



Plot

PART I: 'THE OLD BUCCANEER' An old sailor, calling himself 'the captain'—real name 'Billy Bones'—comes to lodge at the Admiral Benbow Inn, paying Jim Hawkins, a few pennies to keep a lookout for a one-legged 'seafaring man'. When Billy dies; Jim finds a sea chest, containing money, a journal, and a map. He and Dr. Livesey decide to mount an expedition to find buried treasure.

PART II: 'THE SEA COOK' Jim and friends travel to Bristol to find a ship (Hispaniola) and crew for the journey. We are introduced to 'Long John' Silver and Captain Smollett, are to lead the trip. During the voyage Jim—concealed in an apple barrel—overhears Silver planning a mutiny. Jim alerts his friends.

PART III: 'MY SHORE ADVENTURE' They arrive at the island and Jim sneaks ashore. While exploring he overhears Silver plotting and murdering several crewmen. Jim meets Ben Gunn who was marooned on the island by Silver and he agrees to help Jim.

PART IV: 'THE STOCKADE' Meanwhile, Jim's friends have abandoned ship and come ashore to occupy an old stockade. There is a battle for the stockade with the pirates. Jim finds the stockade and joins them. The next morning, Silver appears under a flag of truce. Jim and friends refuse to hand over the map and Silver threatens attack, another battle begins.

PART V: 'MY SEA ADVENTURE' After the battle several of Jim's friends are either killed or wounded. Jim escapes and finds the pirate ship abandoned, which he then takes control of. Once on board he realises a pirate still remains. They reach a truce but in the end the pirate betrays Jim. There is a battle which Jim wins. Jim returns to the stockade to find Silver has taken it over.

PART VI: 'CAPTAIN SILVER' Silver and the others argue about whether to kill Jim, Silver finds out that Jim knows the whereabouts of the ship. Silver and the others set out with the map, taking Jim along as hostage. On their way to find the treasure, they are ambushed by Jim's friends. They realise that Ben Gunn has had the treasure all along. Jim and friends, with Silver as prisoner get back on board the Hispaniola and head back to England. Silver escapes...

Characters

Jim Hawkins – a teenager who narrates most of the story
 Mrs Hawkins – Jim's mother
 Dr Livesey – town Doctor, smart, narrates part iv
 Squire Trelawney – Local landowner who talks too much
 Captain Smollett – Captain of the Hispaniola.
 Honest. Ben Gunn – Ex pirate. Marooned. Gone crazy.
 Long John Silver – Pirate ringleader. 'Cook' on ship.
 Israel Hands – Pirate eventually defeated by Jim Dick, George, Morgan --(Pirates)
 Billy Bones – Old pirate who likes his rum. Being hunted for a map.
 Black Dog – Old Pirate, looking for a treasure map
 Blind Pew – Evil, blind pirate.
 Job Anderson- Pirate. Forces Silver to start the mutiny
 early Redruth – works for the Squire
 Abraham Gray – Pirate who turns good guy
 Captain Flint – deceased pirate with a terrifying reputation
 Hispaniola – the Ship
 The Admiral Benbow – The Inn that Jim lives in.

Context

Piracy

1700's tradition of seafaring. Britain a maritime nation.
 A time of exploration – ships exploring the east/America etc.
 The golden age of pirates – 1650-1680. Often in the Caribbean and Pacific Oceans. There were many real life pirates e.g. Blackbeard, a notorious pirate probably born in Bristol and died in battle
 Colonial powers (Britain, France, Spain) were trying to expand their colonies by sailing around the world and trading valuables. As a result of this, they engaged in several battles with pirates who were after the same.

Bristol

Bristol—an important sea port famous for designing and building docks and harbours
 Bristol also famous for its ship-building skill which started the famous saying 'ship shape in Bristol Fashion'—meaning 'well-built craftsmanship'
 If you wanted a great sailing ship, Bristol was the place to go

Vocabulary

Technical language:

- Noun
- Verb
- Adjective
- Adverb
- Simile
- Metaphor
- Personification
- Alliteration
- Onomatopoeia
- Narrator
- Maritime/seafaring language
- Maritime
- Quay/harbour/dock
- Starboard/larboard
- Scuppers
- Ebb
- Booms
- Blocks
- Rudder
- Mast
- Bow/stern
- Fore hold
- Schooner
- Berth
- Companion
- Coxswain
- Foc's'le (forecastle)
- Mizzen/fore-sail
- Luff
- Coracle
- buccaneer

Themes

Conflict
 Friendship
 Adventure/Journey/quest
 Coming of age (growing up)
 Fathers and father figures
 Savagery vs. civilisation
 Good vs. evil
 Death

Key quotes

LJS

He was very tall and strong, with a face as big as a ham — plain and pale, but intelligent and smiling
 hopping about upon it like a bird
 and I thought I knew what a buccaneer was like — a very different creature,
 "Yes, my lad," said he; "such is my name, to be sure. And who may you be?"

BG

What it was, whether bear or man or monkey, I could in no wise tell
 From trunk to trunk the creature flitted like a deer, running manlike on two legs, but unlike any man that I had ever seen
 His skin, wherever it was exposed, was burnt by the sun; even his lips were black, and his fair eyes looked quite startling
 Clothed with tatters of old ship's canvas and old sea-cloth, and this extraordinary patchwork was all held together by a system of the most various and incongruous fastenings, brass buttons, bits of stick, and loops of tarry gaskin

