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A pirate is sleeping snug in his bed, dreaming pirate dreams, when a great storm comes up at sea. The pirate sleeps on, but his bed is awake and scared of the thunder and the angry waves. Tossed this way and that, the ship finally crashes, sending the pirate to a tropical island and his bed off to sea.

At first, the bed is overjoyed. It's free from smelly feet, snoring and scratchy wool. It floats in the now peaceful water, meeting friendly gulls and playful dolphins and basking in the sun. But soon the little bed begins to feel like something is missing...

This fanciful tale of a bed lost at sea will capture the hearts of little pirates everywhere and send them off to sleep with dreams of tropical birds, swooshing waves and chattering monkeys.

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Barbara says

Although the bed on a pirate ship is annoyed by its inhabitant's noise and constant movement, when a storm causes a shipwreck, the two are separated. The pirate lands on a deserted island where he and the other survivors make due. The bed bobs along the sea, reveling in the delights of being alone at first, but eventually it misses having someone making use of it. Once it lands on the shore and is restored by a craftsman, it ends up being bought by a mother looking for a bed for her pirate-loving child. The bed and many piratical adventures are passed down through several generations. The acrylic paint and India ink illustrations are colorful and sure to make youngsters smile, but the story itself didn't particularly appeal to me. Personifying a bed seems like a good idea, but the story didn't really take me anywhere. Still, youngsters who love pirates will gravitate to this story.

Laura says

I read this to my 4 and 5 year old boys. When I finished the story, I asked them what they thought and they gleefully (and rather loudly) cheered "Again, again!" It really was a beautiful story that was also fun to read (especially if you change your voice to sound like a pirate). I also really enjoyed the art, it was like an older child painted it; it felt like imagination and inspiration. As a parent, I loved the message that you could find something old and damaged but with some TLC, make it new and loved again.

Tricia says

I received a free digital copy of this book from NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

As someone who loves her bed, I was quite excited when this book took an exciting turn--we start the story believing it will be about the pirate, but the hero is actually the pirate's bed! One of the most unique, heartwarming, funny, and enveloping picture books I've read in a while. The illustrations were different and beautiful. I would gladly recommend this book to anyone who loves pirates, or beds, or books with happy endings--regardless of age.

Samantha DeVoir says

A silly kid's book that adds personification to a bed. The bed can, for instance, smell the pirate's feet, feel the rock of the ocean, and so forth. I enjoyed the advanced vocabulary that many complain about being over the head of the target audience because how else will you enlarge your child's vocabulary other than by using words that they do not yet know? It may mean that you have to read this to your child and they can't read it for themselves, and the first couple of times through the book may be interrupted from time to time by your explanation of a word, but that just means more time with your kid. If you are wanting a book that they can read to themselves, get a reader that is the appropriate level for their reading stage.

Beyond the Pages says

This was a very enjoyable book. I really liked the concept of the bed's adventure; it was an unusual take. The illustrations were brilliantly colored and extremely playful in nature. Though the pictures were somewhat peculiar, they did not detract from the story. The unexpected ending with the carpenter, the mother, and the ongoing gifting was utterly charming.

Rating: 3.25/5

Recommend: Yes

Audience: Children

Status: G

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Pam ?Because Someone Must Be a Thorn? Tee says

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THE PIRATE'S BED makes for a cute bedtime story. It begins by talking about the pirate and how he dreams and snores at night, and how the tossing seas don't bother him a bit. AND THEN the author threw me for a loop by making the story about the Bed and not the pirate.

You see they --the pirate and the bed-- get separated. The pirate and his buddies end up on a delightful island while the bed floats along, at first happy to be free of the pirate who doesn't wash his feet or socks. But then the Bed begins to lament his loss, his not having a purpose.

Fortunately for Bed, he/she is found and begins to be used by little boys who dream of being pirates.

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This book actually makes for a very nice bedtime read. I will say though that some of the vocabulary is going to be advance for preschoolers, kindergarteners and even lower grade children. What I would advise is to read the story and not define each new word right away. What I usually do with/did with mine is to pick a new word and define it. Then with the next reading asking them if they remember what it means. Next time pick a new work and start the cycle again.

The other thing I will say is that the art work is not targeted for younger booklovers. It's abstract and busy and will appeal more to lower grade kids.

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Slayermel says

I really enjoyed this story, how inventive to have the story be about the Pirates bed instead of the pirate himself.

The bed ends up on quite the adventure at sea only to discover that he shouldn't have taken some things for granted.

I love how while reading the book you can relate to the poor bed. I think the children will really like the angle of the story being about the bed as well.

The illustrations felt like they were drawn by an older child which I think really added to the story. I have to say, I just loved the beds big Googly eyes :)

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Sharon Tyler says

The Pirates Bed is a picturebook by Nicola Winstanley. It is currently scheduled for release on March 10 2015. A pirate is sleeping snug in his bed when a great storm comes up at sea. The pirate sleeps on, but his bed is awake and scared of the thunder and the angry waves. Tossed this way and that, the ship finally crashes, sending the pirate to a tropical island and his bed off to sea. At first, the bed is happy and enjoying its freedom. no more smelly feet, snoring or scratchy wool. It floats in the now peaceful water, meeting friendly gulls and playful dolphins and basking in the sun. But soon the little bed begins to feel like something is missing.

The Pirates Bed is the story of a bed lost at sea. I think it will capture the hearts of little pirates everywhere. The travels of the bed tell a great story, the ocean and the world is an awesome and sometimes frightening place. This story captures both sides of that coin. The story is not only a fun adventure, with illustrations that do a great job of capturing the adventure of the bed and the mood of the story, but it also is heartwarming. No matter how much people, or beds, think they do not need someone or something in their lives to care about, they do. Even small pirate cabin sized beds need someone to depend on, and to depend on them.

The Pirates Bed is both a sweet bedtime or storytime book to share, there is another much deeper meaning that can reach the adults and children alike. I loved the story for both the story and its layers of meaning below the surface.

✿ Aimee ✿ Just one more page... says

The story idea is a great one. The pictures were only OK in my opinion, and the author sometimes used words that were too advanced for what I assume was the target age. I don't mind teaching my kids one or two new words in a book, but I had to do it enough that the kids were a little frustrated.

Some of the words I think were too advanced for a children's picture book: "sickle-shaped", "expanse",

"unencumbered" (seriously?), "large brimmed hat", "raucous", "briny", "sensible". Again, I'm all for newish words, but not this many where I have to stop and explain. My boys have an advanced vocabulary for their age, and these were just too much.

The boys did enjoy most of the book, and were engaged through the reading.

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Melissa says

The Pirate's Bed was not what I was expecting. My little one loves adventure and action and when I saw this I got excited, "oh Pirates!" But don't be fooled only the bed winds up on an adventure and because it is a bed it is more of a drifting tale. It is a sweet book but we found it a little slow and minimal on the excitement factor. 3/5 stars

Kelly says

A little too much for the kiddos I read it to but they laughed in the right spaces. They were excited about the smile and the eyes on the bed.

Luisa Knight says

The story is told and seen from the bed's point of view and was just ... odd. Didn't care for it.

Ages: 5 - 8

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Kristin says

I received a free digital copy of this book in return for an honest review. Thank you Netgalley!

The bit and I read this one last night. Although the story ended up being rather cute, the illustrations were terrible and the vocabulary was a little advanced. We try and read nightly and the only time I read to him is when books have too many difficult words or the writing isn't in a simple font (why do authors do this?!).

For a picture book, this shouldn't be the case. There were so many that I read the pages with a lot of words on them and he read the pages with only a couple of sentences so that he wasn't getting too frustrated to read at all. I can't remember all of them, but "raucous" comes to mind. I doubt many early readers know this word.

Margaux says

A new twist on the pirate story, the life of the bed where a pirate sleeps. It seems like a story that a child would tell, with lots of "and then" sort of moments, but it's a charming story. Pirates are only the beginning, and the bed goes on adventures of its own.

Samantha says

The adventures of a pirate's bed who longs for a sleeper.

I just don't get this. It seems like this book was born from a situation the author experienced with her child and that she dreamed up a reason her child would need to stay in bed (the bed needs a sleeper, much the same way toys find value in belonging to a child), but this story is way too much of a stretch for me.

Acrylic paint and India ink illustrations are childlike and just not my cup of tea.

I can't see myself ever recommending this book, though it's aimed at PreK-2.
