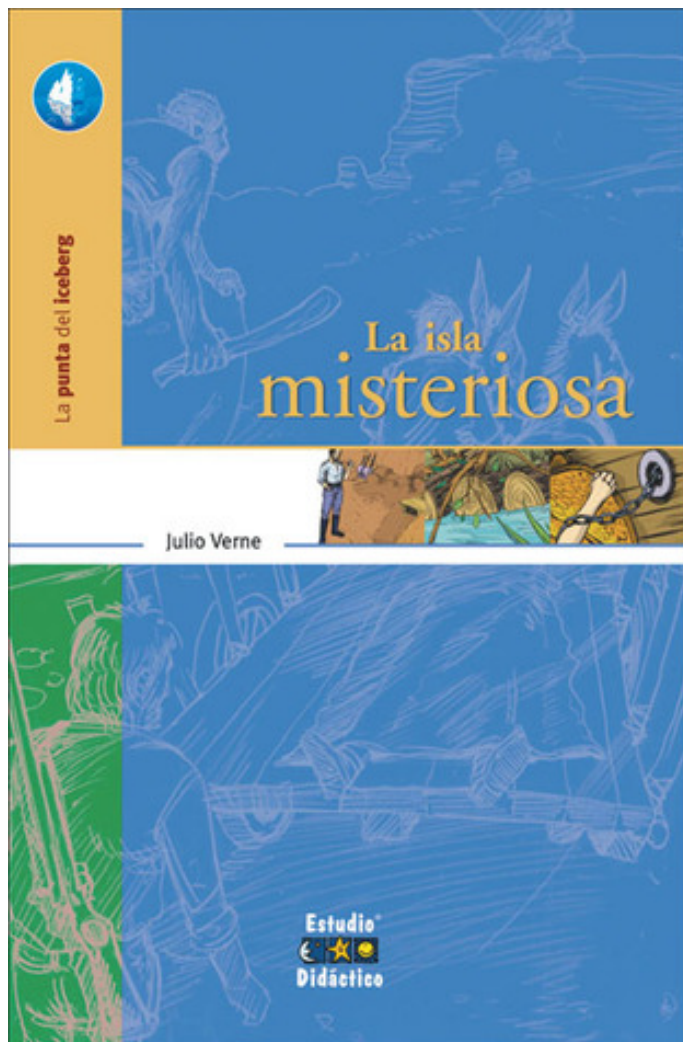


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## Jules Verne

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## Description

Aimed at young readers, this adventure-themed collection of adapted classic books will entertain youngsters with characters and storylines that seek to foster their love for reading. These classics are a great way for young readers to start building their very own library. Orientado al público infantil-juvenil, esta colección de obras clásicas de aventura busca entretener a lectores jóvenes con personajes e historias que fomentarán su amor por la lectura. Estos libros clásicos son la manera perfecta para que los jóvenes empiecen su propia biblioteca.

## Insightful reviews

B. Zedan: Oh my God. Some dudes are castaway on this island and I cannot put real words together to explain why I wanted to kill this book. So here are some select Twitters from when I was reading it:

- \* I find it a little horrifying that the castaways in Verne's 'Mysterious Island' never use bone for anything. Too savage? [though they end up using some whale bone, but that's pretty white so it's okay]
- \* They didn't use bone to tip arrows! They waited until the dog found a porcupine! How are clothes mended?!
- \* Nor have they tanned hide yet—and left several seals to rot on a beach, taking the fat (for 'splosions & candles, no soap) ['splosions being nitro-glycerine, the better for shaping the world to human desires]
- \* My God, they're doing everything backwards. The Mysterious Island castaways finally tan some leather, but not the rabbits. No. Koalas.
- \* Yeah, I don't see how reading the "prequels" of Mysterious Island would help any. Pretty vaguely interwoven, there.
- \* Mysterious Island, has not made me want to expand my Verne reading. I mean, thanks for summarising '20,000 Leagues' and all so now I don't have to read it—but still. This book is on my shit list. My book shit list also names 'Little House on the Prairie', which I couldn't even finish at the age of nine. Good company for it, I think.
- \* The Terror and Unpredictability of Nature overwhelms Industry, okay. Whatever, Verne.

Kerry: This is the first Jules Verne book I've read and I thoroughly enjoyed it. He has a lovely writing style and a wonderfully wide vocabulary. The characters are likeable and work well

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together to help make the best of each new situation they encounter. It is essentially a tale about a group of men who are stranded on an island. It's a great read and I'll definitely be reading more of his books.

Joe Valdez: If *The Mysterious Island* isn't the biggest novel undertaken by someone conditioned with what we today diagnose as Asperger's Syndrome, it comes close. Published in 1875, Jules Verne's epic castaway tale is loaded with geography, meteorology, astronomy, hydrography, orography, chemistry, geology and by virtue of appearing first in serialized form (as "The Secret of the Island"), the saga runs 193,266 words. Verne doesn't so much stop as he runs out of natural sciences to explore.

The fanciful adventure begins above the Pacific Ocean on March 23, 1865 as a balloon is ripped apart by a cyclone. Five Americans and one dog are aboard. The men are railroad engineer Cyrus Smith, journalist Gideon Spilett, freed slave Neb (short for Nebuchadnezzar), sailor Bonadventure Pencroff and 15-year-old Harbert Brown, Pencroff's protege and the son of his former captain. The dog is named Top and they are all prisoners of war, having escaped Confederate controlled Richmond by stealing the balloon.

The escapees stay aloft long enough to crash onto the shoreline of a deserted island. After searching for one of their missing mates, the men immediately begin to fortify themselves against the elements. Verne seems positively giddy at the prospect of leaving civilization and using his knowledge of the natural world to build a new one where the footprint of man has never been left. The castaways master the procurement of shelter, fuel, fire, food and tools before exploring their new habitat.

Verne builds his dream ecology on the island, which includes a dormant volcano, thick forests, lakes and streams and abundant plant and animal life, with everything from rabbits and foxes to sheep and jaguars. The men note and name all of the island's geographic features, arriving on Lincoln Island as a name for their new home. Led by Smith's engineering ingenuity, the castaways begin to improvise construction and manufacturing projects immediately.

Strange things are afoot on Lincoln Island. The missing castaway is found with no recollection of how he came to be deposited on the island. When Top is dragged underwater by a manatee, the creature is slain by an unseen predator. After four months marooned, Pencroff discovers a lead pellet in a bird no more than three months old. The castaways later discover a watertight crate washed ashore with rifles, lead, gunpowder, tools, utensils and books, with no wreckage from a ship found.

*The Mysterious Island* settles between *Around the World In Eighty Days* and *Twenty-Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*, not quite science fiction until the final chapters, but a real attempt by Verne to try his hand at something different: a mystery. The 1961 film adaptation took wild liberties with the material, inserting giant creatures (designed by visual effects pioneer Ray Harryhausen) and lady castaways to sell concessions to 20th century boys like myself.

One of the antiquated qualities of Verne's writing here is that in three years of being marooned, the men never wear on each other's nerves or even disagree how to tackle a problem. The

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closest they come to Island Drama is when Pencroff lobbies Smith to let him build a skiff and sail to an island 120 miles away to see what's there. Not only are these men the most stoic, resourceful and stout of heart men in fiction, but they're apparently the friendliest as well!

By virtue of Verne publishing this a chapter at a time as a serial, when read in one volume, the novel is a long one. A damn long one. There are far too many chapters devoted to habitat building, exploring, plant cataloging, etc. without any development in the characters or the plot. It's just interesting stuff to Verne. The lead pellet isn't discovered until page 214. It was around that time that I began skimming the book or else I'd still be reading it.

Still, Verne's imagination is never in question. If I ever get marooned on a desert island, I hope that Eva Green is with me, but aside from that, I hope I have a copy of this book with me. While the characters are monochromatic and the plot very slow to develop, Verne is clearly a geek for the ages when it comes to the natural sciences and he communicates that ardor clearly, and across many different fields of study.

This edition of *The Mysterious Island* features a 2001 translation by Jordan Stump, associate professor of French at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and 1875 illustrations by Jules-Descartes Ferat. These are the work of A-class artisans and add tremendously to the pleasure of the book. I recommended it for anyone fascinated by tests of man versus nature. Fans of Verne are in for a treat in the final chapters, while those too young to have read Verne's work should have a good time as well.

Rozonda: I re-read this publication because of my Amazon Kindle, and that i came upon it as interesting and fascinating as I did while I first learn it, in a nearly complete version, on the age of 8 (I was once shocked to discover how little the editors of that kid's model had suppressed- the ebook used to be virtually precisely the same). i am extra wakeful now of a few information of this book, because the loss of girl characters (a "sin" usually committed by way of authors of Verne's time) or the idealization of characters, that are all robust and good(even Ayrton, the marooned undesirable guy, turns into a version of repentance)- curiously, the main "human" of them during this element is Captain Nemo, who admits having led a lifestyles with reliable and undesirable offerings and abides by means of them. all of the same, the richness and curiosity of the plot, the beauty of the language and the noble beliefs defended via Verne make it a booklet i want my teenagers to read, if I had children. Verne was once one of many authors who taught me to like interpreting and that i imagine he has performed an identical for lots of people.

Algernon: my favourite between 40+ books i have learn by way of Jules Verne. learn count number = four (although now not recently) . An instance of the way medical wisdom dramatically raises the probabilities of survival on a abandoned island. most likely one of many purposes i have selected a profession as an engineer, i love to take issues aside to work out how they work, and that i additionally love the delight of changing anything that's broken. The 4 stranded know-how wizards recreate the economic revolution from scatch one of the pristine tropical paradise. on the time I first learn it (I used to be nine or 10) i did not omit quite a bit the shortcoming of a female personality to boost the plot.

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