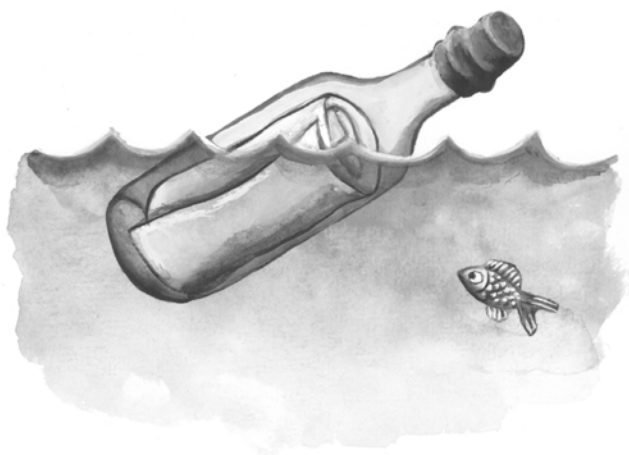


Help!







This is the story of two pirates:
Hamish and Ruby.

Pirate Hamish is a bad pirate who loves taking treasure. He has short hair and an eye patch. He is cross most of the time.

Pirate Ruby is a good pirate who loves helping people. She has long hair and a big smile. She is happy most of the time.



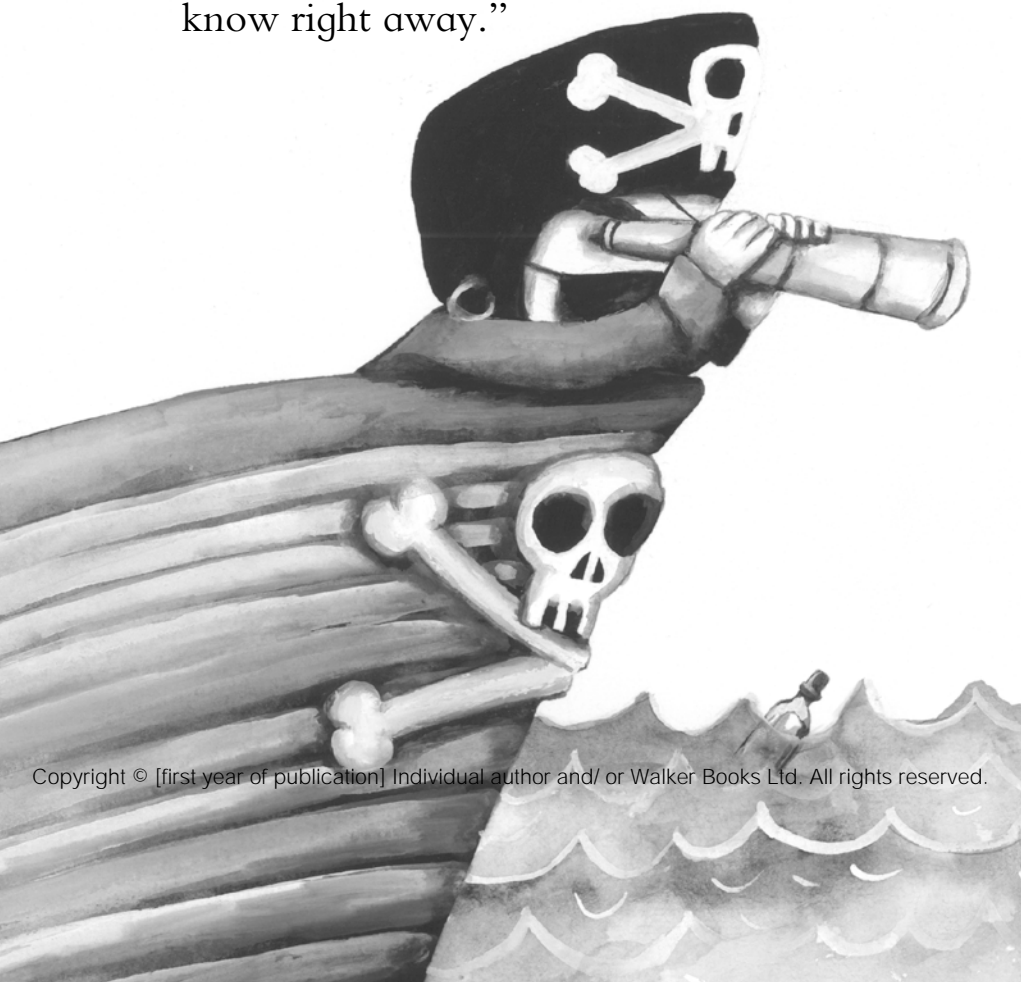
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Pirate Hamish and Pirate Ruby were on their boats. Pirate Hamish was watching Pirate Ruby through *his* telescope. And Pirate Ruby was watching Pirate Hamish through *her* telescope.



“If *he* moves,” said Pirate Ruby,
“I will know right away.”

“And if *she* moves,” said
Pirate Hamish, “I will
know right away.”



The two pirates stayed like this for a long, long time.

Then something happened. Pirate Hamish saw an object floating in the water. It was a bottle and it looked like it had a message inside.



Pirate Hamish sailed across the waves. When he got to the bottle, he leaned out of his boat to get it. But every time he got near, the waves pushed the bottle further and further away.



“Arrrr! I want that bottle!” he muttered and he leaned out as far as he could go. But just as he grabbed it, a huge wave swept underneath the boat and threw the pirate off balance.

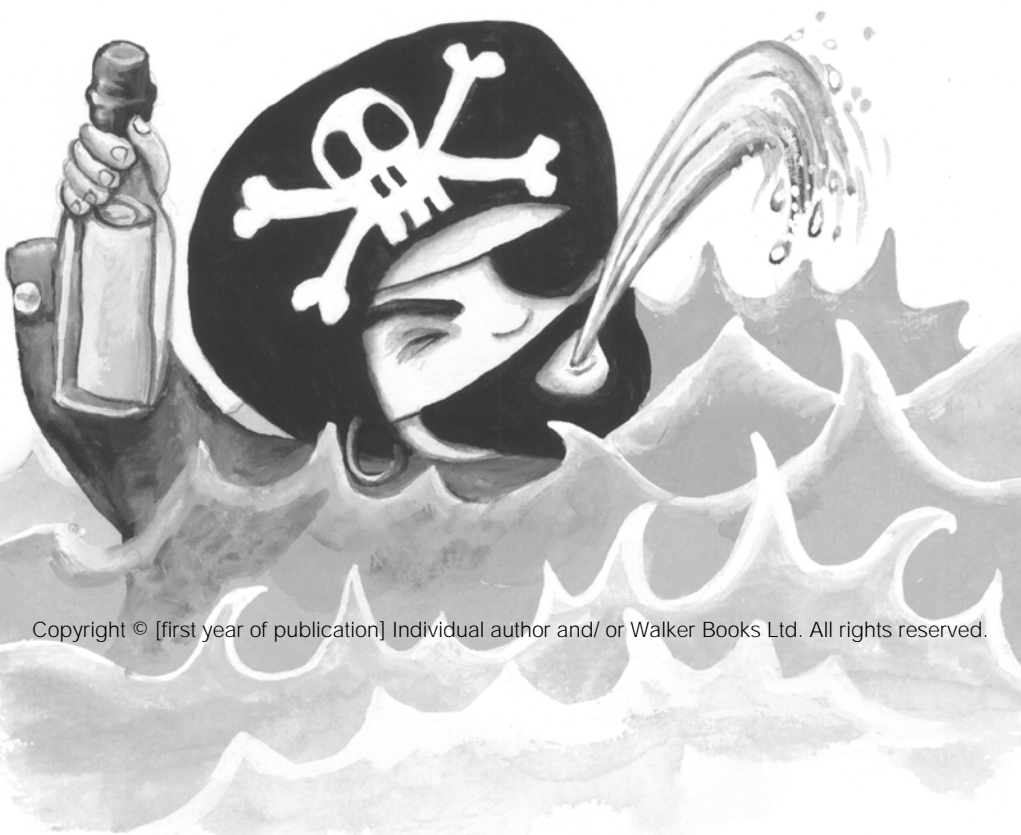
Whoaaa! Pirate Hamish toppled into the water.

SPLASH!



He was not very happy.

“I don’t like the water,” Pirate Hamish spluttered. And a spurt of water shot out of his mouth, just like a fountain.



He tucked the bottle under his belt and swam back to his boat. Then he read the message.



Help! I am stuck
on a little island
in the middle of
the big wide sea.
I have a lot of
treasure. Help!

Pirate Hamish's eyes nearly fell out of his head.

“Arrrr! Treasure!” he roared.

“I love treasure!”

