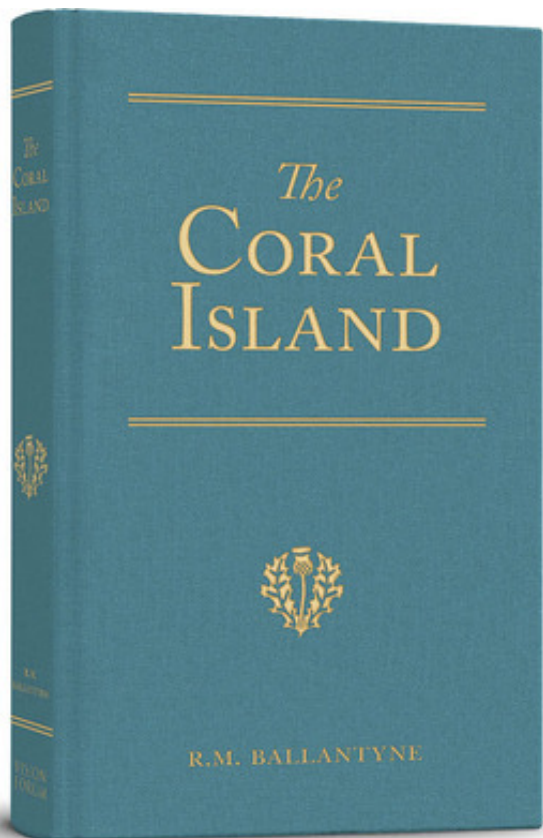


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**The Coral Island**



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## Description

Fifteen-year-old Ralph, mischievous young Peterkin and clever, brave Jack are shipwrecked on a coral reef with only a telescope and a broken pocketknife between them. At first the island seems a paradise, with its plentiful foods and wealth of natural wonders. But then a party of cannibals arrives, and after that a pirate ship...what is to become of them?

This edition has been specially abridged for Puffin Classics.

## Insightful reviews

Elfeer: I give it 3.5 stars. I read this book as a child and liked it; i read it again a little older and i really like it. The characterisations of Ralph, Peterkin and Jack are lovely. It's wonderful how they all get along and are so innovative and energetic, as young (?) boys are.

I liked the first half of the book best, where they set up camp and show their enterprising skills. It reminds me a lot of the, alas, long-lost and long-loved Swiss Family Robinson. (I WILL buy it again someday) Frankly, it was really cool. All those dreams of being shipwrecked on a beautiful tropical island just come to life here.

The second half of the book, dealing with natives and pirates, was a bit of a let down after the marvelous first half. No doubt it was exciting and more adventuresome in the traditional sense, but it lacked the fun and easy-going-ness of the first half. Perhaps if they had been combined somewhat instead of being rather ridiculously obviously separated, it would have been alright. It would probably have even gone well, since the first half tended to get just a little bit slow at times. As such, however, the contrast is slightly annoying and a bit jarring in fact.

In the end, it was a nice book. If you don't enjoy this sort of genre (swashbuckling in a sense, though more of an almost-childish fantasy) then you might want to skip it.

Carmon: Reading to my boys, the second time through doing that (the first time was almost 20 years ago!)

Lauren Fidler: man, i love adventure stories.

it's fascinating to reread this one after reading [Lord of the Flies](#)...here, our narrator is Ralph, his dad is in the navy, and he is shipwrecked on an island with two wise, true friends, Peterkin and Jack.

yes, Jack.

Jack is elected captain, he espouses the importance of reading books, and is measured a philosopher by the wily Peterkin.

there are pig hunts (a sow is killed), an angry savage marked with red and white paint attacks,

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and Jack gets described as being shark-like in his behavior.

that Golding rolled deep, you know what I'm saying.

totally enjoyable, would totally read again, even with the creepy white man burden shit.

Teresa: Well, a few points of the writing used to be interesting- very choked with character. I used to be initially attracted to this booklet simply because apparently, Lord of the Flies was once dependent off of it and that I can see that during many ways however they are....not alike in anyway that I discovered important. It is an event story, even more aimed toward younger males who dream of such things. I discovered it dry and unbelievable. I actually don't think that 3 teenaged English sailor boys may struggle off a small tribe of complete grown male islanders- I simply don't. The tale turns out to move 1000 ways, starting up with the 3 being shipwrecked then exploring then learning local islanders, being abducted by means of pirates then by way of stated islanders, saving a stunning damsel in misery and ugh it simply retains going. Also, the portrayal of missionaries within the Pacific's was once disgustingly friendly even though given the time it used to be written I do know I will not anticipate whatever much less yet sparkling reviews. I do not know, when you rather like Treasure Island (the novel) provide it a shot.

Enoch: this is often my favourite e-book correct now. I admire tales concerning the sea and ships. Each one bankruptcy is stuffed with event and new phrases and concepts I have not considered before.

Rick Silva: I do not are likely to reread very many books, yet this used to be person who I enjoyed whilst I learn it (as a pre-teen). I made a decision to aim interpreting it to my son in chapters. First part was once great. Vintage experience tale with 3 teenaged boys shipwrecked at the iconic abandoned island within the South Pacific. Their tale of survival jointly is likely to be a piece overly optimistic, yet it really is nonetheless nice fun. When the booklet strikes into its moment act, and pirates and Pacific Islander natives turn into involved, it takes a develop into a few lovely picture violence, and that I discovered myself having to bypass much whilst analyzing to my son simply because it fairly wasn't acceptable for his age. It additionally provides loads of serious racial stereotypes and inaccuracies, most likely normal for its style and time of writing, yet no much less disturbing. Interestingly, this e-book (almost definitely extra so than the similarly-themed Robinson Crusoe) was once evidently a powerful impression on Golding's Lord of the Flies. One element that I did fairly like during this tale was once the loyalty among the 3 boys, and their readiness to precise their love for every different and their fears whilst issues move wrong. The diversity of emotion is lacking from loads of extra present experience tales that includes boys, and it used to be a pleasant habitual theme, in particular within the first half. I had little or no reminiscence of the hazards of this publication from my unique analyzing of it, so it was once an engaging adventure to revisit it with a couple of a long time of extra lifestyles experience.

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