



PINK SHIRT DAY
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Maiden Voyage

Adam Reynolds, Chaz Harris, Jaimee Poipoi (2018). Promised Land Entertainment, NZ

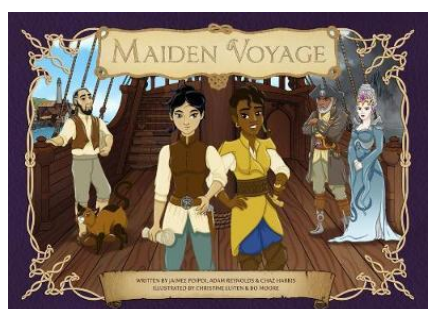


Maiden Voyage takes a new spin on a timeless classic. Do you know the one? Where the heroic male saves the defenceless princess and they all live happily ever after? Except for this time, we have a kick-ass princess who is not afraid to take charge, go on an adventure and fall in love with someone of the same gender. No story would be complete without an evil queen and some swashbuckling pirates of course. Did I also mention the first mate cat who gives direction with his tale?

This picture book story is the second from authors Adam Reynolds and Chaz Harris, with the addition of Jaimee Poipoi, and was funded through a Kickstarter campaign backed by some pretty notable people (Sir Ian McKellen, George Takei and Becky Albertalli to name a few). While their first book focused on two males, this book is all about the ladies.

What I liked about this book is that at no point did it feel different from the usual fantasy pirate adventure genre. It didn't focus on the relationship between the two females being anything different from normal. Two women whose friendship turns into love. Full stop. Anybody can read and enjoy this book for what it is, a story. Books like this should be in every school library because every school library should have books that reflect our society, one that is full of different relationships because you never know who you are going to fall in love with.

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