

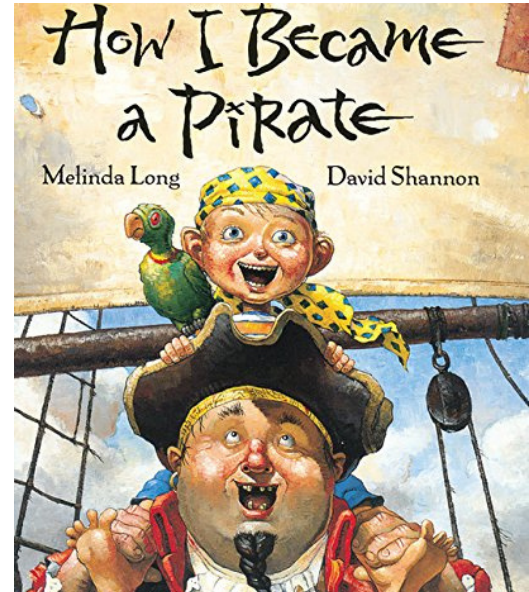


HOW I BECAME A PIRATE

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SUMMARY

When Jeremy Jacob goes to the beach with his family, he notices a pirate ship on the ocean. He tries to tell his parents, but they're too focused on his baby sister. When the pirates come ashore, Jeremy Jacob decides to run away with them and become a pirate. Will he like piracy?



Questions:

1. How would you feel if you were at the beach and saw a pirate ship?
2. Have you ever had important information to tell someone but they're too busy to listen? How does it feel when people don't listen to you? Should you try to listen to others?
3. How do you think Jeremy Jacob felt talking to the pirates? How would you feel? Should you talk to strangers?
4. How do you think your parents would feel if you ran away with pirates for a day without telling them? What if you were just missing, even for a day, and they didn't know where you were? Should you always tell your parents before going somewhere?
5. What would it be like to see so much gold and jewels in one place? Should Braid Beard share that treasure with his crew or keep it all for himself? Why?
6. How would it feel to not have to eat vegetables or say please and thank you? Is it important to say please and thank you? Why?
7. Would it be fun to have no bedtime and not have to brush your teeth? Do your parents make you do those things to make you sad or to keep you healthy?
8. Does Jeremy Jacob like the bedtime routine for pirates? Is it possible to like parts of something but not like all of it? Would you like being a pirate?
9. How would you feel in the middle of a storm like that on a pirate ship? Is Jeremy Jacob okay, or does he need someone to take care of him? Is it okay to be scared? How can you help others when they are scared?
10. Do you think Jeremy Jacob will dig up and steal the pirate's treasure? Would that be a good thing to do? Why not?
11. Do you think Jeremy is excited to see his pirate friends again one day, or is he more excited to see his regular friends from soccer? Can he be excited for both?