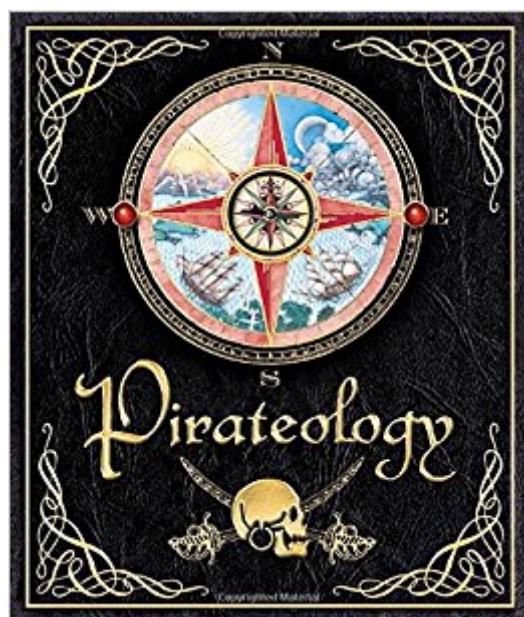


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# Pirateology: The Pirate Hunter's Companion (Ologies)



## **Synopsis**

Aar! Hoist the sails for a lavish new discovery filled with treasures • a magnificent resource for pirate lovers everywhere. The eagerly awaited new title in the best-selling "Ology series • more than 5 million sold worldwide! Step lively, pirate foes and fanciers! Mysterious booty found inside a long-lost sea chest, hidden for hundreds of years off the coast of Newfoundland, has just been uncovered for your enjoyment. Within these covers is the fascinating eighteenth-century journal of Captain William Lubber, an earnest soul who sailed the seas in search of the vicious female pirate Arabella Drummond. Prepare for a mesmerizing tale of the golden age of piracy • from storm-tossed sailing ships to tantalizing treasure islands, from pirates' flags and fashions to their wily weapons and wicked ways. An extraordinary find for pirateologists, here is a true and complete companion for the dedicated pirate hunter. *Pirateology*'s special treasures include: • a stunning cover bearing a working compass and glittering gems • treasure map with a missing piece • for the canny reader to find • multiple flaps, maps, charts, and booklets harboring codes and clues • intricate drawings of ships' interiors • a packet of gold dust • a pocket sundial • a cache of pirate letters, pieces of eight • and a jewel as a final reward

## **Book Information**

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## Customer Reviews

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"Ahoy, Mateys! The publisher of Dugald A. Steer's *Egyptology* (2004), Ernest Drake's *Dragonology* (2003), and Master Merlin's *Wizardology* (2005, all Candlewick) offers up myriad facts and stories about piratica. Written as the ship's log of a fictitious pirate hunter in the early 18th century, this lavish, oversize volume chronicles his efforts to track down the notorious Arabella Drummond. Through entries that span nearly three years, Captain William Lubber reveals tidbits of information on such topics as ocean navigation, tying sailor's knots, weaponry, battle tactics, and the Jolly Roger. Spreads made to look like worn parchment are chock-full of sidebars, maps to unfold, packets of gold dust to examine, and various artistic renderings of notorious real-life pirates. As the tale grows, the elusive pirate, her dogged hunter, and readers travel the globe, reaching destinations such as China, Madagascar, and Nova Scotia. Quick facts about each place as well as the local pirate scene are included, but the primary focus is on the Caribbean-based pirate. The format invites exploration and is perfect for reluctant readers. Young pirate enthusiasts will find plenty here to keep them engaged, but may well desire further sources for more in-depth information. Pair this title with J. Patrick Lewis's *Blackbeard: The Pirate King* (National Geographic, 2006), Richard Platt's *Pirate Diary* (Candlewick, 2001), or Moira Butterfield's *Pirates and Smugglers* (Kingfisher, 2005). A strong addition to most collections." Jody Kopple, Shady Hill School, Cambridge, MA  
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Similar in format to Matthews' *Pirates* (2006), this large tome professes to be the journal of Captain William Lubber, an early-eighteenth-century pirate hunter. Lubber unfolds the story of Arabella Drummond as he chases her ship around the world. Besides his notes and reflections, the large parchmentlike pages are filled, scrapbook style, with pictures of various pirates and ships, maps of islands, and information on topics such as navigational charts, pirate flags, and sailors' knots. Several artists contribute a profusion of handsome illustrations, including maps, shaded pencil drawings with a period look, and colored-pencil drawings of pirates in action. Many double-page spreads include an interactive element. With a compass set into the front of the book and a large red jewel set into the back, this has tactile appeal as well as plenty of information for vicarious buccaneers. Earlier volumes in the series include *Dragonology* (2003) and *Wizardology* (2005). Carolyn Phelan  
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My pre-teen grandchildren love these "ology" series books. I bought a couple of them last year for Christmas and they went over really big. This year I thought I'd do some more of them and this was one choice. I have looked it over and found it interesting myself (not being much informed about Pirates). The front cover on this is really attractive. There are two (plastic) red jewels, one on either side of the brightly colored and well depicted compass. And there is a real compass in the very center, sure to please and delight the younger set. How many kids have even seen a compass this day and age, yet followed how to use one. Cover is not black as it looks in the ad. Is a very dark brown made to resemble leather. The "ology" books are arranged so that topics are very often covered in separate areas of the pages. I have to help the kids read the script boxes, because (unfortunately in my opinion) cursive is no longer taught in our county public schools. And here is one example of how we are cheating them by doing so. There is discussion and pictures of parts of the ships, different historical pirate figures, different flags, pirate weaponry, old world cartography, types of navigating tools, a bag of gold dust, and a gem just to name a few of the points of interest. There's even a page with cording attached and types of knots and how to tie them. The paper is a medium brown made to look like papyrus, and each of the pages is double thickness. I made pirate costumes for the family to wear to the Ren Faire during pirate week this year, and this will be a resource book for us as well as just plain fun facts. If you kids, or adults (great coffee table addition) who have even the slightest interest in pirates, this is sure to please. I was really lucky to find this book in the used section of books, under like new and it really is. So I got a great buy on it as well.

My son is a ship captain and everyone calls him the Pirate. When I saw this book, I just had to buy it for him. He really likes this book and has gotten a lot of enjoyment out of reading it. It's very informative and fun. If you have a Pirate in your life, this is the book for them.

Not as good as I hoped. I was expecting, based on reviews, that this would be like a secret map to treasure and have stories that made it seem like you had stumbled on to a pirates journal with stories of treasure and riches, but it is more of a interesting tidbits about pirates book.

My 7 yr old is totally captivated by pirates at the moment...we are just finishing his makeover in his bedroom in a pirate theme...& his "7th" birthday pool party next month is a pirate theme as well. Soooo when I saw these books, I thought it was a "no-brainer"...would be neat to have them on his bookshelves in his newly scurvyed room..lol. Well he absolutely loves them....he doesn't want to put

these books down. Last nite he even went to sleep with one of them!! He loves all the little surprises he gets to open up on each page while reading the piratey factoids and story. Great fun for boys...AND girls alike. The tale actually follows Capt Lubber who is trying to capture a dreaded WOMAN pirate named Arabella Drummond.... sooooo piratey girls everywhere...ye arent left out! My only tiny weeny problem with the books... and yet would not deter me from buying them..is sometimes the fonts are hard to read...which means..if I am having a little trouble reading some words...I know my 7 yr old is. Other then that....Fun, Fun Fun....I dont think you will be disappointed!!

Technically, this is a fictional work; however, I feel more comfortable lumping it in with the family of pre-teen picture books that cover the history of pirates during the late 17th and early 18th centuries, a period more commonly referred to as the Golden Age of Piracy. The author uses the story of a fictional pirate hunter chasing an equally fictional female pirate to provide a framework on which to hang tidbits of pirate history. Like the Eyewitness, Discovery and Kingfisher family of youth picture books, this one is crowded with illustrations and brief passages of historical prose that provide a basic background on piracy suitable for children and those with limited attention spans. There the comparison stops, *Pirateology* goes well beyond by providing an interactive element with the numerous foldouts, mock notebooks, sealed envelopes with inserted maps and notes, and variety of other interactive items sure to keep the reader engaged. The prose is not difficult, but does include enough vocabulary to stretch young minds. The artwork varies from a vintage sepia look to colorful original artwork. The overall presentation is excellent and looks reasonably durable. I would recommend that use of the book by those under 9 years of age be supervised to preserve the various ties and foldouts as well as to prevent misplacing the inserts and notes. Bottom line is that this is a fun introduction to the history of piracy during the Golden Age. For those beyond the level of such a children's book I might suggest the various Osprey books on buccaneers and pirates by Angus Konstam. P-)

One of my kids loves the Ologies books. This one was just as great as the others. There is so much information in these books and they really keep you focused. The kids just love them.

This book is really cool. It is an awesome gift for any kid that is interested in pirates. I bought it for my son who checked it out at his school library first. We were disappointed with the condition of the library copy so I decided to get him his own for Christmas and the whole family has enjoyed looking

through it with him. The story is fictional but the book is full of true stories and pirate facts making it a great blend of fun and fact for any kid. It is not a book for young children, I would recommend it for 8 and up (or a younger one that takes care of their toys) because it has a lot of flaps and ties, packets with gold dust, and things like that which wouldn't last long in most little hands. Also the story and format might not appeal to the younger kids as much. It is a great addition to any family library and it's nice enough looking to keep on a shelf anywhere.

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