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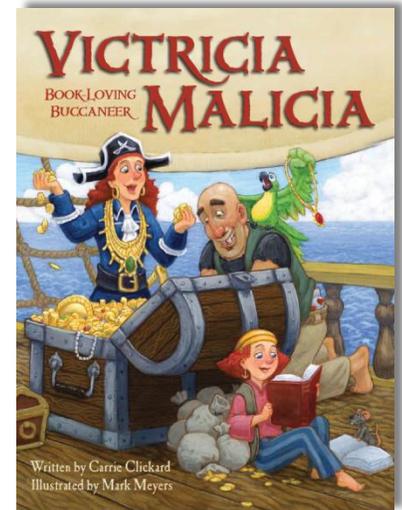


SEAFARING BARBARIANS BECOME LIBRARIANS!

NEW YORK: Although Victricia Malicia Calamity Barrett grew up on her family's pirate ship, this mild-mannered girl says she's sick of the sea:

"I gag when my lunch is Spaghetti Tentacular,
loathe when my sisters speak pirate vernacular,
want a new pet that's not scaly or spiny,
and *wish* I could keep my books somewhere less briny!"

With her nose permanently buried in a book, Victricia is a disaster at pirating chores. When her mistakes finally cause a treasure to slide overboard, the pirates decide she must be grounded – sent ashore until she's ready to become a better buccaneer. But shiver-me-timbers! Just as Victricia is packing a rowboat for the time-out of her dreams, a sea serpent attacks the ship! Quick-thinking Vic saves the day! She thunks the serpent on the head with her trunk full of books and is granted her wish – to live on the island where the pirates bury their treasure.

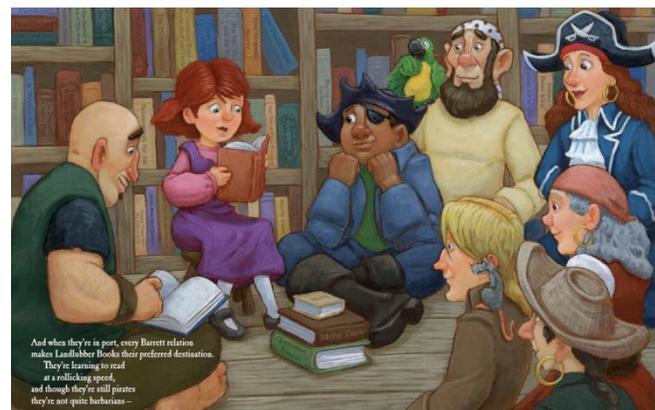
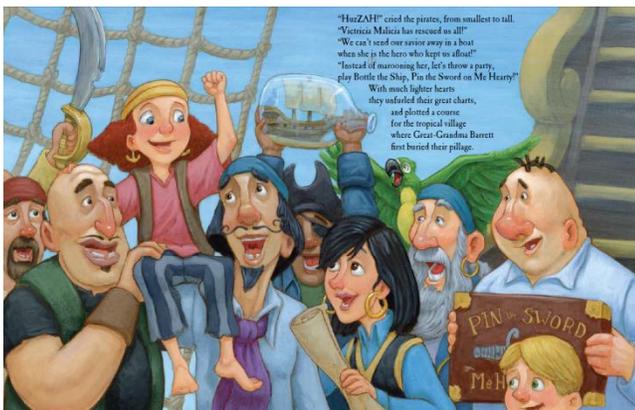


Far from the waves and foam, Victricia is finally able to follow her heart. She opens a shop, Landlubber Books, which becomes the pirates' favorite port in a storm. "Now they're learning to read at a rollicking speed... and though they're still pirates, they're not quite barbarians – NOW they're the world's first seafaring librarians!"

Carrie Clickard's jaunty rhyme begs to be read aloud. Along with the expected "Arrrs" and "Huzzahs," this outrageous adventure contains a cargo of delicious words that kids will soak up while reveling in the pirating antics. Illustrations by Mark Meyers turn each spread into a treasure trove of comic detail. Look for Vic's anchor earrings, the skull-and-crossbones birthday cake, and the titles on her books. Meyers deftly depicts Captain Mom, Dad the cook, and all the other bald, toothless, parrot-toting pirates on board.

Victricia may not be a typical pirate hero, but she's the captain of her own destiny in this swashbuckling story about following your dreams.

Carrie Clickard writes a children's travel blog called *Berenice Bear*, and her poetry has appeared in *Boys' Quest* and *Clubhouse Jr.* magazines. She sidelines as an educational puzzle-maker and has created pages of superb puzzles and word games that will be of interest to teachers and parents, downloadable from the fantastic website, www.VictriciaMalicia.com. Carrie lives in Gainesville, Florida, and this is her first picture book. **Mark Meyers** is the illustrator of the *Ballpark Mystery* series and *Counting Cows*. He lives in Brigham City, Utah.



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