



WITH SIX
SWASHBUCKLING
LETTER FLAPS!

JAY
RUNS
AWAY

COVER NOT
FINAL





For Sally McNiff, the
loveliest mum and Nana
Noo Napi xx - D.M.

To my great
friend Doreen
- N.S.

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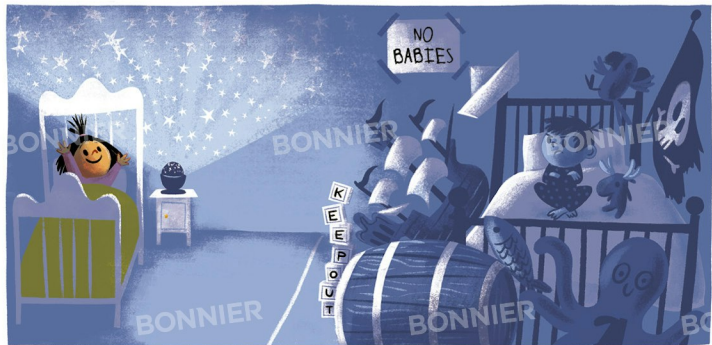


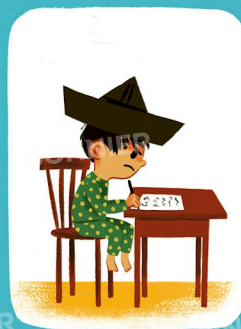
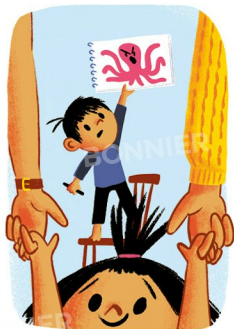
DAWN McNIFF

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Dear Mister
Pirate Captain



I've decided to run away to sea because my baby sister, Flossie, is TOO annoying. All she does is cry and pool! The grown-ups just stare at her and talk goo-goo-gaa-gaa. Now, I even have to share MY bedroom. Nobody thinks about me. I'm DONE here!

I was wondering if you have any room on your ship for me, please?

Love

Jay x



P.S. I'd be a great pirate because parrots are my second favourite birds, and I always have a pirate party on my birthday.





Dear Jay
No problem – I'll send
my pirate crew to fetch
you now. I'm making
you Head of Parrots.
Welcome to the glorious
life on the ocean wave!
Regards
The Captain





Dear Mum and Dad
You probably haven't noticed
that I've gone (because
you're so busy playing with
Flossie ALL THE TIME), but
I've left to join the pirates.
So, GOODBYE!

Love from
Jay the Pirate
Head of Parrots



Dearest Jay
Please come home.
We miss you and love you.
And so does Flossie.
lots of love
Mum and Dad xxx





In case you don't believe that I'm happy, here are the photos as proof! Just look...



Me having fun without you on an actual, REAL-LIFE pirate ship, looking after LOADS of pretty parrots!



Me being allowed to eat ship biscuits for breakfast, lunch AND tea!



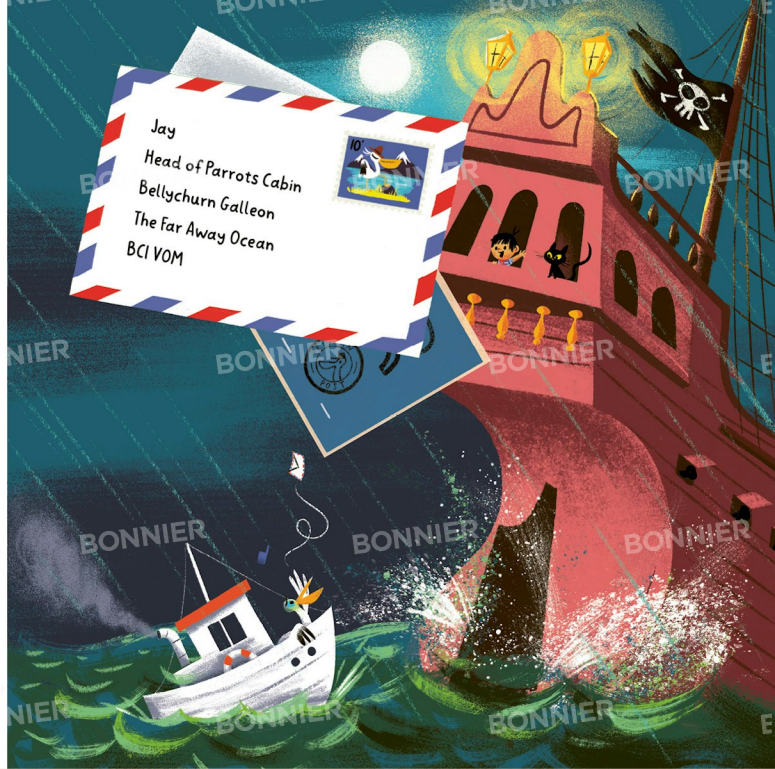
I probably won't write for a while now because I'm far too busy and important, doing pirate things. (And anyway, I've run out of stamps.)

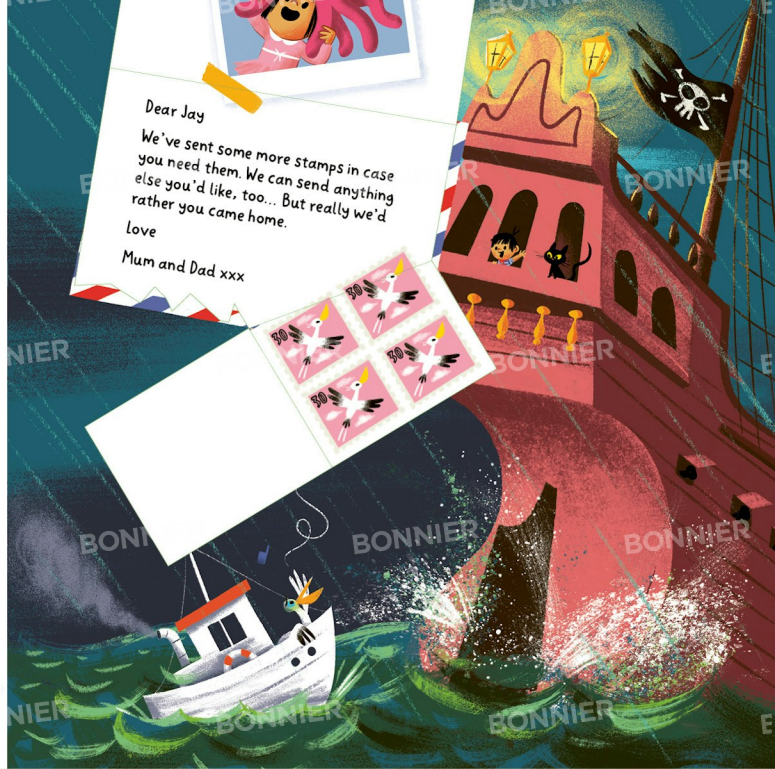
Jay



Me with Mister Pirate Captain - my new, cool dad, who has ZERO babies! (He can be a bit grumpy, but it's fine...)







Dear Mum and Dad
I got your last letter, thank you. It's been... okay here. I'm sending some more photos.



Me in my bedroom, that I DON'T have to share!

It is quite small. And high. And completely freezing. But it's fine.

Some have worms in them, but it's fine.



Me with my NOT-BORING shipmate family.

They do play quite rough games, but it's fine.

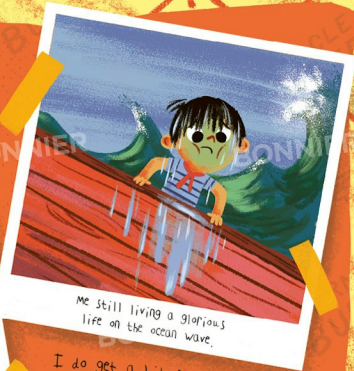


Me eating more biscuits.



Me with more parrots...

They're noisier than Flossie, if you can imagine that. And they do a LOT of poo - they could do with some nappies! But it's fine.



Me still living a glorious life on the ocean wave.

I do get a bit seasick, but it's fine.

P.S. Do you think you could send me my old teddy?

And maybe a recording of Dad reading a bedtime story?

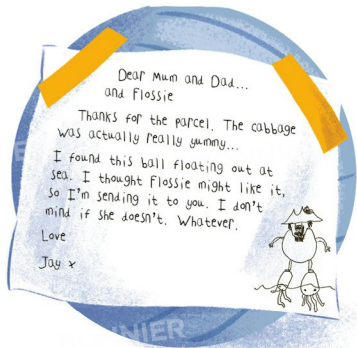
And perhaps some cabbage or something - just to make a change from the biscuits?

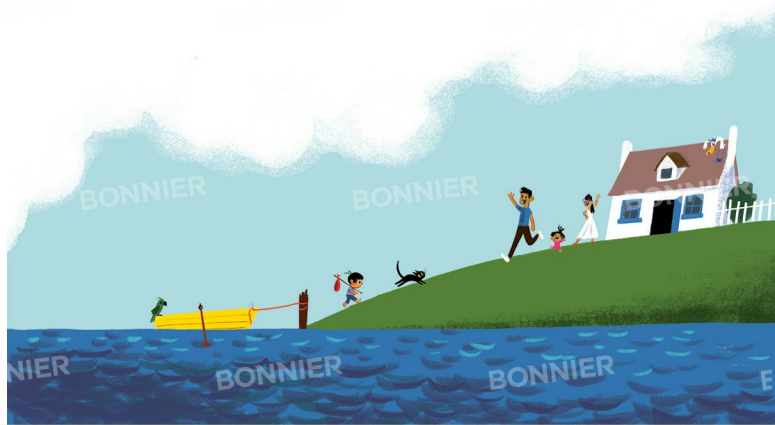
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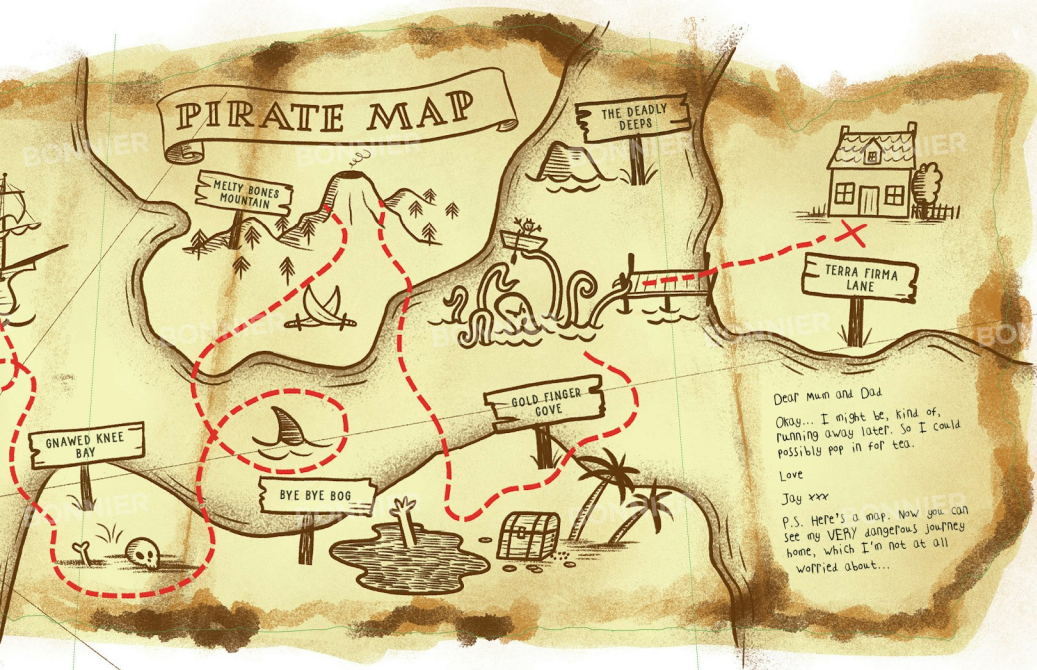
Jay x











Dear Mum and Dad
Okay... I might be, kind of,
running away later. So I could
possibly pop in for tea.
Love
Jay xxx
P.S. Here's a map. Now you can
see my VERY dangerous journey
home, which I'm not at all
worried about...









Dear Mister Pirate Captain
Thank you for coming to my party.
And thank you for my gift!
I'm going to send YOU a brilliant
gift at Christmas. (Did I tell you
that I LOVE Christmas?)
Love
Jay xx



Ahoy me fellow readers!
Epic adventure, right?

If you fancy a quest across the
high seas, write a letter to
Mister Pirate Captain!

Let him know where you'd like
to go, what you'd like to see
and who will be going with you
(so he can make sure there are
enough hammocks).

Yo Ho Ho!
Happy sailing!



I've included the ship's
address for you - it can be
tricky to track down!

Mister Pirate Captain
The Far Away Ocean
Very Far Away



Here's a
stamp for
your letter -
Pelican Post
deliver come
rain or shine!

Draw some
pictures of your
adventures here!

P.S. If you'd like to write a longer
letter, you can create your own parchment
using a piece of paper and a wet tea bag!