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Pirate Mom (Step Into Reading)



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Synopsis

Join Pete, whose mom has been hypnotized to believe she's actually a pirate, on his adventure to get his mom to remember who she really is! Yo ho ho! Pete loves pirates, but his mom thinks they are rude and messy. Then Pete and his mom go to see the Amazing Marco, and Marco hypnotizes Pete's mom into thinking she's a pirate! Now Pete's mom won't behave. She chases the neighbors. She steals underwear off other people's clotheslines. She's even flying the Jolly Roger over the house. Pete has to find the Amazing Marco. He wants his real mom back!

Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

Customer Reviews

Kindergarten-Grade 2 Pete loves to play pirates, but his mom never wants to play along. Her latest plan to get out of it includes tickets to see the Amazing Marco. When it is time for the Hypno-Trance, it is, of course, Pete's mother who is called up on stage. Marco asks what she should be turned into and Pete calls out, A pirate! Suddenly, Marco is called away. His wife is having a baby and Pete's mom is left as a pirate. There are many pages of her shaking her mixing spoon, her eye ablaze (the other eye has a black patch), and shouting at people. The worst part is when the

PTA arrives for their meeting and she demands their loot. Pete then rushes her to the hospital, where the Amazing Marco restores her to her former self. In the end, Pete receives two more tickets from the magician to make up for his trouble. With fairly realistic illustrations but a dry plot, there is nothing particularly bad about Pirate Mom, but there is little to recommend it, either. --Susan Lissim, Dwight School, New York City Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

PreS-Gr. 2. From the Step into Reading series comes this amusing take on the ever-popular pirate theme. When Pete and his mother attend a magic show, the Amazing Marco hypnotizes Mom and convinces her that she is a pirate. Before bringing her back to normal, the magician is called away by an emergency. Meanwhile, Pete has his hands full with Mom, who calls an inoffensive neighbor a "bilge rat," attacks the mailman with her wooden spoon, and conducts a bizarre PTA meeting. Children will relish the role switch as Mom shows her dark side and Pete makes desperate attempts at damage control. With clean lines, muted colors, and comic-style exaggeration of the characters' features, Gilpin's illustrations make the most of the humorous situations in the simply written text. Fun for independent readers and for reading aloud to younger children. Carolyn Phelan Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

My 1st grader son and I absolutely LOVE this book! He cracks up at the little sayings that Pirate Mom says and some things she does. While it's a little longer than most of our other books (mainly because it's our only level 3 book), it's a great read. He reads 4 pages, then I read two, he reads 4 more, and so on. Of course he needs a little help with some of the words such as "bilge," but for the most part, he can sound them out easily. Fantastic book for mommy & son to read together!

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I love these series. But most important that my son does. I got 40+ books and he loves to read them (usually it is not that easy to make him read). I got mix of 2-3-4 levels for the second grader, second level is too easy, but it creates some fun and he reads them with pleasure. Love it, I would recommend it.

My son got this book when he was four years old and loves it. Pirate Mom has many funny lines. The pictures are adorable.

cute and silly story. my 4yr old enjoyed this silly story.

On reading level. She read it twice and then got bored with it. Should've checked it out at the library first.

My 2nd grader liked!

Grandson loved it

Well, the main thing is it passed the "grandchild test" and also their mother's (my daughter's) approval. In fact, when the twins first saw the book they had their Mom read it cover to cover three times in a row. They really liked the harmless silliness of it all, plus some subtle value-principles.

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