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Ship's Boy With Magellan



Synopsis

To escape his villainous uncle who wants to steal his inheritance, Pedro takes a job as a cabin boy on Magellan's flagship. Pedro experiences all the drama and excitement of the first voyage to travel the globe, including the mutiny of the officers and the hostility of suspicious natives. Pedro survives the voyage and returns to Spain to claim his birthright.

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Customer Reviews

I bought this book for our grandsons, ages 8 and 10. Before gifting it to them, I read it. Glad I did. It is a good and faithful history told through the eyes of a fictional character. The book is well enough written that it conveys the history and sense of the time without becoming too dry and historical. Some parts of this Magellan story, which I recall from other reading, are pretty brutal. The author doesn't ignore the rough life and brutality of the 16th century, he just doesn't dwell upon it. The story advances without a lot of contemporary judgments. The story also has links to the present by pointing out that... in year's to come, this place became known as... for example. I hope the boys begin to appreciate history more as they read and ask questions about the Magellan story.

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