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When Flinn discovers a pirate hiding in the school supply closet, it's all aboard, me hearties, for a real live pirate adventure! Captain Stubble needs Flinn's help to find his stolen ship, but there are some mean pirate dinosaurs on the loose, and Flinn and his friends soon sail into trouble....Will fearless Flinn be able to captain the ship *and* defeat the pirate dinosaurs?

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## **From Reader Review Captain Flinn and the Pirate Dinosaurs for online ebook**

### **Beth says**

Class read - 12.04.16

I think I enjoyed it more than my class did...

My class found some of the vocabulary difficult (e.g. cutlass) and thought it was a bit strange that they left the school closet and ended up finding pirates. They found that very confusing.

There were opportunities for inference questions but my class were definitely not ready in year one for this at all. There were some children, who have strong English, enjoyed this but I think children, who struggle, as a result of EAL, I felt struggled. The pictures were very jam-packed, which did not aid the coherence of the text.

Personally, I really enjoyed it and liked the idea of pirate dinosaurs. There's definitely a number of opportunities to extend this but I don't think year one would have been able to 'cope' with this.

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### **Helen Kumpel says**

Who this book would be for: K-5

Personal reflection:

Flinn, a dinosaur loving and imaginative child, finds himself transported from the classroom supply closet to a pirate ship with his friends and Captain Stubble! The captain has lost his ship but to who? Dinosaurs! Captain Flinn sails on a adventure to find Captain Stubble's boat and defeat the ferocious dinosaur pirates! This book is fun to show students they can use their imaginations to make their pictures and writing can become anything! This book may be a great way to get children to start thinking outside of the box before starting a writing project.

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### **Becky B says**

Flinn runs out of pens to color his dinosaur drawing and on his trip to the supply closet runs into a marooned pirate captain whose ship has been stolen. Flinn can't leave a pirate in need just sitting there, so he and his friends take the handy door that opens to the ocean with Captain Stubble. Little does Flinn realize that the ship has been captured not just by pirates, but by dinosaur pirates and it will take an epic battle to reclaim Stubble's ship.

A rollicking adventurous tale that will leave adventure lovers clamoring for more.

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### **Kristen says**

This was a cute book. The story was really engaging and fun to read out loud. It had a lot of action and bright colorful images. My daughter really liked when the Dinosaurs showed up and she roared every time a dino roared. =) I was disappointed that the dinos weren't in the story for very long.

This story is very much along the lines of Narnia, where the enter this amazing world through a closet, and then come back through. I enjoyed it and so did my 1.5 year old daughter.

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### **Skye Kilaen says**

PIRATES AND DINOSAURS! It's like the Reese's Peanut Butter Cups of books! It was so popular at our house that one of Boy Detective's school teachers asked to borrow it. Truth be told, I was laughing as much as the kids. Well of course Captain Stubble is crying because dinosaurs stole his pirate ship! And of course Flinn and his school friends, who find the Captain in the back of their classroom's supply closet, are the only ones who can help! What doesn't make sense about that? The art is kid-like to represent Flinn's imagination, without being messy and incoherent. Go for it, you won't be sorry!

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### **Cindy says**

Another wonderful book to read aloud full of lovely fun words "BASH and CRASH and SMASH!" Also, it includes awesomely threatening phrases such as, "And I'll eat you up with MUCH TOO MUCH KETCHUP!" It is a silly, thrilling adventure featuring two of my boys favorite elements, pirates AND dinosaurs. The illustrations are great as well - lovely collages with lettering in varied sizes for emphasis and that travels all over the page as the story takes it.

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### **Daya B says**

I loved reading this book I read it in nursery and the children loved it too. It worked well in my lesson as we were learning and sea and travelling.

The best bit was when the dinosaurs showed his terrible teeth and his terrible claws and his terrible a raws. The children all did the actions and that went on for days.

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### **midnightfaerie says**

My whole family loved this book. A wonderful story that mixes dinosaurs with pirates and has beautiful illustrations, we devoured this book over and over again. It even has a snakes and ladders game in the back of the book to play which we loved.(I highly recommend following the directions and wearing pirate hats) Highly recommended!

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## **Jennifer Davis says**

My 6 year old son recently borrowed this book from our local library.

Flinn loves dinosaurs and pirates. One day at school, he was coloring a new dinosaur picture, but didn't have enough markers. His teacher told him to look in the supply closet for some more. While in the supply closet he notices a noise. He looked around for the noise and noticed that there was something shaking under an old curtain. He lifted up the curtain and found a real pirate captain. The pirate needed Flinn's help to find his stolen ship. A few of Flinn's friends also agreed to help. So the pirate, Flinn, and his friends set out on the adventure to find the stolen ship. Once the ship is found, they are surprised at whom it was that stole it.

A good adventure for little readers even though I feel it is a little lengthy for the recommended age. My son need a little help with some of the text. Nice illustrations.

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## **Big Book Little Book says**

Like most children, my daughter is fascinated by both dinosaurs and pirates so a book that has 'Pirate Dinosaurs' was certain to catch her eye! Along with, Captain Flinn and the Pirate Dinosaurs: Missing Treasure and Captain Flinn and the Pirate Dinosaurs: Magic Cutlass this book made up the Story Treasure Chest compilation.

All three books start off with Flinn and his friends at school or on a school trip when, through natural curiosity they get warped into a world where Pirate Dinosaurs rule the seas bullying the rather wimpy human Pirates and planning to eat them on a barbecue with far too much tomato ketchup. This is where they (the human pirates) then require the help of the very brave Flinn and his friends.

These books are very well done, you can't help but put on your best Pirate voice whilst you sing a shanty or loudly 'ROAR' when the Tyrannosaurus Rex makes an entrance (which, after months of reading still makes my daughter jump in delighted terror!). The narrative and comic style illustrations are witty and engaging and potentially 'darker' than your average younger child's book, but deliciously so.

Verdict: A delightful and amusing read that you won't mind reading again and again, let alone your children!  
Karen

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## **Madison says**

Flinn runs out of markers to color his dinosaurs, so he is sent to the supply closet. In the closet he runs into a pirate whose boat has been stolen. Flinn must go on a grand adventure to rescue the captain's ship and his crew.

My son loved the fact that this book had dinosaurs and pirates. He loved the silly illustrations and begged me to read the book repeatedly.

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## **Jon(athan) Nakapalau says**

PIRATE DINOSAURS! What else needs to be said!

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## **Rafiq says**

This is an excellent book that is about a boy named Flynn who discovers a pirate who seeks help to get his pirate ship back from dinosaurs who are pirates, they all go on a swashbuckling adventure to defeat the great dinosaur pirates.

I used this book in a year 1 class and the kids loved it, anything with dinosaurs would get the kids motivated and completely engaged. We spent a week in literacy on this book from creating a fantasy setting to dressing up as pirates and using this theme in our assembly. So we made a large pirate ship front, and benches were used for seating arrangement, we sang a few songs to go with it. We had used props that we had made, ie paper hats, eye patches, and stripped shirts. The whole year group followed suit with their own versions of the story. Highly recommended and great fun for all, the children get to use all the skills, from writing, singing, retelling a story, team working and show casing their achievements.

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## **Kara says**

This book is such an egregious Lauren Child ripoff that I sometimes feel a little twinge of guilt or something when reading it out loud. But that said, this is a good picture book with one of the best "little boy" themes I know of, and it gets the kids so excited they can barely contain themselves. Featuring a T.Rex pirate captain and several underused plant-eating dinosaurs as the ship's crew.

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## **Sarah Hutchinson says**

This charming tale of Flinn's fascination with pirates and dinosaurs takes creativity to a new level. The story is one of friendship, bravery and courage. Captain Flinn and his fellow pirate friends help save the day and retrieve the ship of desperate Captain Stubble. Flinn shows his bravery for standing up to the bully dinosaurs and fighting for the Acorn to be back in Captain Stubble's command. The illustrations truly enhance the story with their great colors and marvelous detail. This story would be wonderful for any introduction to standing up to bullies, being brave or being a true friend.

I would recommend this story for advanced kindergarteners all the way through 3rd grade and the book would be a great read aloud.

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