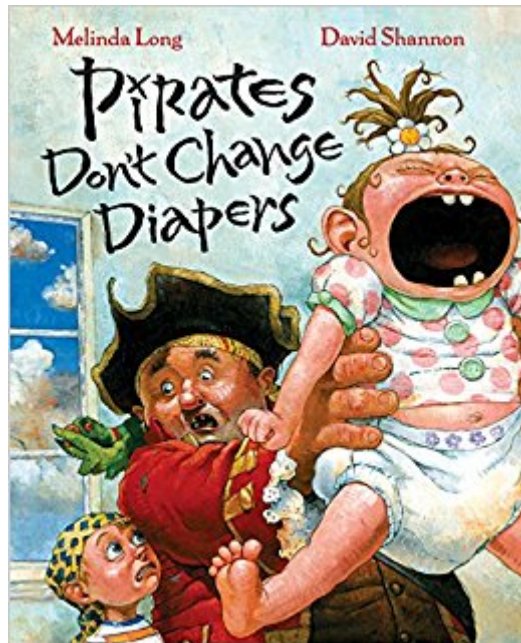




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# Pirates Don't Change Diapers



## Synopsis

When the pirate crew turns up at Jeremy Jacob's house and accidentally wakes his baby sister, that wee scallywag howls louder than a storm on the high seas. Sure, there's buried treasure to be found, but nobody's digging up anything until Bonney Anne quits her caterwauling. So, quicker than you can say "scurvy dog," Braid Beard and his swashbuckling pirates become . . . babysitters? Blimey! This hilarious companion to *How I Became a Pirate* reveals that minding the nursery can be even more terrifying than walking the plank--especially if you're a pirate.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Plucky young Jeremy Jacob is reunited with Captain Braid Beard and his crew of daft, dentally challenged buccaneers in a follow-up to the bestselling *How I Became a Pirate*. This time, Jeremy clearly has the upper hand: he won't let the pirates dig up the treasure they buried in his backyard at the end of the previous book until they help him placate his cranky baby sister, Bonney Anne (pirate aficionados will note that her name is a nod to real-life female pirate Anne Bonny). The story unfolds rather predictably—but just as entertainingly as the original: the pirates turn out to be washouts as nannies, jokes fly about dirty diapers and strained spinach, and, of course, "the wee

lass" Bonney Anne ends up being the key to recovering the treasure. But Long's piratical dialogue still delivers a juicy read-aloud: what reader of any age won't relish the opportunity to say "Aargh!" or declare "Rock on!" as the crew does in unison when Braid Beard orders them to rock Bonney Anne to sleep? And Shannon's voluptuously colorful and comic paintings runneth over with comic mayhem, sly details (somehow, the pirates manage to find a pirate show on Jeremy's TV) and no end of goofy expressions. Ages 3-7. (Mar.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

PreSchool-Grade 3 • Another flight of piratical fancy with young Jeremy Jacob and the motley crew from *How I Became a Pirate* (Harcourt, 2003). Jeremy Jacob, supposed-to-be babysitter, is distracted from keeping an eye on his snoozing sister by the boisterous, baby-wakening arrival of Captain Braid Beard and his men, who have come in search of the treasure formerly entrusted to our suburban buccaneer. They need his help to find their loot, and he needs their help to mind Bonney Anne. Unfortunately, pirates are unfamiliar with nappies, and num-nums, and naptimes, so there are a lot of funny faux pas and hysterical, histrionic looks—particularly when it's discovered that the baby's made a snack of the all-important X-marks-the-spot map. All's well that ends well, though: the brigands' booty is recovered, and their reward to Jeremy Jacob will become the birthday gift he wraps up for his mom. Long's dialogue makes for a rollicking read-aloud, and Shannon's signature artwork is a vibrant concoction of rowdy colors; Magoo-eyed, snaggle-toothed characters; and a baby who bears an unsettling resemblance to Alfred E. Newman. Yo-ho-ho! • Kathy Krasniewicz, Perrot Library, Old Greenwich, CT Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

Great 2nd story to *How I Became a Pirate*. Illustrations exceptional just like the first book. Will keep younger and older readers extremely amused. Repeat after repeat. Tip-Top, A+ must-have for any kids' book collection. My only "issue" is that the cover shown (and the title which should have been kept) is on the book jacket ONLY. See what it looks like once jacket is removed (which most parents will do). Maybe not all of those printed look like this?

Grandson and me loved the book. Have first book published and now this book was delightful. Also, bought companion workbook with series and the game "cannonball" which is in the workbook (perforated) pirate cards is a favorite game to play with my grandson.

Not as great as the first book - but my 4 year old asks for this quite a bit, so I'm glad I bought it. Some of the language in the book is more complex or hard for a preschooler to follow - and not in the way of "good vocabulary" building, more in the way of "confusing run-on pirate talk." But because he asks for it to be read, and the illustrations are great, I gave it 4 stars.

A great read for all elementary ages.

Great for speech and Language therapy.

what I wanted and on time

We don't have the first book, so I can definitely say that this book can stand on its own merit. My 6 and 3 year old boys love this story. From the funny illustrations (just look at how many things those pirates practiced diapering) to the silly pirate greek chorus (they get to echo what Braid Beard, their captain says or what he orders them to do). The boys particularly seem to enjoy the results of the Captain's order to, "Rock on, me hearties." (Yes, there is air guitar involved, and you will laugh out loud when you see the illustration). The utter helplessness of these poor pirates as they try to contend with babysitting Bonney Anne is charming. We have read this story several times over the past couple of months and it's as enjoyable for me as it is for them.

My kids saw this book at a pirate museum in Charleston and I decided to get it for my daughter for her birthday. She loves the book, really cute and funny.

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