



# 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                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| 1 | <b>ferociously</b> | adv. in a fierce or violent manner.<br>  <i>"Israel Hands fought ferociously in the rigging, slashing at Jim until his footing finally gave way."</i>                                                                           |
| 1 | <b>audaciously</b> | adv. in a bold and daring manner.<br>  <i>"Jim audaciously slipped aboard the Hispaniola at midnight, resolved to cut her adrift from the pirates."</i>                                                                         |
| 1 | <b>desperate</b>   | adj. feeling or showing a hopeless sense of urgency.<br>  <i>"Outnumbered and desperate, the honest men barricaded themselves inside the log stockade through the night."</i>                                                   |
| 1 | <b>furtively</b>   | adv. in a way that is secret and sneaky.<br>  <i>"Silver glanced furtively at his companions before agreeing to the Captain's terms with a broad smile."</i>                                                                    |
| 1 | <b>haggard</b>     | adj. looking tired and worn out usually from worry.<br>  <i>"Ben Gunn emerged haggard from the jungle, his eyes wild after three solitary years on the island."</i>                                                             |
| 1 | <b>menacing</b>    | adj. threatening harm or danger.<br>  <i>"Silver's voice remained friendly, but his posture was menacing as he blocked the door of the cabin."</i>                                                                              |
| 1 | <b>mutinous</b>    | adj. 1 disposed to or engaged in or involving revolt against authority; 2 openly rebellious or disobedient<br>  <i>"The mutinous crew gathered below deck, their whispers growing bolder with every passing nautical mile."</i> |
| 1 | <b>plunder</b>     | v. to steal goods, especially during a war.<br>  <i>"The pirates sought to plunder every chest buried beneath the island's sweltering, fever-ridden soil."</i>                                                                  |
| 1 | <b>reconnoiter</b> | v. to explore an area to gather information.<br>  <i>"The Doctor urged Jim to reconnoiter the stockade before darkness fell and the pirates grew bolder."</i>                                                                   |
| 1 | <b>resolute</b>    | adj. admirably purposeful, determined, and unwavering.<br>  <i>"Captain Smollett remained resolute even as the mutineers fired their first volley at the blockhouse."</i>                                                       |
| 1 | <b>skulking</b>    | v. moving stealthily or secretly to avoid being seen.<br>  <i>"Two of Silver's men were skulking near the tree line, pretending to gather wood."</i>                                                                            |
| 1 | <b>smoldering</b>  | v. burning slowly without flames. it produces smoke.<br>  <i>"A smoldering hatred burned behind Silver's cheerful eyes whenever the Captain turned his back."</i>                                                               |
| 1 | <b>stealthily</b>  | adj. done or acting in a secretive or covert way; sneaky; furtive<br>  <i>"Jim crept stealthily along the shoreline, keeping low among the reeds to avoid the pirates' watch."</i>                                              |
| 1 | <b>treacherous</b> | adj. likely to betray trust or confidence; dangerous and unpredictable.<br>  <i>"The treacherous cove hid razor rocks beneath its calm surface, ready to split any hull apart."</i>                                             |
| 1 | <b>warily</b>      | adv. in a cautious and watchful manner.<br>  <i>"Jim moved warily through the undergrowth, certain that Silver's men were watching from the shadows."</i>                                                                       |