

# Treasure Island

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If sailor tales to sailor tunes,  
    Storm and adventure, heat and cold,  
If schooners, islands, and maroons  
    And Buccaneers and buried Gold,  
And all the old romance, retold  
    Exactly in the ancient way,  
Can please, as me they pleased of old,  
    The wiser youngsters of to-day:

—So be it, and fall on!  
    If not, If studious youth no longer crave,  
His ancient appetites forgot,  
    Kingston, or Ballantyne the brave,  
Or Cooper of the wood and wave:  
    So be it, also! And may I  
And all my pirates share the grave  
    Where these and their creations lie!



*To*

LLOYD OSBOURNE

An American Gentleman  
In accordance with whose classic taste  
The following narrative has been designed  
It is now, in return for numerous delightful hours  
And with the kindest wishes, dedicated  
By his affectionate friend

*The Author*