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This first novel in a series about Little Jane Silver follows the adventures of the twelve-year-old granddaughter of the notorious Treasure Island pirate Long John Silver. Growing up on board the Pieces of Eight pirate ship, Little Jane is frustrated by the attempts of her captain pirate parents Long John Silver II and Bonnie Mary Bright to keep her safe by forcing her to stay below decks whenever danger occurs.

Little Jane vows to become a real pirate, studying the actions of her famous parents as well as sword fighting and taking detailed notes about life on a pirate ship. The real test of her courage comes towards the end of the novel, when the Pieces of Eight is captured and its crew taken prisoner. Only Little Jane and the ship's cook escape safely and return home to Smuggler's Bay, where Little Jane develops a plan to save her parents.

Storytelling is a central theme in the novel, with Long John Silver II telling many tall tales about his pirate adventures. Only in Little Jane's notebook, and when he thinks he might soon be dead, does he reveal the true story about his parents and his upbringing. The past is hidden behind half-truths and grandiose retellings, a history that has caused the current chaos. The narrative is told in a similar storytelling style, with unique, interesting characters, making it an enjoyable read.

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