

# CYCLOPAEDIA 21 — PIRATES

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## OVERVIEW

Piracy, historically, constitutes a criminal act by ship-borne attackers, sometimes attacking other ships, but most often attacking coastal settlements. Those who commit acts of piracy are called pirates.

From that historical perspective, the romantic view of pirates blossomed in literature and cinema, and later into games and other entertainment. We have romanticized their criminal lives and seafaring adventures, whether they be villains or anti-heroes seeking freedom on the high seas. Their mysterious lives, codes of conduct, brash attitudes, skill in battle, and their life on the seas, sailing from island to island have fascinated readers and viewers for centuries.

Add in the mysteries of buried treasures, legends, shipwrecks, and curses to create interest and passions the world over. From historians to novelists, from archaeologists to treasure hunters, and from kids to kids-at-heart, pirates fill the dreams and stories the world over.

From the early days of sea voyages in wood ships to the high-tech voyages of cargo ships, piracy and pirates still garner the attention and interests of fact and fiction today.

## MORE THAN ONE KIND OF PIRATE?

When most think of pirates, they either think of the cinematic-influenced sailor of the seas ransacking ships and ports, looking for treasure. Yet throughout history, there

have been various purveyors of piracy that have gone by very specific and romantic-sounding names.

- Buccaneer
- Corsair
- Freebooter
- Marauder
- Picaroon
- Privateer
- Raider
- Sea Rover

Following are sources of information pertaining to Pirates to assist prospective game masters, game designers, writers, and storytellers in knowing where to start their research.

## ARTICLES

**Feral Cities -- Pirate Havens - Throughout its history, piracy could not have survived - And cannot survive today -- Without firmly emplaced lifelines on land.**

By Frick, Matthew M

Source: Proceedings of the United States Naval Institute. 134, no. 12, (2008): 40

**Pirate and buccaneer doctors**

By Eloesser, Leo

Source: Annals of medical history, Vol. 8 (1926), p. 31-60

**Pirate Voyages in History and Fantasy**

By Bialuschewski, Arne

Source: Global Crime, 7, no. 2 (2006): 256-259

# BOOKS

***Birds of Prey***

By Smith, Wilbur

***The Buccaneers of America***

By Exquemelin, Alexander O.

***Captain Blood***

By Sabatini, Rafael

***Captain Pugwash***

By Ryan, John

***Captain Singleton***

By Defoe, Daniel

***The Coral Island***

By Ballantyne, RM

***A General History of the Pyrates***

By Defoe, Daniel

***A General History of the Robberies and Murders of the Most Notorious Pirates***

By Johnson, Capt. Charles

***The Gold-Bug***

By Poe, Edgar Allan

***The Golden Age of Piracy: The Truth Behind Pirate Myths***

By Little, Benerson

***How I Became a Pirate***

By Long, Melinda

***The Invisible Hook: The Hidden Economics of Pirates***

By Leeson, Peter T.

***Iron Men, Wooden Women: Gender and Seafaring in the Atlantic World, 1700-1920***

By Creighton, Margaret S.

***The Island***

By Benchley, Peter

***On Stranger Tides***

By Powers, Tim

***Pericles***

By Shakespeare, William

***Peter Pan***

By Barrie, J.M

***The Pirate***

By Scott, Sir Walter

***The Pirate Hunter***

By Zacks, Richard

***Pirate Hunters: Treasure, Obsession, and the Search for a Legendary Pirate Ship***

By Kurson, Robert

***Pirate Latitudes***

By Crichton, Michael

***The Pirate Primer: Mastering the Language of Swashbucklers and Rogues***

By Choundas, George

***Pirate Spirit***

By Williams, Jeffery

***Pirate Women: The Princesses, Prostitutes, and Privateers Who Ruled the Seven Seas***

By Duncombe, Laura Sook

***Queen of the Black Coast***

By Howard, Robert E.

***The Red Rover***

By Cooper, James Fenimore

***The Republic of Pirates: Being the True and Surprising Story of the Caribbean Pirates and the Man Who Brought Them Down***

By Woodard, Colin

***Robinson Crusoe***

By Defoe, Daniel

***Seafaring Women: Adventures of Pirate Queens, Female Stowaways, and Sailors' Wives***

By Cordingley, David

***The Sea Rover's Practice: Pirate Tactics and Techniques, 1630-1730***

By Little, Benerson

***She Captains: Heroines and Hellions of the Sea***

By Druett, Joan

***Treasure Island***

By Stevenson, Robert Louis

***Under the Black Flag: The Romance and the Reality of Life Among the Pirates***

By Cordingley, David

***X Marks the Spot: The Archaeology of Piracy***

By Skowronek, Russell K.

***Z for Zachariah***

By O'Brien, Robert C.

## GAMES

*50 Fathoms* - RPG

*7th Sea* - RPG

*Age of Booty* - Computer Game

*Age of Pirates 2: City of Abandoned Ships* - Computer Game

*Assassin's Creed IV: Black Flag* - Computer Game

*Black Fleet* - Tabletop Game

*Blackwake* - Computer Game

*Blood & Gold Caribbean* - Computer Game

*Cartegena* - Tabletop Game

*Dark Seas* - Tabletop Game

*Dead Man's Draw* - Computer Game

*Dead Men Tell No Tales* - Tabletop Game

*Down Among The Dead Men* - Computer Game

*Flashing Blades* - RPG

*Freeport: The City of Adventure* - RPG

*The Goonies Board Game* - Tabletop Game

*Grog Island* - Tabletop Game

*GURPS Swashbucklers* - RPG

*Jamaica* - Tabletop Game

*Lego Pirates of the Caribbean* - Computer Game

*Libertalia* - Tabletop Game

*Loot* - Tabletop Game

*Man O'War* - Computer Game

*Merchants & Marauders* - Tabletop Game

*Munchkin Booty* - Tabletop Game

*Monkey Island* - Computer Game

*Oath of the Brotherhood* - Tabletop Game

*Pirate's Cove* - Tabletop Game

*Pirate Fluxx* - Tabletop Game

*Port Royal* - Tabletop Game

*Pirate Den* - Tabletop Game

*Pirate Dice* - Tabletop Game

*Pirates of the 7 Seas* - Tabletop Game

*Pirates of the Burning Sea* - Computer Game

*Assassin's Creed IV: Black Flag* - Computer Game

*Piratoons* - Tabletop Game

*Rattle, Battle, Grab the Loot* - Tabletop Game

*Pirates of the Fallen Stars* - RPG

*Port Royal* - Tabletop Game

*Port Royale 3* - Computer Game

*Risen 2: Dark Waters* - Computer Game

*Rum & Bones* - Tabletop Game

*Rum & Pirates* - Tabletop Game

*Sea of Clouds* - Tabletop Game

*Sea of Thieves* - Computer Game

*Sid Meier's Pirates!* - Computer Game

*Skulls & Shackles* - RPG

*Windward* - Computer Game

*Yarr!* - RPG

## CINEMA

*Against All Flags*  
*Anne of the Indies*  
*Blackbeard the Pirate*  
*Blackbeard's Ghost*  
*Black Sails* - TV  
*The Black Swan*  
*The Buccaneer*  
*Captain Blood*  
*Captain Phillips*  
*The Crimson Pirate*  
*Crossbones* - TV  
*Cutthroat Island*  
*The Goonies*  
*A High Wind in Jamaica*  
*Hook*  
*The Island*  
*Moonfleet*  
*Muppet Treasure Island*  
*Mutiny on the Bounty*  
*One Piece* - Anime  
*Pan*  
*Peter Pan*  
*Pirates*  
*The Pirates! Band of Misfits*  
*The Pirates of Dark Water* - TV  
*Pirates of Penzance*  
*Pirates of the Caribbean*  
*The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything*  
*Princess Bride*  
*Savage Islands*  
*The Scarlet Buccaneer*  
*The Sea Hawk*  
*Shipwrecked*  
*Stardust*  
*Swiss Family Robinson*  
*Treasure Island*  
*Treasure Planet*  
*Yellowbear*

## LOCATIONS

Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum  
<http://graveyardoftheatlantic.com/>  
  
Port Royal, Jamaica  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Port\\_Royal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Port_Royal)  
  
St. Augustine Pirate & Treasure Museum  
<http://www.piratesoul.com/>  
  
Whydah Pirate Museum  
<https://www.discoverpirates.com/>

## PEOPLE

Barbarossa  
Samuel Bellamy "Black Bellamy"  
Stede Bonnet  
Anne Bonny  
Cheung Po Tsai  
Ching Shih  
Jeanne de Clisson  
William Dampier  
Stephen Decatur  
Jacquotte Delahaye  
Anne Dieu-Le-Veut  
Sir Francis Drake  
Henry Every "Long Ben"  
Benjamin Hornigold  
Sayyida al Hurra  
William Kidd  
Lady Elizabeth Killigrew  
Jean Lafitte  
Edward Lowe  
Sir Henry Morgan  
Grace O'Malley  
John Rackham "Calico Jack"  
Mary Read  
Bartholomew Roberts "Black Bart"

Edward Teach "Blackbeard"