a lost island and he decided that this was his chance to prove that he was a good pirate. The trip was difficult with violent storms and huge waves, but he was determined. When he arrived on the island, monstrous ghosts were guarding the treasure. They fought with each other but Jack was stronger than the ghosts. He managed to take the treasure and return to his ship proudly. But the return trip was not easy either because he was pursued by pirate enemies who wanted to steal the treasure. But Jack was smarter and managed to lose them.

Jack became a legend at sea, known for his courage and determination.



Henri Rousseau, *The storm tossed vessel*. 1899, oil, canvas.

The Collapse of the Kings of the Seas, a Pirate Legacy

By Steve ROLLAND

Once upon a time, the most famous pirate crew to have ever existed on Earth sailed somewhere near the British coasts. These pirates were the most dangerous ones once they sailed at sea. Nobody knew their names, but they were known as “Seas Kings”. Whoever had seen their huge and red sails knew death was coming for them. Even their parrot looked dangerous and threatening. But, one day, a tragic story brutally stopped their reign over the world, let me tell you this story:

As they had been told about a legendary treasure somewhere in the Atlantic Ocean, the fearless crew went to search it. The wind blew their sails, the waves came to crash on the huge ship, the “Black Swan”. They had never been that fast until this day. They probably would arrive in one month whereas the other pirates would have needed more than six. Suddenly, as they had seen the island on which the treasure should be buried, they also saw another ship, that had never been theirs, crashed between a lot of rocks.

“Probably a shipwreck,” the captain said as they arrived in the island.

The map was right! A treasure had been buried here probably before the crew had ever been born. A huge red cross was there, on the sand, in front of them. They had started to unearth the treasure before they heard a noise behind them. It wasn’t really loud, but loud enough for the crew to hear that. They turned around, but it was already too late: they had been caught by another crew, that had lead them into this trap. The captain, as he understood that the map, the treasure also, and that the shipwreck wasn’t real, fell down on his knees. The crew, following him, did the same. As he started to negotiate with the other pirates, he heard some noises, very loud noises. He looked around him and saw that his crew mates had been killed one by one. He was the only one still standing. And, all of a sudden, the pirate in front of him pulled his rifle’s trigger.

That’s how the Seas Kings died, being still, for now, the best pirates ever as they left behind them a huge legacy.

The girl pirate caught the other pirates

By Léa Rols

It was sunny and the pirates were sailing on the ocean. It wasn't a good day for them because they hadn't found any treasure. When suddenly, a little boat arrived behind them and a girl jumped on the boat of the pirates. She said "Hello! I'm Clara and I'm a pirate like you. I would just like to find a treasure because I need it. If you help me to find treasure, we will divide the treasure in two parts". The pirates accepted that because they thought she was a good girl.

They sailed in the ocean during one hour until they found another boat with a lot of passengers. Clara said to the others to fight the other passengers and at the same time she went to find the treasure. The passengers of the other boat were not much but the boat was destroyed in a little bit of time. They went to find Clara but after a long time, they didn't find her. One of pirates had called every pirates in the boat to show a thing in the ocean. It was Clara's boat and there was a lot of money and things on it. The pirates understood they would never have the treasure because the girl left with it.



Female Pirate, Anne Bonny (b.1697) (colored engraving)

The Ghost Pirate Crew

By Benjamin Terrié

I'm John and I will tell you my story.

In 1756, I was with my father everyday in the pub where my family worked on the Atlantic coast . Sometimes my father or mother would tell me: "You don't look very serious today". I answered "Sorry, sorry...". In reality, I was watching the sea.

But one day, a fishing boat came back in the early afternoon. Usually, they came back at sunset. I focused on this. It wasn't a fishing boat! It was pirates! With my family, we went in the back and we waited for one hour. We went out in the street after a long silent time. I saw two pirates. They were searching for a treasure. On my left, I saw five pirates. They were chasing the population from of their houses. After one week, the pirate crew left my village and the coast looked uninhabited. Since that day, a legendary tale says that the ghosts of the population killed by the pirates are at sea and they fight with the crew on the ship.

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Harry the Smuggler

By Noa Chevalier

This, is the stories of Harry the smuggler. Harry was a big old man in an English port in 1745. With his ship and his team of smugglers, they were very good at stealing alcohol. One day, during a robbery. They found a lot of wine. But the crew of this ship would not let Harry take the wine. They had to fight. Harry took his sword and said:

“I want to fight the greatest swordsman here! If i win, and i will, we’ll take the wine.”

After saying that, a really big man approached. He was very big and strong, but Harry was the best with a sword and won the fight. They took the wine and went back to the ship. In the ship, Harry climbed to the top and said to his crew:

“Wine for everyone!”

The day after, they sold the wine and made a lot of money.

The Old Legend

By Léonie FONSECA

The story takes place in the 1990s. This story was very popular because nobody believed what happened. It was a sunny day, in a small British island, a rich family, the Johnsons, had a bad business... They smuggled tea and rum and pretended to be poor fishermen to avoid suspicions. But this day was different. The Johnson family left after they had loaded tea and rum in a boat to hide the merchandise. They sailed a long long time but a storm and a thick fog suddenly appeared. The waves became very big and the Johnson family saw yellow eyes before being attacked by this mysterious creature. The creature had a serpentine body. It was extremely big and had... big teeth. The Johnson family couldn't believe what they saw... It was the MORGAWR! A legendary and mysterious sea creature, everybody thought it was a joke told by an old British fisherman who had survived Morgawr's attack. At the end of the attack the Johnson family drowned and nobody heard a sign of life of the family.

Twenty years later, the same story happened again: a sunny day, a storm, a thick mist and the attack of a creature. But this time, just one woman of the crew survived, it was Mary Jones, a nineteen year old young woman. She landed on the shore of a small lost island. She found fresh water before sleeping in a tree. The next day, she found tea and rum and a badge of the Johnson family. It was true! It wasn't a legend. Mary found a boat before leaving this island to find her country and told her story to the press. Mary Jones became very famous and this story is still told around the world today!



Evening all ... from Richard Owen's album of sightings, photograph, Lucie Goodayle, image Resources/Natural History Museum



Georges Morland, *Sea-Coast Scene, Smugglers*, 1793, oil painting