



Treasure Island

by Robert Louis Stevenson

Robert Louis Stevenson's quintessential pirate adventure follows young Jim Hawkins on a sea voyage to find buried treasure, introducing the iconic Long John Silver and a language of high-seas action.

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Power Words

#	WORD	DEFINITION
1	ferociously	adv. in a physically fierce manner <i>"Israel Hands fought ferociously in the rigging, slashing at Jim until his footing finally gave way."</i>
1	audaciously	adv. in a bold and daring manner <i>"Jim audaciously slipped aboard the Hispaniola at midnight, resolved to cut her adrift from the pirates."</i>
1	desperate	adj. feeling or showing a hopeless sense of urgency. <i>"Outnumbered and desperate, the honest men barricaded themselves inside the log stockade through the night."</i>
1	furtively	adv. 1 accomplished with or characterized by stealth; surreptitious; sly; 2 seemingly underhanded; shifty. <i>"Silver glanced furtively at his companions before agreeing to the Captain's terms with a broad smile."</i>
1	haggard	adj. looking tired and worn out usually from worry. <i>"Ben Gunn emerged haggard from the jungle, his eyes wild after three solitary years on the island."</i>
1	menacing	v. 1 to utter or direct a threat against; threaten; 2 to serve as a probable threat to; imperil. <i>"Silver's voice remained friendly, but his posture was menacing as he blocked the door of the cabin."</i>
1	mutinous	adj. 1 disposed to or engaged in or involving revolt against authority; 2 openly rebellious or disobedient <i>"The mutinous crew gathered below deck, their whispers growing bolder with every passing nautical mile."</i>
1	plunder	v. to rob of goods or valuables by open force as in war or hostile raids <i>"The pirates sought to plunder every chest buried beneath the island's sweltering, fever-ridden soil."</i>
1	reconnoiter	v. to make a preliminary examination of for military or surveying or geological purposes <i>"The Doctor urged Jim to reconnoiter the stockade before darkness fell and the pirates grew bolder."</i>
1	resolute	adj. admirably purposeful, determined, and unwavering. <i>"Captain Smollett remained resolute even as the mutineers fired their first volley at the blockhouse."</i>
1	skulking	v. moving around secretly or sneakily <i>"Two of Silver's men were skulking near the tree line, pretending to gather wood."</i>
1	smoldering	v. or adj. 1 to burn slowly with smoke and usually without flame; 2 to be in a state of emotional or mental turmoil <i>"A smoldering hatred burned behind Silver's cheerful eyes whenever the Captain turned his back."</i>
1	stealthily	adj. done or acting in a secretive or covert way; sneaky; furtive <i>"Jim crept stealthily along the shoreline, keeping low among the reeds to avoid the pirates' watch."</i>
1	treacherous	adj. likely to betray trust or confidence; dangerous and unpredictable. <i>"The treacherous cove hid razor rocks beneath its calm surface, ready to split any hull apart."</i>
1	warily	adv. in a cautious or watchful manner <i>"Jim moved warily through the undergrowth, certain that Silver's men were watching from the shadows."</i>