

Treasure Island (1883) is an adventure novel. It is by Robert Louis Stevenson (1850-1894). It is set in the 18th century. It presents a pirate life, a voyage and a treasure hunt. Jim Hawkins, Long John Silver, Billy Bones, Dr Livesey, Squire Trelawney, Captain Smollett and Ben Gunn are the key characters in the novel.

Billy Bones is an old sailor. He comes to stay at a coastal Inn, the Admiral Benbow. Jim is the innkeeper's son. Billy Bones pays Jim to inform him about some sea men. A few sea men come searching for Billy's metal box. Billy has strokes and dies. Jim and his mother opens Billy's metal box. They find gold coins, a journal and a map. Jim gives the map to Dr Livesey. It is the map of an island. Captain Flint has buried a treasure there. Livesey informs Squire Trelawney. Trelawney decides to collect more men and start their voyage.

Trelawney arranges for a ship with sailors in Bristol. He appoints Long John Silver as a ship's cook. Captain Smollett, Jim and Livesey join Trelawney's crew. The voyage is started. Jim becomes friends with Silver. A few men disappear from the ship. Jim overhears Silver. He understands that Silver is a pirate; he has his men on board. A mutiny is planned. Jim tells Trelawney, Captain and Livesey about the mutiny. Two groups - Silver's men (pirates) and Trelawney's men (crew) - wait to fight. The ship reaches the island. The ship is anchored. Silver and his men go ashore. Silver kills two men who refuse to join his pirate group. Jim flees from Silver's party. He meets Ben Gunn marooned on the island. He promises to help Jim and his people to tackle the mutineers and find the treasure.