

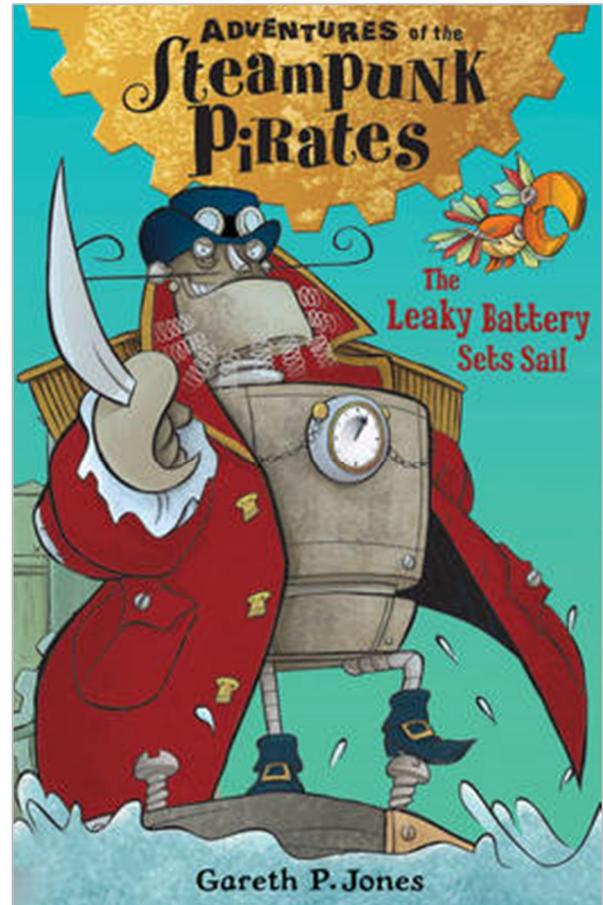
LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of The Leaky Battery Sets Sail by Gareth P. Jones

Below are the complete reviews, written by LoveReading4kids members.

Tomasz Hawryszczuk, age 9

Metal Pirates, the high seas, more pirates, looting gold and battles against bad pirates! What more could you want from a book about pirates? Highly recommend this book especially to boys aged 6-10.

*I have already read all the books in the Ninja Meerkats series by the author so I was really excited to read the first instalment of the Steampunk Pirates. I wasn't disappointed. These metal pirates have a boat called the Leaky Battery. They travel around the seas trying to loot gold from other pirates. It was really funny. I loved the way every chapter started with a quick summary of what the chapter was about. **Brilliant book and I can't wait for the next book in the series.***



Noah Hall, age 9

The Steampunk Pirates is a funny adventure story. The characters are fabulous and I really like the illustrations.

'The Leaky Battery Sets Sail' is both fantastically brilliant and hilarious at the same time. Chas Goldman is my favourite human character and Quartermaster Lexi is my favourite robot character. In this book Pendle (Penelope) persuades the Steampunk Servants to become Steampunk Pirates. Little does she know what awaits them all. The Steampunk Pirates face a whole series of challenges: nearly being shot down by the Iron Duke's army; being

*ripped off by Chas Goldman AND escaping a room filling up with gold paint. Oh yes, a lot goes on in the land of the Steampunk Pirates. **I would recommend this book to kids who like funny action stories.** I hope you enjoyed my review. AHOY!*

Cameron Lobban, age 10

Robots and pirates together what is not to love! Prepare for an epic journey.

*There is a group of robot butlers made by a mad professor. One day a girl called Penelope follows the butlers into a room and chats with them and asks are they not tired of being butlers? She convinces them to become a gang of pirates instead, called The Steampunk Butlers. The head butler is now Captain Clockheart. Their boat is the Leaky Battery and set sail for adventure. Along the way they meet an Iron Duke who does not agree that robots should be pirates. Is it better to be a butler or a pirate? I loved this book as it was loads of adventure and really evil baddies. At the start it is slow but then it really speeds up and I could not put it down. **Reading this you feel all the emotions, sad, happy and excited.** I think this is the start of an epic new series, can't wait for the second one.*

Harry Gray, age 7

This book is lots of fun and I would read more if there was a series. I liked the characters and jokes and it was a cool adventure.

Mums review - sometimes needed to keep your wits about you to keep up with the story and how the steampunk pirates ended up on their adventure, but that didn't detract from the humour of the story which zipped along and caused much laughter from two boys aged 5 and 7.

Darcey McIlroy, age 7

A really great adventure about some very sneaky pirates- I couldn't stop reading it until I found out what happened to them. I loved it loads.

There was a pirate called Captain Clockheart who was in charge of the Steampunk Pirates. The Steampunk Pirates were different from other pirates because they were made from metal. Their ship was called The Leaky Battery.

The crew was Gadge, Quarter Master Lexi, Mainspring, Twitter, Loose-screw, Pendle (human girl disguised as a boy) and Blind Bob Bolt.

Admiral Fussington, who was Pendle's dad, wanted to capture the pirates and their ship. He tried to trick them with the Iron Duke but the cannon blew a big hole in his ship. The pirates were made from iron but wanted to be made from gold so they wouldn't rust. They heard about Goldman who said he could turn metal into gold so they went to Snake Island to find him. Goldman tricked them and they got trapped in a room of gold paint. There was also a big fight with spears!

I loved the pictures of the pirates because they made the story interesting. I wanted the Steampunk Pirates to win and I laughed at all their dirty tricks which they played on the Admiral. I really enjoyed that Pendle was a girl and no one found out. I think this is a good book for both boys and girls who love adventures.

Annabelle Cassidy, age 6

A book full of steam powered adventure and daring thrills on the high seas!

*This book is about a group of Steam powered robots who decide one day to become pirates! Led by Captain Clockheart, they sail across the seas looking for adventure and treasure. I really enjoyed the big battles in this story, as well as all the thrills. It was really funny in some bits especially when the pirates meet Chas Goldman, a strange scientist who promises to help them. My favourite character was First Mate Mainspring, and the funny noises he makes. **I can't wait to read the next one!***

Jemima Foyster, age 6

I loved this book. It is one of my favourite books because the Steampunk Pirates are really funny. Some of them run on nothing, some of them run on clockwork and most of them run on fire.

It was a bit confusing at the beginning because it kept going from boat to boat and person to person really quickly. So I would recommend it to anyone from the age of 6 years to parents.

My favourite character was Pendle because she was the only human on the boat and she kept saying 'oh no, oh no, oh no'.

Barnaby Foyster, age 9

I really like this book because it is like a roller-coaster. You think 'they are going to make it', then you think 'they are not going to make it', then you don't know again.

They have lots of adventures. The interruptions were really funny. They came at really funny times.

My favourite character was Twitter because he was always squawking 'we're all going to die, we're all going to die' and things like that.

I would recommend it to everyone in my class.

Toby, age 5

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Billy Carlton, age 9

I enjoyed this book because it was funny and exciting. At first I didn't understand the changes in person and by reading it more I understood it.

There is an inventor, Mr Richmond Swift, who creates servant robots which turn into pirates. They really want to be made of gold so an alchemist comes along and says he will yurn them in to gold. In reality he floods the ship with gold paint turning them gold. As a result the robots turned rusty and they tied the alchemist to the front of the boat as a punishment. I liked the story, it was fun to read and I would really recommend it to others. 9/10

Oliver Lonsdale, age 7

This book is really, really, really good. My favorite character was Goldman. I can't wait for the next one to come out.

The steampunk is the pirate ship, the pirates are a bunch of early robots who have decided not to be robot slaves, but pirates instead. The cabin girl Pendle persuades the robots to escape and become pirates and she joins them.

This story is about a man who claims he can turn metal into gold and they want him to convert them into gold so they don't rust. The plot gets much more complicated with different characters entering the story but I loved it.

It was exciting and together with my Dad we read the book very quickly I can't wait for the next one to come out.