



The Cadets Mess

Everyone loves a likeable rogue like Captain Jack Sparrow! There's something about his "devil-may-care" attitude that is more appealing than, say, Will Turner, played by Orlando Bloom, or the naval captain, Commodore Norrington.

The makers of the movie, Disney, have commissioned a series of young adult books (aimed about Jack Sparrow and there are six books in the series so far. The first book, "[The Coming Storm](#)", tells how a teenage Jack Sparrow has assembled a motley crew to find the legendary Sword of Cortés, which will grant them unimaginable power. In the second, "[The Siren Song](#)", Jack's ship, the Barnacle, and its crew have fallen under a sinister spell and the third, "[The Pirate Chase](#)" pits the youngsters against the notorious pirate, Left Foot Louis.

Pirates are favourites in fiction and if you get the chance read "[Treasure Island](#)", a classic children's book by Robert Louis Stevenson, which has been the basis for a half-dozen films including the Sci Fi animated movie, "[Treasure Planet](#)" by Disney - there was even a [Muppet movie](#) based on it!



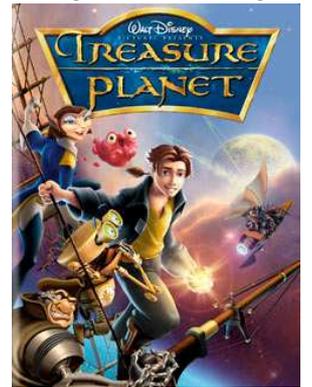
Find out more about Pirates of the Caribbean



By Lt Cmdr Kirok of L'Stok

Everybody loves to play pirates! Disney has some amazing merchandising out - click on the links for more info! - [Costume](#), [sword](#), [pistol](#) and even a [compass](#) that doubles as a slide viewer accompanying a book!

For the Pirate fan on a budget there are things to make yourself. You could [make your own costume](#). This Knowledge Hound website covers everything from hat to boots! Buying things too easy for you? Why not make [Jack Sparrow's compass](#) out of card from the Disney Experience web site (see left) as well as a [treasure chest](#) or two which also has the and for the expert modeller there is a [flintlock pistol](#) available for a thousand Yen from master Kamikuzu.



There's even a [Jack Sparrow fan film](#)!

STAR TREK
THE ANIMATED SERIES COMICS

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LIKE FATHER LIKE SON

THE PATIENT PARASITES



This month's featured webcomic comes from Star Trek: The Animated Series Comics which can be downloaded for free at ... http://startrekanimated.com/tas_comic_main.html A nine issue series to date, based on Star Trek: The Animated Series

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Pirates in History ...

In real life there was very little nice about [pirates](#). They were thieves who roamed the seas, robbing innocent cargo ships and often murdering their captives. There have been pirates since ancient Greek times and there are still [pirates today](#), [off the coast of Africa](#) and in the [South China Seas](#), who use high speed boats and submachine guns to [board and rob cargo vessels](#). Will there be pirates in space? Not if Starfleet has anything to do with it!

Blackbeard, the most famous pirate of all!

[Blackbeard](#) was [a giant of a man](#) with a bushy black beard who wore a sling with 6 loaded guns across his chest, a belt with knives and guns, and a sword around his waist. To make himself look even more [devilish](#), he would tuck slow burning rope into his hat to make it look like smoke was coming from his head! He was killed in battle with a British navy ship in 1718.

The wreck of the "Queen Annes Revenge"

[Blackbeard's](#) flagship was "[The Queen Anns Revenge](#)" (QAR), a captured French ship which was sunk just before the final battle. In 1996 diver [Mike Daniel](#) found a pile of cannons in the right area that is believed to be the QAR. It has proven to be a rich [marine archaeological site](#) and there is even a plan that she may rise from her watery grave and sail the seven seas once again ... as [a replica](#) to be built in the area!

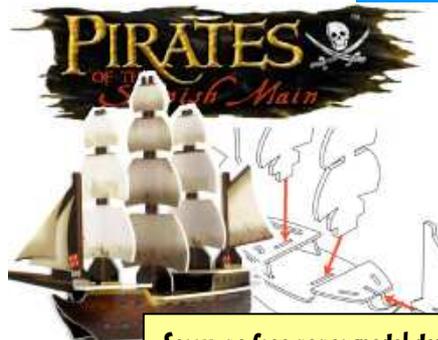
Pirates of the Southern Seas

Piracy was practiced on the Indian Ocean trade routes, notably out of [Madagascar](#) and [Mauritius](#) from ancient times. Similarly [China](#), with a [long shoreline](#) that was hard for a [central government to police](#) had a long history of piracy. A large part of the [early exploration of Australia](#) was chronicled by the buccanier [William Dampier](#) whilst he was a member of a pirate crew, the *Cygnat*. (NB. The wreck of his later ship, [HMS Roebuck](#) has been found off Ascension Island)

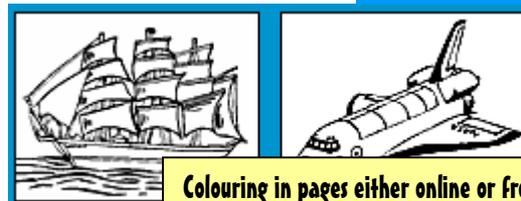
Tall Ships

[Pirates](#) used many [types of ships](#) - usually whatever they could capture! - [The Bounty](#) was used for the filming of *Pirates of the Caribbean* but often they [were smaller shallower ships](#) that could hide in shallow rivers and bays

Watch out for a new adventure featuring characters from the USS Southern Cross!
PIRATES OF THE FEDERATION!



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