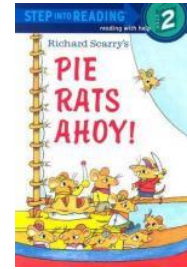


The Wonderful World of Reading



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Pie Rats Ahoy! by Richard Scarry
A “Step into Reading” Book
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High quality? Yes.



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- **Style and Language**

The book has a range of words that are easy and challenging words, range of short and long sentences.

Ex 1: (Page 5) “There were pirates on the prow” is an example of more challenging words because the author used prowl as opposed to the pirates are out.

Ex 2: “Officer Murphy led those greedy Pie rats away.” here they used the word greedy instead of those rats that stole the pie.

- **Characters**

The characters in this book are believable, by just the way some of them act scared of the pirates, and others didn't let it change their daily lives.

Ex 1: “That didn't stop uncle Willy. He was going sailing pirates or no pirates” shows how the danger did not impact his plans.

Ex 2: Willy says that he thinks he wants to have a nap before he eats is also giving human qualities to an animal.

- **Plot**

The plot in this story has coherence and believability when everyone is afraid of the imposed danger the pirates made. The exposition, rising action and resolution are clear. Uncle Willy goes sailing knowing the rats are out, the rising action is when the rats invade the ship, the climax is when they take over the ship. The resolution is when the Rats get arrested.

- **The MDQ** is Will uncle Willy sail safely? The answer is yes.

- **Illustrations**

The illustrations in this story help to tell it.

Ex 1: When the little kid is making the alligator suit the pictures show you the details of what is happening.

Ex 2: When the pirates invade the ship the visual is helpful so that you can see what is happening.

- **Opinion:** I liked the book, it was a cute story. I think I would recommend this to a family with kids who are just starting to read because it's an easy read, and because it also has the moral of how stealing is very wrong.