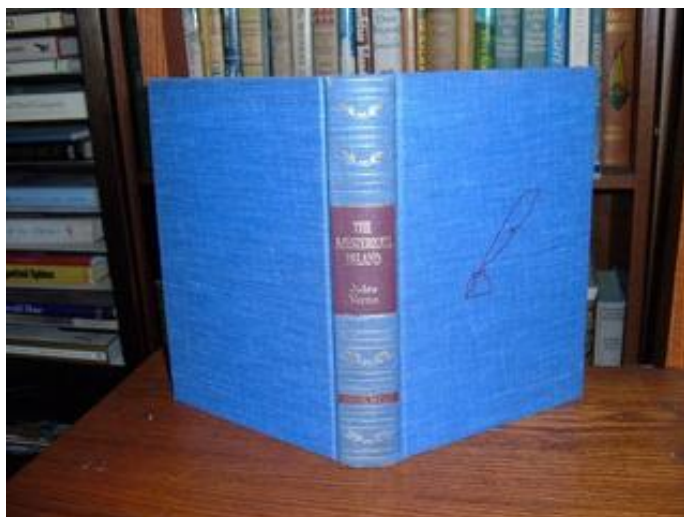

Jules Verne

The Mysterious Island (Extraordinary Voyages #12)



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Description

The book describes adventures on an uncharted S. Pacific island. It begins during the siege of Richmond, CSA capital. As famine & death ravage the city, five US prisoners of war escape by hijacking a balloon. They are Cyrus Smith, GAR railroad engineer, his Afro-American butler Nebuchadnezzar, the sailor Bonadventure Pencroff & his protégé Herbert Brown, an orphan raised by Pencroff & journalist Gideon Spilett. The company includes Cyrus' dog 'Top'. After flying in stormy weather for days, they crash on a cliff-bound, volcanic island, located about 2,500 km east of New Zealand. They name it "Lincoln Island" after their president. With Smith's knowledge they're able to produce pottery, bricks, nitroglycerin, iron, a telegraph, a "Granite House" & a ship. They also manage to find their geographical location. They overcome bad weather & eventually domesticate an orangutan, Jupiter.

The island's mystery stems from periodic, inexplicable *dei ex machina*: the unexplainable survival of Smith from a fall, the mysterious rescue of Top from a dugong, a box full of useful equipment, the finding of a message in the sea calling for help etc.

Finding a message in a bottle, they use their small ship to explore nearby Tabor Island, where a castaway is supposedly sheltered. They go & find Ayrton (from *In Search of the Castaways*), living like a wild beast, & bring him back to Lincoln Island. Enroute they're confused by a tempest, but find their way thanks to a fire beacon; which no one seems to have lit.

Ayrton's former crew of pirates arrives at Lincoln Island to use it as a hideout. After fighting the heroes, the pirate ship is mysteriously destroyed by an explosion. The pirates are found dead without visible wounds.

Six of the pirates survived & injure Herbert thru a gunshot. Recovering, he contracts malaria & is saved by quinine sulphate, which mysteriously appeared on a table in the Granite House.

The secret of the island is revealed when it turns out to be Captain Nemo's hideout, the harbor of the Nautilus.

Having escaped the Maelstrom at *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea's* end, the Nautilus sailed until all its crew except Nemo died. Presumably the others perished from natural causes. Now an old bearded man, Nemo returned the Nautilus to one of its ports: the one hollowed out under Lincoln Island.

Nemo had been their savior. He had provided them with equipment, sent the message about Ayrton, mined the pirate ship & killed the pirates with an electric gun. He dies of age. The Nautilus is scuttled to be his tomb.

The island explodes in a volcanic eruption. Joop plunges down a crack in the ground. The castaways, warned by Nemo, find themselves at sea on the last remaining boulder of the island above sea level. They are rescued by the Duncan ship, come to pick up Ayrton, & itself informed by a message left on Tabor Island by Nemo.

Insightful reviews

Charity: Jules Verne weaves a masterful, thrilling tale that keeps you guessing until the end. The perfect example of getting lost in a book and quite an adventure ride that I won't soon forget!

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ANDY: I first read this book as a young boy and loved it! The adventure, the science, the making something out of practically nothing, the surviving the elements - as a young boy with a real desire for adventure and an interest in science I was hooked. I thought that Jules Verne was the greatest dude to have ever drawn breath. I quickly started a campaign to convince others how great this book was. My attempts to sway others was to no avail... no one else was interested.

I think this book was a Christmas present. Heck, I may have just seen the cover and thought the picture was cool. (My copy of the book has an island and a hot air ballon on it). I really don't remember how I came to own it but I am glad that I found it.

Funny sidenote: I once had a girlfriend and we had the crazy notion of reading the others favorite book of all time. I ended up struggling through The Hobbit (out of love of course) and she started but just couldn't make it through Mysterious Island.

I guess I should read this book and see if I still like it 20+ years later...

Nils Jeppe: do not get me wrong, I cherished The Mysterious Island. However, it objectively didn't age well. First of all, it used to be one among Verne's "educational" novels, and that indicates with plenty and many exposition that does not upload something to the particular tale - and masses of it is not even appropriate anymore (the theories for the formation of continents, or the character of the moon are past dated). The moment challenge is that the tale is simply choke choked with "coincidences", which don't even all make feel if you happen to give some thought to the reason on the end. there's fairly no plot apart from the characters' growth in making the island extra habitable, and acknowledged "coincidences" and the titular mystery. to

fashionable sensibilities, this is often simply not more than enough for an excessive rating. Also as importantly, there's pretty well no personality progress or development either. There are a number of extra minor problems, resembling the "revelation" on the finish itself, yet let's no longer nitpick too much. If you could forget about those issues, and/or simply are looking to learn the vintage for its personal sake, you will do fine. The Mysterious Island additionally works acceptably as a "shipwreck" story. It's nonetheless invaluable reading, yet it is not spectacular.

Kirstine: I consider this publication from my childhood. I bear in mind strolling among the cabinets of books in my school's library trying to find it, simply because I enjoyed examining it so much. I do not keep in mind a lot, beside them escaping in a scorching air balloon. How may well one ever put out of your mind that? I additionally know how it might be exceedingly effortless to abridge it, simply because truthfully no longer much occurs for the first three hundred pages or so. They discover, construct and prosper, with very lengthy reasons of how. It's interesting, to a couple extent, and that I appreciate Jules for placing in a lot attempt to make all of it look life like and doable. yet it's no longer attention-grabbing adequate to write down a e-book about, and but I have to admit I used to be by no means truly bored. not anything may need happened, yet I nonetheless saved reading, simply because it's well-written and the characters upload leisure whilst the plot fails to (especially Pencroft, oh my god, he's hilarious). The final two hundred pages or so are even more exciting, concerning every part that you'd anticipate and abruptly issues get exciting. The final half is well-worth the build-up and entirely gives you when it comes to the "mystery" of the island being solved. pondering again on it, I'm wondering why I wasn't extra frustrated with it. It gave the look of I must have been. every thing during this comes so easy. The characters are top examples of fine men, they trust each one other, there aren't any fall outs, the island presents every thing they wish and in some way their mixed wisdom of nature and technological know-how permits them to create what they can not collect. It's, in short, the castaway dream. Which probably explains why it's now not tense – all of us like it whilst issues paintings out. You by no means need to fear approximately even if they'll make it, you recognize they will, this means that you could chill out and luxuriate in the ride. the following I'd additionally prefer to touch upon Cyrus Harding. he's to The Mysterious Island what Ned Stark is to video game of Thrones – he's that one personality who has such powerful ethical personality that, whereas alive, he can maintain the entire global from tumbling into chaos. that is why Ned dies in A track of Ice and fireplace (you can't have warfare if you happen to hold the single guy round they'd all rally behind) and why our 4 partners move above and past to find Harding while he's misplaced before everything of this book. it's acknowledged of Harding: "What had Pencroft to say? He may perhaps say nothing, for, within the backside of his center he shared the boldness which his partners had in Cyrus Harding. The engineer used to be to them a microcosm, a compound of each science, a possessor of all human knowledge. It used to be greater to be with Cyrus Harding in a wilderness island, than with out him within the such a lot flourishing city within the United States. With him they can wish nothing; with him they'd by no means despair. If those courageous males have been informed volcanic eruption might wreck the land, that this land will be engulfed within the depths of the Pacific, they'd have imperturbably replied, 'Cyrus is here!'" "What a man! would not all of us are looking to be him? Or at the very least be aware of him. This places Harding because the typical leader, simply because he wishes no one, whereas the others desire him. he's the kind of guy different males degree themselves against. so long as he's round they can't falter. And we, the readers, desire

him too, simply because he's the person who consists of the plot forward. he's particularly an excellent personality to have round – he solves all of your problems. It does notwithstanding suggest only a few of those characters felt genuine to me, their consistent goodness and ethical worthiness intended they lacked depth. ((view spoiler)[My brain is usually within the gutter, simply because I stored considering those males needed to get it on with each other at a few point. I mean, seriously, would not be the 1st time devotion became to sex.. the net has ruined me (hide spoiler)]]If we have been to stick to the criteria of fellows positioned forth during this book, just about all of humanity could fall extraordinarily short. We are, in comparison, unaccomplished, ignorant brutes. we're the savages of barren region islands. may perhaps we make explosives? Bricks? A forge? I almost certainly couldn't. And but Jules Verne supplies our merry band of castaways this data and those talents as though it have been completely natural. might be it used to be again then, might be it's the writer taking liberties, or perhaps they're easily a very good prepare crew of escapees. Our heroes upward push from not anything into prosperity utilizing not anything yet their very own ingenuity and will. it's actually clone of the yank Dream. Which i might locate demanding if it wasn't for the truth that Jules Verne is French, and therefore this blatant commercial of the yank dream isn't coming from the writer as a method of lobbying for it, he's now not announcing "Look peasant! listed here are the type of males you must be!", no, it's a device, it's a personality trait. it's the cause those males don't quit and quit, it's a stereotype and never a truly sensible one, however it will get the task done. It explains their get to the bottom of and why they deal with to not crack less than the strain of being trapped, indefinitely, on an unknown island within the pacific. I mean, regardless of how solid of a guy you are, you might want to arise short, once or more or twice, within the events they stumble upon during this book. yet what's fiction for if to not make the inconceivable look probable?A enjoyable book, it's good written and really an honest adventure. I wouldn't brain analyzing it back someday.PS: Judging via how lengthy this effing assessment is, i might say there is a lot extra to this tale than simply an adventure, no matter if it does not seem to be so. ["br"]>

Rozonda: I re-read this booklet because of my Amazon Kindle, and that i chanced on it as interesting and fascinating as I did whilst I first learn it, in a nearly complete version, on the age of 8 (I was once stunned to discover how little the editors of that kid's model had suppressed- the booklet used to be nearly precisely the same). i am extra unsleeping now of a few information of this book, because the loss of lady characters (a "sin" frequently committed via authors of Verne's time) or the idealization of characters, that are all powerful and good(even Ayrton, the marooned undesirable guy, turns into a version of repentance)- curiously, the main "human" of them during this point is Captain Nemo, who admits having led a lifestyles with sturdy and undesirable offerings and abides via them. all of the same, the richness and curiosity of the plot, the splendor of the language and the noble beliefs defended through Verne make it a publication i want my kids to read, if I had children. Verne was once one of many authors who taught me to like analyzing and that i imagine he has performed a similar for lots of people.

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