The Pirate Jamboree

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**Title:** The Pirate Jamboree  
**Author:** Mark Teague  
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**Number of Pages:** 40  
**Interest Level:** Preschool  
**Rating:** Outstanding

**Review**

Teague creates a fantastic world for his young readers in this lively story in verse. A reunion of pirates commences, and each participant is described as they arrive. It later becomes apparent that these flamboyant, ferocious, and fancy pirates are neighborhood children gathered together utilizing their advanced imaginations. In their raucous excitement, a huge mess is made! Then they spot Mrs. Jones coming in sailing on the S.S. CLEAN YOUR ROOM. The pirates flee, the harbor is quiet, and tomorrow will probably bring another pirate jamboree.

This is a wonderfully fun book for preschool-aged children. Set in verse, repetitive readers will soon memorize the splendor and grandeur involved in Pirate Jamboree. Encouraging young minds to use, develop, and advance their imaginations, Teague provides an example of where, how, and when to play make believe. Hopefully, young readers will also recognize that at the end of play, it’s time to clean up and prepare for a new day of fun.