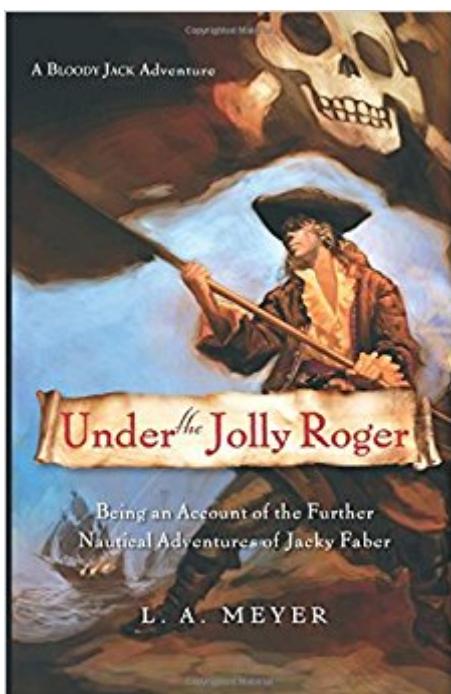


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Under The Jolly Roger: Being An Account Of The Further Nautical Adventures Of Jacky Faber (Bloody Jack Adventures)



Synopsis

After leaving the Lawson Peabody School for Young Girls in Boston—under dire circumstances, of course—Jacky Faber boards a whaling ship bound for London, where she hopes to find her beloved Jaimy. But things don't go as planned, and soon Jacky is off on a wild misadventure at sea.

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Grade 7 Up—Leaving Boston behind her, Jacky Faber, 15, is on the run again. In this third installment in the series, the orphan girl from the streets of London returns to her native land in search of her true love, James Jaimy Fletcher. But Jacky's free and easy spirit can never stay away from trouble, and she finds herself onboard a royal naval ship once again, but it is a ship that is filled with a mutinous crew and an incompetent captain. Jacky has to use her wits to keep out of the captain's lecherous hands, and in good standing with her mates. In a surprising turn of events, the resourceful teen finds herself in charge of the crew and is surprisingly good at it. But how long will it last? Meyer thrills readers once again with the protagonist's misadventures. Neither the series nor Jacky show any signs of slowing down as this exciting tale barrels along with more adventures, romance, piracy, and the return of some familiar faces. Jacky is a wonderful character, full of high

spirits, brains, and heart. This novel and its two prequels are highly recommended for fans of historical fiction and pirates. —Anna M. Nelson, Collier County Public Library, Naples, FL
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Gr. 7-10. Not for the squeamish or fainthearted, this sequel to *Bloody Jack* (2002) and *Curse of the Blue Tattoo* (2004) follows 15-year-old Jacky Faber as she steps off a whaler at Gravesend in 1804 and sets out for London in search of her beloved Jaimy. When the happy reunion she has planned is aborted by a misunderstanding, Jacky takes to the streets in boy's clothing, only to be abducted by a press-gang, sent to sea aboard a British warship, and nearly raped by its captain. The tables turn when she takes control of the ship and has new adventures on the high seas. After finding (and losing) her true love once again, Jacky sets sail for Boston, where her adventures can be expected to continue. Readers will root for resilient Jacky and her memorable friends as she cannily makes the best of even the least-promising situations. A swashbuckling saga with a decidedly unconventional heroine. Carolyn Phelan
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This is the third book in the *Bloody Jack* series of adventure books. Jacky continues to experience difficulty fitting in at her school. She leaves school suddenly when she gets in trouble and takes to the high seas again. Jacky proves to always be up to a challenge and her adventures are as frequent and as thrilling as a James Bond movie. I can easily imagine this series of books put on TV or the big screen, they are that good! This series is best read in order. The first four are 1)*Bloody Jack* 2)*Curse of The Blue Tattoo* 3)*Under The Jolly Roger* and 4)*In the Belly of The Blood Hound*.

This is an excellent story. I have not finished with all 12 books but it is a very entertaining adventure from the first book the 4th so far. I love seeing Jacky go from one misadventure to the next. She is a good character and the narrator brings her to life as a whimsical carefree fun loving person. The author has created a believable world full of suspense, danger, and good clean fun. I know I will listen to these books over and over again.

Under the Jolly Roger is part of a the *Bloody Jack* series. It is listed as Young Adult...But it really isn't limited to that. I am much older. True, it is a wonderful romp with sometimes unbelievably narrow escapes but it has very important and inspiring lessons in leadership and responsibility. It is

always exciting. I especially like listening to the audiobook version as Katherine Kelgren does an amazing English accent. It is best to start with Bloody Jack.

The book arrived yesterday, and I am forcing myself not to finish it in one sitting...I don't want to get through to the end (Viva Jacquelina!) too soon and have to wait for Boston Jacky to be released in September. In 'Under the Jolly Roger' we meet some great new characters, including Higgins, who will become an important part of Jacky's life, and we are reacquainted with two characters from her days as an orphan on the streets of London, corpse-seller Muck, who is 'pressed' (kidnapped) onto the Wolverine with her, and fellow Rooster Charlie gang member Judy, who Jacky saves from a bad situation...Jacky also visits her old kip and meets the current group of orphans living under the bridge. Our heroine is as resourceful, sassy, and impetuous as ever, and her good-hearted nature shines through even in the worst of situations...I am looking forward to reading the rest of it, and may return to update this review.

I loved the first two in this series and am about to start this one. My 13-year-old LOVED it. He writes: (possible spoilers) An awesome adventure story, like Protector of the Small and the Hornblower books combined. It wasn't too short, which I like because I am a fast reader. But just because it's long doesn't mean it's dry and boring, the action moves along at a fast pace, from Jacky living in London, to her being a midshipman, lieutenant, and eventually acting captain of a small ship in the royal navy, to her commanding a privateer ship. If you like early 19th century ship stories, or strong female characters, or just great adventure stories, this is the book for you.

Jacky Faber, fresh off a very famous whaling ship, goes to meet her beloved Jaimy, but sees him with another woman. Jumping to conclusions, she runs off and suddenly finds herself pressed back into the King's service aboard a ship under a cruel and mad captain that threatens Jacky's honor. Jacky's wit and sea knowledge and ability to gain the respect and admiration of her fellow seamen soon causes her to become captain of the ship. Jacky's adventures take her on a dangerous journey, dealing with spies and even a price on her head for piracy. Jacky, as always, must deal with being a woman in a world that grants her very little respect, freedom, or power, but constantly threatens her. It is an older, wiser, wilder, and more hardened and lonely Jacky that we meet in this book, as she has been burned in love, swears off all men, but surrounds herself with them. But it is still the wonderfully complex, strong, fierce heroine that we all love and admire. This book is one of the strongest in a perfect series full of high adventure, complex and loveable characters, and a

detailed and beautiful historical landscape. Jacky's wonderful voice and the author's daring, unabashed look at her world and her dangers makes this a fantastic read for adults as well as older teenagers. Grade: A+

Very interesting story, keeps you captivated as you read wondering, "how will Jackie get out of this? ". The theme of kindness and goodness coming out on top is nice too in this book.

A book with historical scenery and music! The author has provided a website with lists of songs and music titles as "performed" by Jacky Faber. For an excellent visual portrayal see the movie "Master and Commander, The Far Side of the World" 2003 starring Russell Crow. It follows a captain and crew of a British frigate in 1805 same year as the story of "Under The Bloody Roger". The ship is similar in size as the HMS Wolverine and there are many events which coincide between the stories.

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