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Searching for a legendary pirate treasure, the three investigators find a band of modern day pirates.

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Elizabeth S says

["The Adventure of the Red-Headed League" found in [The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes](#). (hide spoiler)]

Nina says

Baca ulang buku buku seri trio detektif mengingatkan saya lagi kenapa seri ini salah satu favorit zaman saya kecil.

Robert Stewart says

I read Purple Pirate for the first time today, despite the many warnings about it. It has several of the traits that readers have come to expect from a William Arden title. The characterization is very good, with the gang of crooks being formed by quite a heterogeneous bunch. Major Karnes, the peppery leader, provides the criminal brain and also the comedy. However, his giant henchman Hubert is a little too similar to Turk in Dead Man's Riddle, another Arden story. More comedy is provided in the form of a boat excursion that is meant to convey the thrill of being a genuine pirate but is a miserable failure. Some readers seem to have been upset by this maritime adventure, which takes up most of chapters 4 and 6, but I found it highly amusing. The story is a page turner with a couple of red herrings. However, when the solution is given and the story comes to an end, you can see that some of the mysteries were simply meaningless, with holes in the plot a mile wide. Another problem is that the theme of the title, the pirate, is not really central to the story. But to call it The Mystery of Why People are Hauling Bags of Dirt Around Rocky Beach wouldn't have been very catchy. It's a passable story, much better in the reading than in the conclusion. And at least there was no crook in a rubber mask "snarling" at "them darn kids", the Scooby Doo style plot device that had plagued some of Arden's previous 3I books. I'd give it the following grades out of five:

Villains 4

Humour 5

Mystery 2

Characterization 4

Solution 3

Bradley says

This was the first book I ever read outside of school that I chose on my own to pick up and read as a kiddo. :-)
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Lea says

Auch in Buchform ist es eine sehr langweilige Folge.

Janne Aalto says

Olipas jännä juttu!

Andreas Aris says

A bit boring. Yet, still, I like it very much!

Jaime Contreras says

This was one of the first books I recall reading as a young adult. It was a good mystery and hooked me on mysteries and pirates.

Quentin Wallace says

This wasn't a bad story, but wasn't especially good either. It deals with a missing pirate treasure from years ago, which is cool enough on its own, the execution wasn't anything new.

There's an old ramshackle pirate amusement park on land that was once really owned by pirates. A hidden treasure is suspected, some criminals with a plan show up, and the Three Investigators end up right in the middle.

This was a very typical three investigators mystery. I've never read one I didn't like, it's just that some are better than others. I'm also really into pirate stories, so that kept this one enjoyable as well. Not a bad read for fans of the series.

Nadja says

Besonders der Anfang der Folge gefällt mir sehr, wie die Jungs mit Belauschen und Ermitteln die Spur finden. (2.5 Sterne)

dexqa says

I got hooked with The Three Investigators during my teen. Well, not many goodreads that time but this series was among my favorite reading along with The Famous Five and The Secret Seven.

This one was about unmasking the truth of Purple Pirate existence, a guard castle with hidden rooms and an impostor who running after the pirate legacy.

Raja99 says

Why I (Re?)read this book: I'm on a Three Investigators kick.

This strikes me as one of the weaker books in the series. Bits of it reminded me of bits from earlier, better, books, and the mystery seemed awfully thin. Perhaps I could see through the mystery so easily because (I think) I read this book before, though it feels like that would have been a decade or more ago.

Two things I enjoyed: early on, the investigators make references to the mysteries of the *Moaning Cave* and *Headless Horse*—both of which were written by the author of this book. Also I enjoyed the (rather broad) humor in the final chapter referring to Hector Sebastian's houseman, whose enthusiasm for cooking exceeds his skill.

Spoiler-y notes:

(view spoiler)

(Finished 2013-02-16 18:31:14.3 EST. Approximately ;-)

Meredith Henning says

Violet's 2008-09 reading Page: <http://happyheartsmom.typepad.com/swe...>

Morty4 says

Fun little mystery. It's like a slightly younger version of Nancy Drew or the Hardy Boys. Written in the 1960s, so it is dated but fun for any 11 or 12 year old who likes mysteries.

Warnings: none, unless you have a problem with gosh, golly, and dang.
