

LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of The Jolley-Rogers and the Ghostly Galleon By Jonny Duddle

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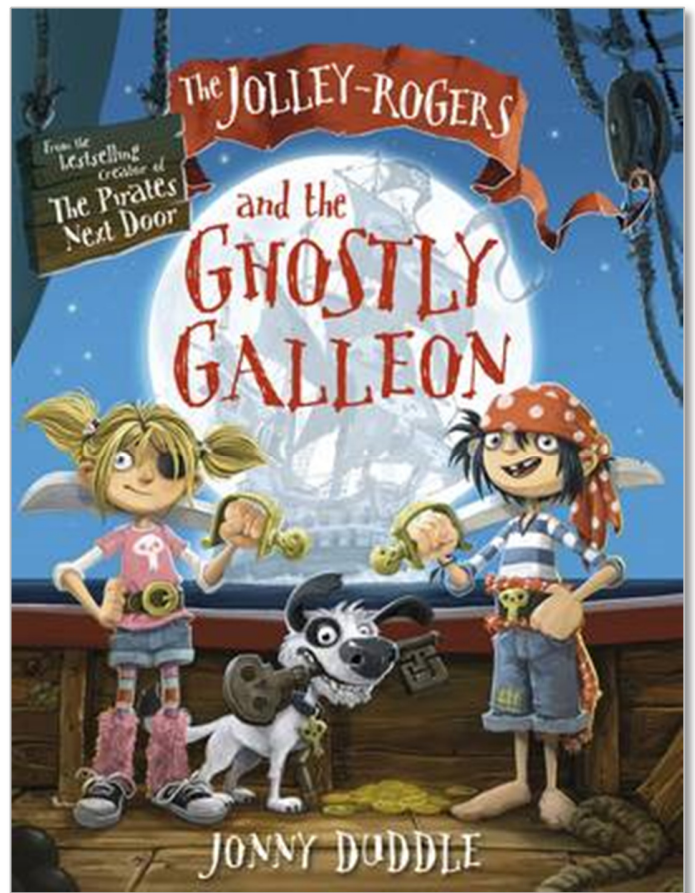
Brodie Greenslade, age 8

'The Jolley-Rogers and the Ghostly Galleon' is exciting and funny - I can't wait to read the next one!

The Jolley-Rogers and The Ghostly Galleon is an adventure story about ghost pirates. The ghost pirates are baddies but there are also living pirates in the story who are good. One of the good pirates is a boy called Jim Lad and he and a girl named Matilda are the main characters in the story.

The ghost pirates are robbers led by Captain Twirlybeard. They steal gold and treasures from a museum but, more than anything else, they want to find The Key of Souls – the key that will bring them back to life so they can get up to even more mischief. It was very exciting.

Matilda and Jim Lad have to try to keep the key away from the ghost pirates with the help of the good pirates. Everybody has to chain and padlock their doors and windows so that they aren't robbed by the ghost pirates, and Matilda and Jim Lad have to be brave and daring as they try to stop them. The story was funny and a bit scary too. It had very good illustrations. I am looking forward to reading the next Jolley-Rogers story.



Erica Motoc, age 8

This book is about pirate thieves who steal from a beach museum every full moon.

Other good pirates try to steal from the bad pirates and return the stolen goodies. But the good pirates have the Key of Souls which was found by Mrs Pink and so the Bad Pirates won't get trapped in Jamie's locker.

The good pirates borrowed the key from Mrs Pink; and the pirates went back to sea and sneaked the treasure- chest open.

My favourite part was when the bad pirates melted away because they deserved it.

Lily Benner, age 9

The ghostly pirates appear on each full moon. They have robbed the museum at Dull-on-Sea.

Jim Lad, Matilda and Bones the dog spring into action to save the day and the museums booty.

I learned a lot about ships and sea faring from this book but, despite the 'Jolley Rogers guide to pirate speak ' at the end, I would recommend keeping a dictionary by your side whilst reading it.

A fun and entertaining tale for anyone who likes ghosts, pirates and a 'Jolley' good laugh.

This book has definitely given me a taste for more Jolley Rogers books.

Alex Franks, age 8

I loved this exciting story which was also a bit scary. Jim Lad was a brave boy who fought the pirates to save the treasures for Dull-on-Sea.

I loved 'The Jolly-Rogers and the Ghostly-Galleon'. My favourite character was Jim Lad, the boy pirate because he was brave, especially when he was fighting Captain Twirlybeard. During the story it was a bit scary when I didn't know what was going to happen and the Ghostly Pirates were frightening characters. When Jim Lad got the treasure it was very exciting. I also liked Matilda, especially when she opened the chest at the end. I wish I could go on a sleepover like that. I would recommend this book and I would like to read some more of

Jonny Duddle's pirate adventures.

George Johnson, age 7

I loved this book! It was funny, exciting and I didn't want to put it down.

If you asked me what my favourite bit was, I wouldn't be able to tell you because there were so many parts that I thought were great.

It was easy to read and I finished it in two nights.

Anyone who likes an action book would really enjoy it!

Jemima Foyster, age 5

There is a problem in Dull-on-Sea. Pirates are going everywhere trying to get everything they can get their hands on. People are scared. Matilda wants to help so she sends a message in a bottle to her best friend Jim Lad. Jim Lad is a pirate boy who lives on a pirate boat called the Blackhole with his mother, his little sister and his father.

The book was great because there are loads of adventures that Matilda does. It was very exciting. I was saying 'What happens next? What happens next?' The best bit was when Captain Twirlybeard cut his own sail down. It was really funny. I liked learning all the pirate language in the book, but they have lots of naughty words for each other.

I think the book is good for big girls and boys because the end is quite scary. I would recommend this book to my friends because it is exciting and scary. I would like to read 'The Pirates Next Door' to find out more about Matilda and Jim Lad.

Isabel, age 6

I really liked this book and I can't wait to read more.

I liked it when the parrot woke up Matilda by squacking and when Jim called her Tilly. I liked the song at the start of the book.

I don't usually read pirate books but this is fun and a good story for girls.

Isaac & Alice East, age 7 & 9

The Jolley-Rogers and the Ghostly Galleon is a book that is hard to read at first because there is a lot of pirate language.

It is an exciting adventure book which I am sure you will really love.

We read this together and it helped us understand the pirate language.

It is a picture chapter book and the illustrations were great. It helped create the scene for the stories and helped you to visualise all the interesting characters.

Our favourite character was Captain Twirleybead because he was quiet a funny pirate and even though he was the villain in the story he made us laugh.

The chapters are short and have lots of pictures so it is a fantastic book if you have just started reading chapter books.

I would recommend this book to both boys and girls as it is a funny and exciting story.

Alexander Bisland, age 8

This book is all about a girl who has pirates in her town. She is called Matilda. She has a friend called Jim Lad who is a good pirate so she sends him a letter saying that she needs him to come and help as she has pirates in town and that they had burgled the museum.

So her friend comes over and thinks that the pirates might be looking for a key that they found in Miss Pinky's house. The next night the two friends set out to sea and rowed in a small fishing boat to the pirates' ship. They found and loaded the museum treasure onto their boat. They managed to do this because the pirates had gone onto their ship in search of the key but....

Then there was a pirate on the ship who had been sleeping and he challenged Jim Lad to a duel... Does he win and get the treasure back??? Read it to find out!!!

I enjoyed this book a lot.

I recommend this to 7+ funny, adventurous readers.

I give it 10/10!

Matthew Wilson, age 6

Don't panic everyone! It's pirates. I like the way my Dad does all the voices. This is the best pirate story ever. The pictures are awesome. I give it 5 stars.

P.S Mum and Dad think this is a great book!

Robyn, age 5 and Tracey Chorley

Robyn really enjoyed me reading this book to her. She found it funny and a little scary (in a good way!). She's very much looking forward to reading others from the series and to see the illustrations from this book in colour.

I thought it was a fun book to read to my daughter and I can well imagine her reading it again to herself as she grows into a more independent reader.

Toby, age 7

It was a very adventurous book. It was a story about a girl called Matilda and a boy called Jimlad who had to save the day. An exciting, funny and daring story.

Matilda, the Jolley Rogers and the shipmates of the Blackhole worked as a team to battle Cap'n Twirlybeard and his ghostly crew and protect Dull on Sea. The rest of the people who lived in Dull on Sea were going to the bank, going to DIY shops to buy padlocks and safes and panicking. Only Matilda and the crew were trying to help stop the evil pirates. Could a little girl and her friend save the day? I liked this book because it was very adventurous, daring and exciting. I would give this book a 10/10 and recommend it to all my friends and family.