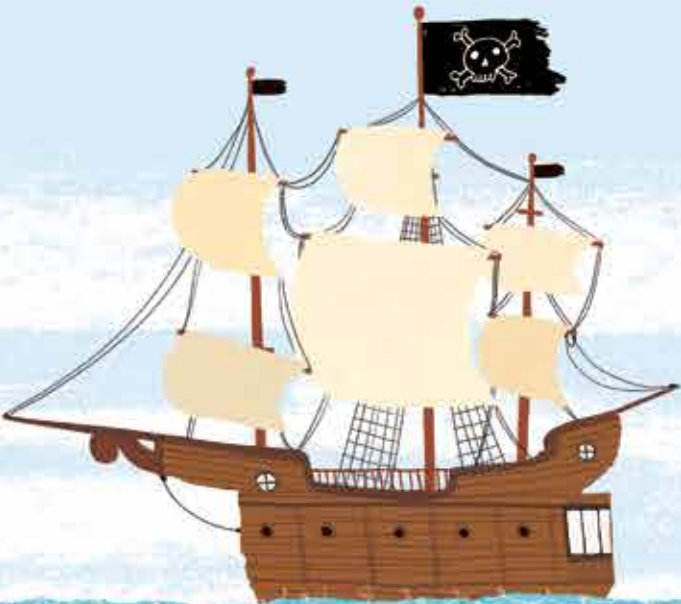


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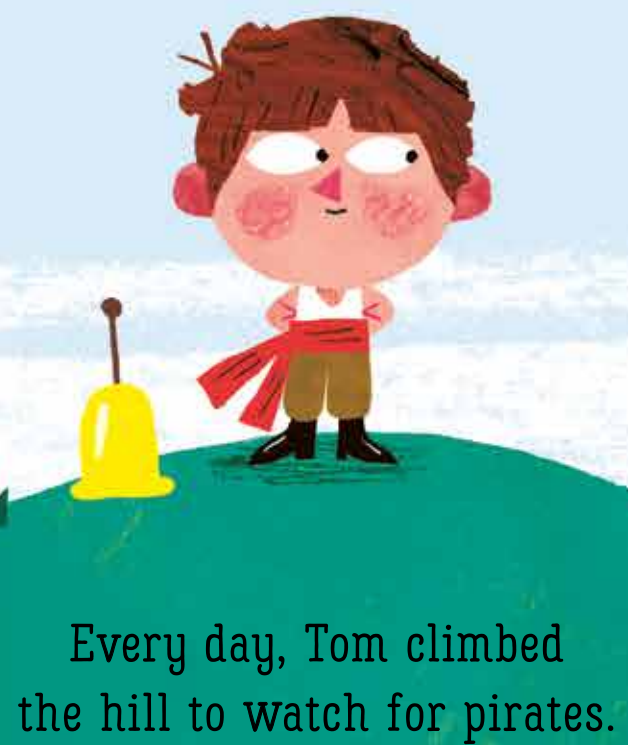
For Mandy – JC
For Hayley and Bump – MH

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Every day, Tom climbed
the hill to watch for pirates.

It had been a long time
since anyone had seen them,
but Tom knew that they would be back.

So he waited . . .
and waited . . .
and waited.
Until at last he saw . . .



... a ship!



"PIRATES!" shouted Tom.
"THE PIRATES ARE COMING!"

DING!
DING!

THE PIRATES ARE COMING!

QUICK!
EVERYBODY HIDE!"



And quick as a flash, everybody hid.



They waited . . .

and waited . . .

and waited,

UNTIL . . .



... it was clear there were NO pirates,
just a little fishing boat bobbing home.

“Tom,” said the villagers. “That’s not
even a ship.”

“Never mind, Tom,” said
his dad. “Just remember,
pirate ships are BIG.”



Tom knew it was very
important to keep watching
and so the next day, he went
back up the hill.

And again he waited ...

and waited ...

and waited.

Until at last he saw ...

a ship!

A **big** ship.

