How To Live Like A Caribbean Pirate
Aylea Stephens

Follow this and additional works at: https://scholarsarchive.byu.edu/cbmr

BYU ScholarsArchive Citation
Available at: https://scholarsarchive.byu.edu/cbmr/vol38/iss1/36

This Book Review is brought to you for free and open access by the All Journals at BYU ScholarsArchive. It has been accepted for inclusion in Children's Book and Media Review by an authorized editor of BYU ScholarsArchive. For more information, please contact scholarsarchive@byu.edu, ellen_amatangelo@byu.edu.
Book Review

Title: How To Live Like A Caribbean Pirate  
Author: John Farndon  
Reviewer: Aylea Stephens  
Illustrator: Taito Viana  
Publisher: Hungry Tomato  
Publication Year: 2016  
ISBN: 9781512411621  
Number of Pages: 32  
Interest Level: Primary  
Rating: Dependable

Review

During the Golden Age of Piracy, Jamie Flynn takes you on an adventure when he gets kidnapped by a pirate press gang and forced to work on Blackbeard’s pirate ship. Jamie explains what life on a pirate ship is like, from the basic layout of the ship to the things that pirates eat. He talks about other things involved with being a pirate such as Blackbeard and other famous pirates, punishments given to anyone who upsets a pirate, rules pirates are supposed to follow, pirate weapons, treasure, how pirates attack and profit off their enemies, and what happens if a pirate gets caught by the Navy. The back of the book includes ten additional pirate facts and a glossary.

This is a very basic introduction to what a pirate’s life would be like. Even though the book is very short and doesn’t contain a lot of information, it doesn’t shy away from some of the gruesome parts of pirate life, including descriptions of weapons, beheading, and losing limbs. Creating a character for the reader to follow along with falls somewhat flat because it struggles between trying to have a story and provide enough historical information. For children who need some extra motivation to read nonfiction it may help grab their interest, but there are plenty of other books that have either a better story or a better collection of facts on the subject.