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In the tradition of It's a Wonderful Life and Pirates of the Caribbean, S DeGiorgio casts the Pacific Ocean as a nautical canvas for a Christmas tale that teaches us you don't have to be a bad man to be a great pirate.

This is a short, four chapter book with minimal images (one at the start of each chapter). It uses many pirate terms and expressions that might feel unfamiliar to some people. Kids age 10 and up and avid young readers should be fine. Just in case, see pirate terms and expressions used in Yo Ho Ho and a Very Merry Christmas!

Yo Ho Ho and a Very Merry Christmas! promises to become a holiday classic readers of all ages will enjoy for years to come.

Captain Blackjack Rob's great shame is that he has never fired his guns on the king's fleet, nor plundered the holds of a captured merchant ship, despite the exploits of his father and grandfather—two of the most notorious pirates ever to have sailed the seven seas.

Left to rot in the king's jail, and nearly forgotten, Captain Rob and his crew seize an offer to deliver Yuletide cargo to the Town of Dryden by Christmas Eve, in exchange for their release. But in order to reach their destination in time, earn the king's pardon, and ensure their freedom, they will have to chart a course straight through pirate-infested waters—a fool's errand while sailing under the king's colors.

Yo Ho Ho and a Very Merry Christmas! Details

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Shanae says

Fairly engaging story. Full of great literary devices that intrigue me (as a soon-to-be college professor). The book was what I expected and I categorize it as children's literature. The artwork was very nice, too.

I do not have much use for the book, since I do not have children; however, I will be passing it along to my sister, who will be teaching in a second grade class full-time this fall and recommend it to parents of young children.

I received this book in a Goodreads Giveaway. Though I am most grateful for the book, please note that receiving it through the giveaway had no merit in my review of the work.

Patricia says

I enjoyed this children's book very much and so will my grandchildren. My 5th grader super reader may find a few new words and expressions to look up and the first grader will enjoy the pirate's story. I took the 10 yr old to the provost dungeon in Historic Downtown Charleston SC and during the tour where the guide did a role play, we were the pirates so he will have a good mental picture of the dungeon! Their parents will like it too ad maybe even my almost 3 yr old granddaughter since there are girl pirates too!

Daniale says

I received this book for free through Goodreads First Reads. I must say that I was not expecting a chapter book when I entered the giveaway for Yo Ho Ho and a Very Merry Christmas. I thought that it was a little hard to get into as an adult because of some of the terms used in the book. In reading this to my son I would have to do some research in order to answer his questions about what these terms mean because a lot of them I could puzzle out and make assumptions but a child... I still liked the story though and hope to share it with my son when he is a bit older.

Julie says

I was lucky enough to win this book in a GoodReads First Reads giveaway.

The first thing that jumped right out at me was the fun, bright pictures. That led me to notice the paper the book is made from. I love the paper! Not usually something I notice about a book.

Even though this is a Christmas book, it definitely has a non-seasonal message for year round fun. Just because you look bad doesn't mean you have to be bad. There is clearly more to Captain Rob, Saunders, the Crimson Bounty and the rest of the crew to warrant more stories.

I recommend this book as a read-aloud for the whole family.

Angela Lambkin says

What a great sailing adventure story!

I liked the fact that the author was able to keep the readers' attention to the very end of this book also with nice sized font, making it easy on one's eyes for such a long story. As well as the few illustrations that were nice sized. These are my reasons of why I wished to rate this as a five star book only.

Greg Bowen says

This book had a lot more action than I expected from a Christmas book for kids. I'll be considering buying an illustrated copy for my daughter if I don't win one from the book give away. I definitely recommend this book.

I wish they had enclosed an encyclopedia of pirate terms as an appendix. S. DeGiorgio please add one to your next edition.

Jessica says

I received this book as a firstreads giveaway. It's a short chapter book. I'd say it's about a 2nd to 3rd grade reading level, but I could be way wrong. It's a great little story. It has lots of action and holds your interest. There isn't a ton of pictures, but the few it does have are nicely done. It has a great Christmas feel to it and could become a Christmas favorite. I could see it developing into a series.

Nav says

I received this book through GoodReads First Reads. I'm sorry but I didn't like it. It's boring and none of the characters developed enough. "Santa" on the cover is actually a pirate dressed as Santa. Although the book is about pirates saving Christmas for a town the story lacked the Christmas feel that most Christmas stories have (for instance The Polar Express.) The only time it feels like a Christmas story is at the very end but it just takes too long to get there.

There's a lot of uncommon, advanced pirate wording that goes on and it left me confused as to what was even going on much of the time. Young listeners are going to lose interest as the vocabulary is really high and it drags on too much too often. I'm not just talking about a few odd pirate words here and there; it's nearly every page. For instance sentences such as "*Electric blue boomers reared above the formast.*"

I think it would have fared better as a short picture book. I gave it two stars because the illustrations are good (though there aren't nearly enough) and the pages look old which is cool.

