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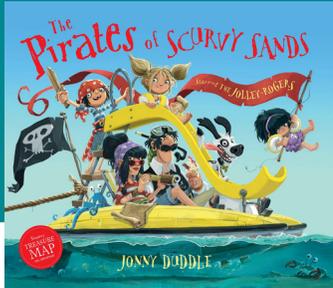
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Book Review

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Rating

Excellent

Level

Preschool, Primary

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Pages

44

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2018

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9780763692933

Publisher

Templar Books

Tilda has a pirate for a pen pal. Jim Lad sends her letters in old green bottles, and she fishes them up with a pole. When he invites Tilda to sail with his family to a pirate resort called Scurvy Sands, she's off on the trip of a lifetime. Met with trepidation from the other pirates who aren't convinced this land lubber is up to scratch, Tilda proves them wrong with sheer determination and riddle-solving cleverness. She sails back home with memories and buried treasure, and although there was a lot of fun to be had on Scurvy Sands, she doesn't mind when she spots the land telling her she's nearly home.

Duddle provides early readers with a fun introduction to format elements that would appear in a graphic novel. With captions and speech bubbles, young readers naturally learn how to follow the flow of conversation on the page while comfortably enjoying a familiar picture book layout of text and illustrations. Jim Lad and Tilda's friendship is captivating and easy to understand. The Pirates of Scurvy Sands celebrates friendship, family, and the spirit of adventure. Appropriate for preschool through primary aged children, the rhythm and rhyme is sure to thrill readers time and time again.