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## **Captain No Beard: An Imaginary Tale of a Pirate's Life Details**

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## From Reader Review Captain No Beard: An Imaginary Tale of a Pirate's Life for online ebook

### Heather says

I love that Captain No Beard takes his crew on an adventure on the high seas aboard their ship, The Flying Dragon. I also enjoyed that this story was about sailors wondering what they should do aboard the ship. In this tale they learn how to take care of the ship, they encounter stormy weather, and they meet a mysterious mermaid as they hunt for treasure.

This is a great story that emphasizes the importance of using ones imagination. I think that now, in a day and age that focuses so much time and attention on technology that sometimes our children lose sight of such an important part of being young and growing up. The illustrations are colorful, fun, and really brings the story full circle.

I can't wait to see what Carole will think up next for Captain No Beard and his crew!

This is a great book and one that I highly recommend for children of all ages.

I received a complimentary copy of Carole P. Roman's book, Captain No Beard: An Imaginary Tale of Pirate's Life, for the purpose of review. Please note, the opinions expressed are my own and I am not required to provide a positive review.

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<http://www.griffinshoney.com/children...>

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### Miranda Reads says

4.5 stars

*"Swab the decks, pump the bilges, climb the mast, and shiver me timbers!"*

Captain No Beard and Hallie (his first mate + cousin) **run a tight ship** with their pirate crew.

They're about to leave their island and sail off into the great big ocean...**only things don't exactly go to plan.**

*"Mongo," he called back, "there is no ship yonder. A storm is brewing."*

Together with their crew, which consists of a monkey, a frog an a lion, they are about to **go on an unforgettable adventure.**

*"Sound the alarm! Fribbit yelled to Linus*

What a cute story! I adored this one!

The dynamic between the characters was so fun and adventuresome - ***absolutely awesome!***

The animals were **bright and cheerful**, and their journey had just the right amount of tension.

I especially enjoyed the twist at the end - I always loved books like that as a kid and I still do as an adult!

### **Definitely one to read!**

*with thanks to the author for a free copy in exchange for a honest review*

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### **werejumpinbooks says**

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Her first book, Captain No Beard - An Imaginary Tale of a Pirate's Life has been named to Kirkus Reviews' Best of 2012 as well garnered the star of remarkable merit. Captain No Beard has developed in a series of 3 more books.

I loved how the book was so adventurous. The words were easy to read, and easy for my five-year-old to follow. I will definitely be keeping this book, not only to read again to my daughter, but for our baby boy to enjoy once he arrives. Plus, who wouldn't want to read about pirates!?

My daughter loved this book, she has already asked to read it again! The pages are so colorful, and the story kept her wanting to turn the page. She now has new saying aboard her vocabulary: "Shiver Me Timbers"

Disclosure: I received this book for free from the author. I was not required to write a positive review. The opinions I have expressed are my own.

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### **Dylene Menard says**

Education:

This book was such a good read. It's perfect for beginner level readers or children who just love pirates. There are a few words that your children might not be familiar with but with an adults help they'll be able learn those words easily.

Also I love how the characters in the books really talk like pirates. They don't just dress up as one but they

talk like a pirate through out the entire book, which leads to my next educational factor which I like about this book.

If you and your little ones are going to be playing pirates for a day then this book would be great for story time and it might give your little's ones ideas for their next adventure scene as a pirate or a play to put on. You could actually just read the book, then make puppets so your children could play the book out for anyone wishing to watch.

#### Pictures:

The pictures were very colorful which pleased me. They were interesting to look at and there was so much going on in the pictures that the kids just kept looking at them, taking it all in. Even my nephew who's two spent a good hour just looking though the pictures. I also love the characters themselves. You have a brother and sister and all sorts of animals that children just love. So this book is great for boys and girls.

#### Storyline:

The story was cute and the ending was adorable. I really didn't know where the plot line was going but everyone was happy with the ending. I don't want to give the ending away so I'll stop there. You just have to know that you'll go awe when you done reading this book with your children.

#### Binding:

The binding is pretty good. It is a lot sturdier then it looks and the book did survive through a lot of little hands. So hopefully this book will last for a while. Plus the book is thin which makes for easy storage. You get a great book for a good price without having to use to much space to store it which we all know that we need space especially when there are so many little ones around constantly making something or bringing something home.

So all and all my review for this book is that it's perfect for children. It has a lot of color and it has great characters that kids can relate to. Plus the storyline makes you laugh and giggle. So all and all I give this book a 5/5 review. Be sure to keep an eye out for my next childrens review which should be sometime next week.

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### **Jeanine says**

I just got done reading Captain No Beard An Imaginary Tale of a Pirates Life. This is definitely a new favorite for my 6 and 9 year old pirates. They just loved all of the animals (mongo the monkey my daughters favorite and Fribbit the floppy frog my sons favorite). Of course they loved hearing "shiver me timbers" as that is their favorite line when they play pirates together. This books spawns so much creativity and imagination from the young and old. It was so much fun to each act out the characters and really felt like we were in the book. My son's has also found a new favorite line to go along with his "shiver me timbers" and that is "Being a captain is hard work". The illustrations that are in this book go great with the story line and were done in such great detail and my daughter now wants to try her hand at making pirate pictures. If you have little pirate lovers in your home this book is a must.

I received this book for free to give an honest review. All words I wrote are honest and are the opinions of my children and I.

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## **Amelia Drew says**

I liked this book and thought it was very cute and had a great story line. However, my daughter LOVED this book and thought it was wonderful. She needed some help reading some words (she is only 5), but had a great time reading most of the words on her own. There were several times she asked me a question about the book, we turned the page and the characters in the book asked the same thing my daughter did, then they answered the question. We loved the captain's saying, "Being a captain is hard work." Somehow, although as an adult I could guess the ending, I thought the ending really made this a solid and lovely book. I actually read the ending a second time because I liked it so much! I later found my daughter (after reading it several times initially) had picked this book up (among her hundreds of others) and was reading it again to herself because she liked it so much. I was really impressed with this book and how much it related to my daughter. If you have any question if your little one will like this book, wonder no more they will LOVE it! I cannot wait to read more from this book series and author- it is a complete winner!!

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## **Angel says**

This was the first book of the author's (not the only one) I'd read to my son several months back. The way the imaginary world is written is done really well (and draws you in immediately) from the child's point of view, to the extent you don't even realize it at first that it is a child's imagination narrating the storyline, not until the very end, which is tied up very neatly. The illustrations are done very well with beautiful colors. The language and dialogue is very down to earth, staying at a child's level but also interwoven is a message expressed in the interactions between the characters, in a clear and concise manner for kids to learn from and enjoy all at the same time. What an awesome adventure for parents and kids!

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## **Mandy says**

Captain No Beard, by Carole P. Roman, is a delightful tale of a young boy on an adventure of his life. Alexander, the pirate captain extraordinaire, and his cousin and first mate, Hallie, are joined by a menagerie of a crew: Mongo, the "mast-climbing monkey," Linus, the "loud-mouthed lion," and Fribbit, the "floppy frog." Together they travel on their ship called the Flying Dragon, whose name was chosen for its fear-inducing qualities.

Every morning is greeted with orders of the day with pirate loving phrases such as the swabbing of decks, pumping of bilges, climbing of the mast, and the ever popular chorus of "Shiver Me Timbers!" Alexander expects a lot from his crew, but when Hallie asks a question and points out that she won't know an answer unless she asks, he digs down and pulls out his trusty pirate dictionary to find out. This captain business is hard work.

When a storm rolls in, the crew must work together to save themselves from falling overboard. Avoiding possible catastrophe, the calm after the storm brings a voice from below. Hallie deduces that the voice must be from a mermaid, and the crew proceeds cautiously. Appearing on the deck of the Flying Dragon, the mermaid comes prepared, with a treasure of golden doubloon cookies and a sense of humor that all parents

need.

Roman's book is a full color picture book suitable for children of all ages. The pictures are large and bright, bringing a wonderful visual to the engaging story. I read this story with my four children, ages 10, 8, 5, and 2 1/2, and I have to say we were all engaged. Pirate lingo provides plenty of opportunity for audience participation! Captain No Beard has a deeper message to its older audience. As Alexander often exclaims, "Being a captain is hard work!" The book reminds us that our children, engrossed in fantasy and pretend games are also hard at work every day, learning through play.

So gather your family, and prepare to drawl some pirate lingo. A word to the wise, though? Limit your pirate voice and don't attempt to read the entire book as a pirate. It left my throat raw and when the cheers of "Let's read it again!" rang out, I needed a tea break.

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### **Amy\_****Read to My Heart's Content****says**

<http://superreadingkids.blogspot.com/...>

I am such a huge fan of pirates. There is just something breathtaking about walking around saying "Aarrgh!" or "Ahoy Mateys!" that seems like it makes your day just a tad more fun.

You should try it-you might like it. Talk like a pirate with your kids while you go about the chores or pretend you are the captain and they are your first mates. It will bring a smile to your kids' faces, and probably yours too.

So my boys and I were super excited to find this cute little series about a captain and his unlikely crew sailing the imaginary seas. I think the title is adorable~Captain No Beard~ because he literally has no beard. He is a very interesting pirate captain, not to mention his shipmates as well. He has a mix of animal friends that help navigate on his boat, The Flying Dragon. For example, there is Mongo the Monkey, Linus the loudmouthed lion and of course, Fribbet the Floppy Frog.

I love the alliteration that is going on right here. It is so much fun. In fact, I think that was the first thing my son, Mikey, pointed out to me.

This isn't specifically a "learning" book; but I do think it could be if you really wanted it to be. I do, however, think this is a great teaching tool for imagination. I appreciate the fact you have the adventure the crew goes on and then always at the end, the captain and his first mate, Hallie, find themselves back home.

I think this book is great for both sexes as it doesn't really play to either one. It is just fun to read, fun to pretend with, and fun to imagine.

I have to give it five stars \*\*\*\*\*

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### **Renee says**

My son and I read and reviewed this book for Mother Daughter Book Reviews. Here are our thoughts:

#### **SON SAYS:**

This story is about a pirate who wants to get treasure. He sails on his boat with Mongo the Monkey, Linus the Lion, Fribbit the Frog, and Hallie the first mate looking for adventure. The cover and the pictures in the book were good – I liked them. My favorite picture is the first one in the book when it has all of the crew

together. In that picture though, the monkey has a really big head and a tiny body. They should change it. My favorite part of the book is when Hallie almost falls overboard and Fribbit kept saying all the wrong things and changing what he was saying, like “Man – I mean – girl overboard” and at the end when he says “...overboard! I mean almost overboard!” That was a funny part. I liked the surprise of who the mermaid was at the end. I liked this book and I think boys and girls 10 and under would like this book.

### **MOM SAYS:**

Captain No Beard and his motley crew of sailors head off on an adventure on the high seas aboard his mighty frigate, The Flying Dragon. But as the crew is wondering what it is sailors do aboard ships, and as they encounter stormy weather and a mysterious mermaid, he soon discovers that “Being a captain is hard work.”

Captain No Beard: An Imaginary Tale of a Pirate’s Life is an amusing picture book that puts the reader in the minds of a young boy and girl who pretend they are sailing the seas aboard a pirate ship. The story is filled with fun pirate quips such as “shiver me timbers!”, “batten down the hatches”, “sail ho”, “Davy Jones’s locker” and more. There are plenty of opportunities to adopt different accents and voices for each of the characters. It was a fun book to read aloud!

The story itself is whimsical and is full of unexpected surprises. The tale is spun literally as you would expect it to unfold when two children are playing a game involving an imaginary setting with an imaginary cast of characters. It really seemed delightfully unscripted. We all laughed when the poor overworked Captain sporadically declared “Being a Captain is hard work.” He should try being a Mom! We all particularly enjoyed the ending with the mermaid who makes a special appearance. That’s exactly the kind of mermaid I imagine myself to be.

The book features large colourful illustrations of this motley crew of pirates. Both pages (left and right) are illustrated with the text overlaid on top of the illustrations. Usually, one side of the page depicts the crew while the other side with the text has some waves lapping at the words. The pictures in the book definitely help transport the reader on the pirate adventure and were really well done.

### **My Bottom Line:**

Carole P. Roman’s whimsical tale will be sure to delight children and parents alike. I really enjoyed reading this book aloud to my children – I make a mean pirate! I would recommend this book to boys and girls alike who love imaginary play and who are fans of pirates and big adventures. Ages 3+.

*\* This book was provided to us by the author free-of-charge in exchange for our honest review.\**

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### **Mason Canyon says**

Captain No Beard, his first mate and cousin Hallie, and their zany crew sail the mighty seas on his frigate, the Flying Dragon. Each morning the captain gives out the daily orders to his crew.

During one adventure the captain and his crew sailed into a massive storm where the first mate was almost washed overboard. Then a mermaid appeared with a bounty of treasure and the crew ended the day with a

pirate's feast.

Author Carole P. Roman does a wonderful job taking youngsters through an imaginary day in the life of a pirate. Filled with pirate lingo, CAPTAIN NO BEARD will delight youngsters of all ages on this fanciful journey.

The beautiful and vivid illustrations will hold readers' attention. The cheerful and bold drawings brings the tale to life.

This charming tale will entertain and inspire youngsters to undertake their own imaginary voyages. A fun read, colorful drawings, and a rich imagination will make this a favorite at story time.

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### **Andrea ♥Ninja Bunneh♥ says**

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### **Literary Chanteuse says**

This is one of my favorite children series I have had the opportunity to read. Full of fun, adventure and a few lessons along the way. For more of an over all review please visit Domestic Chanteuse:  
<http://domesticchanteuse.blogspot.ca/...>

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### **Jalynn Patterson says**

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#### My Review:

Captain No Beard is a very fun, sweet picture book that is full of imagination and heart. Carole P. Roman did an excellent job of drawing us all in to Alexander's active imagination. I thought I was on his ship, the Flying Dragon, myself. It is a very well written book that gets to the heart of an active child's play. It was a fun book to read to my boys. Hallie, Alexander's first mate which also happens to be his cousin is just as spunky as Alexander.

Everything is fun and games with this duo and their three sidekicks until a mermaid begins to surface A.K.A. Mom, and very nicely says they need to pick up their mess and of course have a snack. You don't have to be a fan of pirates to enjoy this book. It is just a fun, down to earth book anyone would enjoy.

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#### Ashley says

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#### My Review:

Captain No Beard is a spirited tale of imagination. Alexander and his cousin Hallie are really sweet, delightful children that have a very vivid imagination. In the beginning of the book you can't even tell that this is a story based on a little boys imagination. The Author has done an excellent job of tricking us and getting us to believe in what the main characters are doing and seeing.

Captain No Beard is a fascinating tale were a little boy, Alexander and his first mate, Hallie, have a wild pirate adventure all in the comforts of Alexander's bedroom. Complete with a climbing mast monkey and a loud mouth lion.

This is a very colorful active book full of a child's thoughts and playfulness.

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