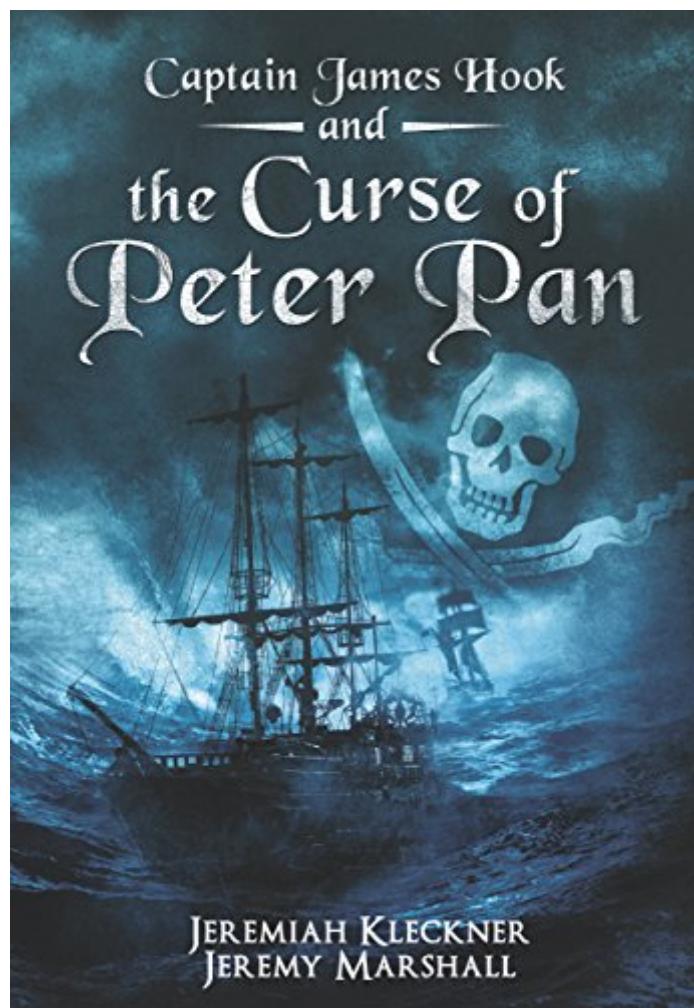


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Captain James Hook And The Curse Of Peter Pan



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Discover the first novel to introduce Captain Hook as the hero of Neverland. ~ Captain Hook has been captured by the British navy and is soon to be hung. As Hook tells his story to his captors, it soon becomes clear that the fearsome pirate was once a scholarly, if sickly boy until one fateful night in Port Royal, when he met the volatile Peter Pan ... Raise the Jolly Roger and discover the book that opened thousands of eyes to the possibility that, once upon a time, Captain Hook was not the villain we know him to be. Experience Captain James Hook's rise to piracy, including his first confrontation with Long John Silver and his service on the Queen Anne's Revenge alongside Blackbeard at the Charleston Blockade. This book is not a retelling of the events of J. M. Barrie's beloved novel. Far from it. It's a defense of the world's most famous pirate, told by the man himself. Captain Hook has reason and wit behind his hatred for Peter Pan. If only someone would listen. ~ "Compelling from first page to last" - SFFaudio Podcast #357 "Fantastic and tightly written" - SFFaudio Podcast #357 "Peter Pan is a monster" - SFFaudio Podcast #357 "A sleeper" - An undersold masterpiece - SFFaudio Podcast #357

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Customer Reviews

Captain James Hook and the Curse of Peter Pan is enticing from the first word. The description of Hook leads the reader into the book; "His eyes are so narrow that they never seem to blink" and he "smiles with everything but his eyes." The authors create a fascinating character, dangerous but hypnotic. The first chapter sets the tone so well, not only of Hook's character but all the great winks towards the Captain Hook you grew up with, like his pocket watch that ticks very loudly. As the story progresses, more and more familiar characters from Peter Pan enter and begin to play their part. The genius of the authors is that no one plays the part you expect. Is Hook the villain? Is Pan the hero? Side characters like Smee are also not as one would assume. The characters of this book incorporate more shades of grey and live in a morally ambiguous world. It would be difficult to discuss the plot without giving anything away. Trust me, this is one plot you want to uncover for yourself. It will hold your attention to the last word. David Stifel's narration of Captain James Hook and the Curse of Peter Pan was fabulous, one of the best narrations I have ever listened to. His voice can be honey smooth or dangerously sharp. Not only does he convey the personalities of the different characters, he does a fine job of conveying each character's emotions. The authors need to sign him to a long term contract for this entire series. The production values of the audiobook were first rate. The sound is clear. There are no extraneous noises or changes in volume. I enjoyed this audio book very much. I was not able to listen one day because of location so I purchased the kindle version. While I still liked the story, this is one situation where the audio book brings a whole new dimension to a book. The narration adds precious gold and silver threads to the tapestry of the narration. For example read the line, "When I turned the body of my father, I expected the world to collapse around me but, strangely, it didn't." The lines could convey a total lack of feeling for a son for his father. But when Mr. Stifel narrates that line, it conveys a totally different emotion. It conveys a boy thrust into manhood through a traumatic event, a boy who has neither time or fear or grief because surviving has become the only thought. It really is a masterful narration. This audiobook was provided by the author, narrator, or publisher at no cost in exchange for an unbiased review courtesy of AudiobookBlast dot com.

I really enjoyed this prequel to Peter Pan that lets you in on the backstory of one of the world's most notorious pirates (and includes some interesting pieces about other pirates, both real and literary, from non-related works.) It makes Captain Hook a sympathetic character and left me with a desire to revisit the original Peter Pan works. The transitions from 3rd to 1st person were a bit disconcerting but after a paragraph or two it ceased to matter. Otherwise, a very well told story.

How could anyone not adore the fabulous Peter Pan, that boy of unending childhood joy? I always wondered where Hook came from and why there was such animosity between him and Peter. Actually, there has always been something a little unsettling about Peter Pan, and his penchant for stealing children to populate his enchanted playground. Something a little not-so-innocent and not-so-joyous. This very interesting and well-written novel explores the reality of Peter and his playful habit, and how over time it affects the life of a boy who almost got away. James has an encounter with Peter, but because he is unable to detach himself completely from the important relationships in his life, he can't follow Peter into unending childhood games and play, much to Peter's puzzlement, since Peter who lives in the eternal NOW of emotional immaturity can't hang onto a relationship or even remember who his friends are; he is an empty bag and can't grasp a life that is filled with love and attachments. As the events of his life tumble forward from this encounter, we see the well-born, genteel James racheting from a nice boy about to enter Eton to the formidable Captain Hook and finally, finding his own bitter path to Neverland. I really couldn't put this book down. It's so much more than a story. It is really about what makes and unmakes us as persons. Highly recommend it.

Very well written novel about Captain Hook and Peter Pan. I was sad to finish this book as I thoroughly enjoyed reading an account about how it all started between them...even down to the crocodile. The story starts with a boy named James. One night a boy flies into his room...none other than Peter Pan. He excitedly runs downstairs the next morning to tell his mother. However, his father, who is a stern captain in the royal navy, decides that his son needs to grow up and become the gentleman he is meant to be. Therefore James' life changes as becomes his father's cabin boy. When his father is killed in a pirate attack he begins the long journey to becoming Captain Hook and his duel with Peter Pan begins. If you like pirates and adventure you will enjoy this story! So get ready to set sail!

I decided to try an eBook I have never heard of last night, and being a bit of a safe gambler, I chose

a free one. Fortunately, it turned out to be a good bet. This eBook is an awesome backstory for one of literature's most notorious villains: Captain Hook! I love to hate villains, but I find it even more interesting to find out the events that lead them to the dark side. It is easy to sympathize with young James: to feel his anger is justified at times, to share in his annoyance at Pan, etc. However, by the final battle, the reader just as easily understands that Hook has taken the wrong path and needs to be stopped. Overall, a very enjoyable and engaging tale with minimal typos. If one enjoys adventure stories &/or 'what-if' prequels about beloved classics, then I recommend this eBook.

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