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A hidden door. A magical staircase. Discover the world of Droon! Splursh! Ka-thoom! Eric,

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Julie, and Neal are sailing with Princess Keeah. Suddenly, they are caught in the middle of a magical ocean storm. They are shipwrecked on an island that belongs to one of Lord Sparr's witches. Now Eric, Julie, Neal, and Princess Keeah have to get off the island before Lord Sparr gets them!

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The Secret of the Island

The mysterious island

Science Fiction Adventures - The Most Beloved
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Works of Jules Verne: The mysterious island:
Dropped from the clouds (cont'd) The
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(Illustrated) The Mysterious Island by Jules
Verne

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The "man who invented the future," Verne created the prototype for modern science fiction. His prophetic 1870 adventure novel, featuring a bizarre underwater craft commanded by the mysterious Captain Nemo, predated the submarine. The crowning achievement of Verne's literary career, the book influenced H. G. Wells and later generations of writers.

The Mysterious Island. The Mysterious Island, by spearheading sci-fi creator Jules Verne, is the account of a gathering of Union detainees who escape from a

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Eric, Neal, and Julie find themselves shipwrecked on a creepy and mysterious island, and need some quick thinking and magical help to get themselves out of the situation.

By Jules Verne

20,000 Leagues Under the Sea

Dropped from the Clouds + Abandoned + The Secret of the Island

Captain Nemo

The Mysterious Island (Illustrated First Edition)

This carefully crafted ebook: "A Journey to the Centre of the Earth & The Mysterious Island (Illustrated)" is formatted for your eReader with a functional and detailed table of contents: A Journey to the Centre of the Earth is an 1864 science fiction novel by Jules Verne. The story involves German professor Otto Lidenbrock who believes there are volcanic tubes going toward the centre of the Earth. He, his nephew Axel, and their

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guide Hans descend into the Icelandic volcano Snæfellsjökull, encountering many adventures, including prehistoric animals and natural hazards. The Mysterious Island - The plot focuses on the adventures of five Americans on an uncharted island in the South Pacific. During the American Civil War, five northern prisoners of war decide to escape, during the siege of Richmond, Virginia, by hijacking a balloon. During their stay on the island, the group endures bad weather, and domesticates an orangutan, Jupiter. There is a mystery on the island in the form of an unseen deus ex machina,

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Meet Dr. Gideon Wolfe, expert criminologist of the new millenium. A professor at New York's John Jay University in the year 2023, he lives in an era that

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has seen plague, a global economic crash, and the 2018 assassination of President Emily Forrester. In this turbulent new world order, Wolfe's life and everything he knows are turned upside down when the widow of a murdered special-effects wizard enters his office. The widow hands him a silver disc from her husband's safety deposit box, hoping that Wolfe's expertise in history and criminology will compel him to track down her husband's killers. The disc contains footage of President Forrester's assassination, the same video that has been broadcast countless times on TV and over the

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internet-with one crucial, shocking difference: This version shows that before the video was released, it was altered with sinister special effects. This explosive discovery will lead Gideon Wolfe on an electrifying journey from a criminal underworld of New York to the jungles of Africa and on a quest to find the truth in an age when all information can be manipulated. With this novel, Carr has boldly established a new genre-future history-combining the best elements of mystery and thrillers with unique historical insight. Breathtakingly suspenseful, Killing Time unfolds as the work of a

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master novelist.

During the American Civil War, five Union prisoners of war decide to escape during the siege of Richmond, Virginia, by hijacking a balloon. The balloon lands on an uncharted island in the South Pacific and the men establish a new life on the island.

This carefully crafted ebook: "Treasure Island + The Mysterious Island (2 Unabridged Classics)" is formatted for your eReader with a functional and detailed table of contents. Treasure Island is an adventure novel by Scottish author Robert Louis

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Stevenson, narrating a tale of "buccaneers and buried gold". First published as a book on May 23, 1883, it was originally serialized in the children's magazine Young Folks between 1881-82 under the title Treasure Island or, the mutiny of the Hispaniola with Stevenson adopting the pseudonym Captain George North. Traditionally considered a coming-of-age story, Treasure Island is an adventure tale known for its atmosphere, characters and action, and also as a wry commentary on the ambiguity of morality — as seen in Long John Silver — unusual for children's

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The Mysterious Island Annotated

The mysterious island: Dropped from the clouds (cont'd) The abandoned. The secret of the island 100th Anniversary Collection

Quicklet on Jules Verne's The Mysterious Island (CliffNotes-like Summary)

Forgotten Tales of the Great Lakes

Based on the true story of Alexander Selkirk, who survived alone for almost five years on an uninhabited island off the coast of Chile, The Mysterious Island is

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considered by many to be Jules Verne's masterpiece. "Wide-eyed mid-nineteenth-century humanistic optimism in a breezy, blissfully readable translation by Stump" (Kirkus Reviews), here is the enthralling tale of five men and a dog who land in a balloon on a faraway, fantastic island of bewildering goings-on and their struggle to survive as they uncover the island's secret.

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The Mysterious Island Trilogy: Shipwrecked in the Air, The Abandoned & The Secret of the Island (Complete Edition)

ISLAND TALES: The Mysterious Island & Treasure Island

The Mysterious Island - Jules Verne

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The Mysterious Island Trilogy - The Original UK Translation

The Moon Dragon (The Secrets of Droon #26)

ABOUT THE BOOK If you are native to the US, you may not have heard much about Jules Verne's The Mysterious Island. Perhaps you may have heard of 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea or Around the World in 80 Days? No? Not those either? Well you shouldn't feel too bad. Regardless of the reason for said limited knowledge, it maybe true that if you are not particularly science-fiction inclined nor a fan of substantial 600 pages+ scientific books, it could at least somewhat explain your status on the subject. Even for those who grew up in a French-speaking country (such as myself

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Jules Verne, although well-known, was not exactly an author that was widely read in school. Even as a sci-fi fan of tender age, I already knew that Jules Verne was not for those who were 'playing around'— and I have good reason to believe that I wasn't the only one feeling that way either. MEET THE AUTHOR A current San Francisco Bay Area resident, Natacha Pavlov has been an avid reader and writer since her early years spent growing up in Brussels, Belgium. She earned her B.A. in Comparative World Literature from San Francisco State University and constantly flirts with the notion of earning her Master's/PhD someday. EXCERPT FROM THE BOOK For his voyage series, Verne had wanted to create a newer, modern version of Robinson Crusoe or

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deserted island-inspired piece. However, according to www.unmuseum.org, this "major novel had a rough start," and "his first attempt, Uncle Robinson, was flatly rejected by his publisher Hetzel," questioning the novel's lack of scientific basis and suggesting a complete start-over. Sure enough, Verne's second draft proved favorable for publishing. True to the classic Robinsonade literary style, *The Mysterious Island* chronicles the adventures of 5 castaways stranded on a deserted island. The castaways basically start off with nothing but soon learn how to master their environment, yet eventually notice that mysterious things are happening on the island. The castaways first write it off as "divine guidance," but as the help given becomes increasingly more scientific in nature,

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the novel's adventure starts to take form and the mystery eventually resolved. By using this dual imagery—mysticism vs. science—Jules Verne could have been highlighting the way both God and science help people in trouble, since he was both a man of faith and a science enthusiast.

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The Mysterious Island by Jules Verne. The Mysterious Island (French: L'Île mystérieuse) is a novel by Jules Verne, published in 1875. The original edition, published by Hetzel, contains a number of illustrations by Jules Férat. The novel is a crossover sequel to Verne's famous *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Seas* (1870) and *In Search of the Castaways* (1867-68), though its themes are vastly different.

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Pencroff, a sailor (who is addressed only by his surname; in Kingston's translation, he is named Pencroft); his protégé and adopted son Harbert Brown (called Herbert in some translations); and the journalist Gédéon Spilett (Gideon Spilett in English versions). The company is completed by Cyrus' dog "Top". After flying in a great storm for several days, the group crash-lands on a cliff-bound, volcanic, unknown island, described as being located at $34^{\circ}57'S$ $150^{\circ}30'W$, about 2,500 kilometres (1,600 mi) east of New Zealand. They name it "Lincoln Island" in honor of Abraham Lincoln. With the knowledge of the brilliant engineer Smith, the five are able to sustain themselves on island, producing fire, pottery, bricks, nitroglycerin, iron, a

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simple electric telegraph, a cave home inside a stony cliff called "Granite House", and even a seaworthy ship, which they name the "Bonadventure". During their stay on the island, the group endures bad weather and domesticates an orangutan, Jupiter, abbreviated to Jup (or Joop, in Jordan Stump's translation). There is a mystery on the island in the form of an unseen deus ex machina, responsible for Cyrus' survival after falling from the balloon, the mysterious rescue of Top from a dugong, the appearance of a box of equipment (guns and ammunition, tools, etc.), and other seemingly inexplicable occurrences. The group finds a message in a bottle directing them to rescue a castaway on nearby Taboo Island, who is none other than Tom Ayrton (from *In Search*

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of the Castaways). On the return voyage to Lincoln Island, they lose their way in a tempest but are guided back to the course by a mysterious fire beacon. Ayrton's former companions arrive by chance on Lincoln Island and try to make it into their lair. After some fighting with the protagonists, the pirate ship is mysteriously destroyed by an explosion. Six of the pirates survive and kidnap Ayrton. When the colonists go to look for him, the pirates shoot Harbert, seriously injuring him. Harbert survives, narrowly cheating death. The colonists at first assume Ayrton has been killed, but later they find evidence that he was not instantly killed, leaving his fate uncertain. When the colonists rashly attempt to return to Granite House before Harbert fully

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recovers, Harbert contracts malaria but is saved by a box of quinine sulfate, which mysteriously appears on the table in Granite House. After Harbert recovers, they attempt to rescue Ayrton and destroy the pirates. They discover Ayrton at the sheepfold, and the pirates dead, without any visible wounds. The secret of the island is revealed to be Captain Nemo's hideout, and home port of the Nautilus. Having escaped the Maelstrom at the end of Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea.

"Are we rising again?" "No. On the contrary." "Are we descending?" "Worse than that, captain! we are falling!" "For Heaven's sake heave out the ballast!" "There! the last sack is empty!" "Does the balloon rise?" "No!" "I hear a

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noise like the dashing of waves. The sea is below the car! I cannot be more than 500 feet from us!" "Overboard with every weight! ... everything!" Such were the loud and startling words which resounded through the air, above the vast watery desert of the Pacific, about four o'clock in the evening of the 23rd of March, 1865. Few can possibly have forgotten the terrible storm from the northeast, in the middle of the equinox of that year. The tempest raged without intermission from the 18th to the 26th of March. Its ravages were terrible in America, Europe, and Asia, covering a distance of eighteen hundred miles, and extending obliquely to the equator from the thirty-fifth north parallel to the fortieth south parallel. Towns were overthrown, forests

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uprooted, coasts devastated by the mountains of water which were precipitated on them, vessels cast on the shore, which the published accounts numbered by hundreds, whole districts leveled by waterspouts which destroyed everything they passed over, several thousand people crushed on land or drowned at sea; such were the traces of its fury, left by this devastating tempest. It surpassed in disasters those which frightfully ravaged Havana and Guadalupe, one on the 25th of October, 1810, the other on the 26th of July, 1825. Wolf's rival, Rain, has stolen his precious amulet! Furious, Wolf is determined to retrieve it but following Rain takes his son and Crow on a journey far beyond the world he knows--over oceans to mountains filled with fire and a mysterious island.

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at the centre of the world.

A Fantastic Story of Action & Adventure (Annotated) By Jules Verne.

Shipwrecked in the Air + The Abandoned + The Secret of the Island

THE MYSTERIOUS ISLAND

The Mysterious Island Illustrated

The Secrets of Droon #3: The Mysterious Island

Join us as we embark on a classic story of good versus evil--a stirring tale of love, betrayal, dreams, greed, and hope. Stories have been recorded over the course of history of a magical island established by an old wizard in hopes to end the war for the hand of the princess. The

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island had remained peaceful for centuries until a new generation let greed and the lust for power settle in. Take a look inside and witness the history of the mysterious island.

In the Mysterious Island Jules Verne offers to the lovers of the wonderful in literature his most elaborate, attractive, and instructive work. The escape of the voyagers from Richmond in their stolen balloon, and their wreck upon an Island in the Indian Ocean, are incidents in the career of Mr. Verne's heroes which have been made familiar to all readers of magazine literature; but the elaborately ingenious methods by which they wrested from this uninhabited island the means of

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subsistence, and the appliances through which they effected their deliverance, exhibit a wonderfully accurate knowledge of the capabilities of science. Briefly, the "Mysterious Island" is a new Robinson Crusoe, with all the modern improvements.

Five Union prisoners of war escape from a Confederate prison camp in a hot-air balloon, only to crash land on an unknown island where they must learn to survive on their own. Reissue.

With nearly 2 million books in print, this Little Apple series is H-O-T, hot. The SECRET is out -- DROON is the series that kids, parents, and teachers are talking about! There's no place like home! Eric and his friends

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have finally restored the Rainbow Stairs, but that was the easy part. Now Gethwing is loose in the Upper World, and the Moon Dragon is causing big trouble. Eric, Julie, and Neal have to protect their town, but they're up against mysterious creatures, strangely-behaving parents, and powerful magic. Can the kids stop Gethwing before he destroys the Upper World -- for good?

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Killing Time

Guided tours of remote islands on the Great Lakes. Everyone is familiar with *Around the World in 80 Days* and *20,000 Leagues*. For some reason, *The Mysterious Island* is not read as widely. Yet, in my opinion, it is Verne's best and most rewarding novel. I really recommend reading this book. It starts off slowly, and there were times in the middle of the book that I began to get overwhelmed by the complex descriptions that Verne offers about how this band of Civil War escapees manage their life on a strange island. Verne goes into such depth that the reader can actually tell that Verne probably spent many hours in his own contemplation about what he would

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do if he were stranded on an island. And let me be the first to say that if I were stranded on an island I would want Jules Verne right beside me. His knowledge of the subject went further than you would expect it to and considering that the book was written in the 1870s. The type of information that was possessed by the characters given by Verne surpasses what most people would know today. It wasn't too far after being stranded that the band of men were making pottery, iron and planning to make guns. At one point they even knew to take small whale bones and hunt with them. These are things that are lost in today's world of luxury. I think the beauty of the story lies in its ability to transport you

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to this other place and time. As I read the book I felt as if I was back in the 1800s trying to survive and thinking as I read, what would I do? It is an excellent book that could be read by young and old alike.

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One of the best science-fiction works by the Jules Verne is presented here. As the hot air balloon floats from Richmond to the South Pacific with the runaways, the readers experience all the excitement of the protagonists. A brilliant manner and flamboyant imagination captivate the readers' attention!

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A Journey to the Centre of the Earth & The Mysterious Island (Illustrated)

Five prisoners of war escape their Confederate jail by hijacking a hot-air balloon. Stranded on a remote island, the fugitives must withstand pirate attacks, volcanic eruptions, and other

challenges.

Milo and his fellow cliff-dwelling mice friends build a raft and travel to a tropical island inhabited by friendly striped mice, in a story with two different endings.

Treasure Island is an adventure novel by Scottish author Robert Louis Stevenson, narrating a tale of "buccaneers and buried gold". First published as a book on May 23, 1883, it was originally serialized in the children's magazine

Young Folks between 1881-82 under the title Treasure Island or, the mutiny of the Hispaniola with Stevenson adopting the pseudonym Captain George North. Traditionally considered a coming-of-age story, Treasure Island is an adventure tale known for its atmosphere, characters and action, and also as a wry commentary on the ambiguity of morality — as seen in Long John Silver — unusual for children's literature now and then. It is one of the most frequently

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Pacific.

After escaping from their captors in a giant air balloon, five prisoners of the Civil War find themselves stranded on a deserted island. Despite their different backgrounds, they decide to band together and combine their talents to live on the island, which they named Lincoln Island. Cyrus is a railroad engineer, Gideon is a journalist, Neb is a man who escaped slavery, Pencroff is a sailor, and Harbert is Pencroff's protégé

and son. Each man uses their skills in a different way, building houses, making inventions, and finding creative ways to live off of the island. One day, Gideon, the reporter desperate for human contact, decided to send a message via a bird. After a long period of isolation with no contact from the outside world, the men accept that they will likely spend the rest of their life on the island. Now, two and a half years later, the group finally spot a ship sailing nearby—a

fantasy sight. Hopeful that it is the way off their island, the group of survivors work to gain the attention of the ship, fighting off pirates and braving the rough environment to finally escape. However, as they fight to leave Lincoln Island, the survivors discover that it had been harboring a shocking secret all along. The Secret of the Island is the third and final installation of Jules Verne's The Mysterious Island adventure series. Following The Mysterious Island

and Abandoned, this exciting and mysterious adventure novel concludes the popular trilogy. The Secret of the Island is full of shocking twists and even features a surprise appearance of a popular character from another famous Verne novel. With detailed prose and memorable characters, The Secret of the Island depicts the satisfying reveal of mysteries present throughout the trilogy. This edition of The Secret of the Island by Jules Verne features a new, eye-

catching cover design and is printed in a modern, easy-to-read font, crafting an accessible and enjoyable experience for modern readers.

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The Mysterious Island Trilogy: Dropped from the Clouds, Abandoned & The Secret of the Island (Complete Edition)

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This is the 12th book in the Extraordinary Voyages Series. The

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During the American Civil War, five Northern prisoners of war escape during the siege of Richmond, Virginia by hijacking a hot air balloon. The escapees are Cyrus Smith, a railroad engineer in the Union army (named Cyrus Harding in Kingston's version); his ex-slave and loyal follower Neb (short for Nebuchadnezzar); Bonadventure Pencroff, a sailor (who is

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"Bonadventure". During their stay on the island, the group endures bad weather, and domesticates an orangutan, Jupiter, abbreviated to Jup (or Joop, in Jordan Stump's translation). There is a mystery on the island in the form of an unseen deus ex machina, responsible for Cyrus' survival after falling from the balloon, the mysterious rescue of Top from a dugong, the appearance of a box of equipment (guns and ammunition, tools, etc.), and other seemingly inexplicable occurrences. The group finds a message in a bottle directing them to rescue a castaway on nearby Tabor Island, who is none other than Tom Ayrton (from *In Search of the Castaways*). On the return voyage to Lincoln Island, they lose their way in a tempest but are guided back to their course by a mysterious fire beacon. Ayrton's former companions arrive by chance on Lincoln Island, and try

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to make it into their lair. After some fighting with the protagonists, the pirate ship is mysteriously destroyed by an explosion. Six of the pirates survive and kidnap Ayrton. When the colonists go to look for him, the pirates shoot Harbert, seriously injuring him. Harbert survives, narrowly cheating death. The colonists at first assume Ayrton has been killed, but later they find evidence that he was not instantly killed, leaving his fate uncertain. When the colonists rashly attempt to return to Granite House before Harbert fully recovers, Harbert contracts malaria but is saved by a box of quinine sulphate, which mysteriously appears on the table in Granite House. After Harbert recovers, they attempt to rescue Ayrton and destroy the pirates. They discover Ayrton at the sheepfold, and the pirates dead, without any visible wounds. The secret of the

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island is revealed to be Captain Nemo's hideout, and home port of the Nautilus. Having escaped the Maelstrom at the end of *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*, the Nautilus sailed the oceans of the world until all its crew except Nemo had died. Now an old man, Nemo returned the Nautilus to its secret port within Lincoln Island. Nemo had been the mysterious benefactor of the settlers, providing them with the box of equipment, sending the message revealing Ayrton, planting the torpedo that destroyed the pirate ship, and killing the pirates with an "electric gun". On his death bed Captain Nemo reveals his true identity as the lost Indian prince Dakkar, son of a raja of the then-independent territory of Bundelkund and a nephew of the Indian hero Tippu-Sahib. After taking part in the failed Indian Rebellion of 1857, Prince Dakkar escaped to a desert

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island with twenty of his compatriots and commenced the building of the Nautilus and adopted the new name of "Captain Nemo".

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