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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

PreSchool-Grade 2—This book has everything to attract kids and tickle their funny bones—pirates, smelly socks, and, best of all, undies! In rollicking rhyme, Harley tells of a "cruel and evil man" who sails the seven seas with his crew, stealing dirty socks to hang proudly on the ship's rigging. But Dirty Joe meets his match when he comes upon Stinky Annie and her all-female crew, buccaneers who specialize in pilfering and displaying undergarments: "Boxers big and boxers small, with stripes and polka dots,/And tighty-whities hung there too, like the ones your grandpa's got." After a battle fought with swords, toasters, tennis rackets, and whatever else comes to hand, the barefoot women prevail and, in a heartfelt and humorous moment, Joe and Annie discover that they are siblings. That doesn't stop Annie from taking Joe's drawers, leading to a last-page bemoaning of the fact that older sisters hold a lifelong upper hand. Davis's balloon-headed, goofy characters are just right for the tale. The chaotic full-color pictures are jam-packed with pirates and dirty laundry. The crews, dressed in a hilarious mishmash of styles, will have readers poring over the pages to spot amusing details. Even kids who aren't pirate fans will be wooed and wowed by this rib-tickling tale.—*Marge Loch-Wouters, Menasha Public Library, WI*

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"Clever rhyming, plus illustrations filled with colorfully clad pirates and soiled laundry hoist the audience appeal here to the tiptop of the mast." *Kirkus Reviews*

"It's a funny read for would-be pirates - especially those with older sisters" *The New York Post*

"Brought to life by Bill Harley this read-aloud story is certain to be prized by budding buccaneers." *parentsandkids.net*

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About the Author

Dubbed "the Mark Twain of contemporary kids' music" by *Entertainment Weekly*, singer, songwriter, and storyteller Bill Harley has entertained children and their parents for more than twenty years as an award-winning performer and a commentator for NPR's *All Things Considered*. In addition to recording many award-winning albums for kids, he is also the author of *Dear Santa: The Letters of James B. Dobbins*, illustrated by R. W. Alley.

Mr. Harley performs onstage around the country and lives in Massachusetts. A version of this tale appears on his Grammy Award-winning album *Blah Blah Blah: Stories about Clams, Swamp Monsters, Pirates & Dogs*.

Jack E. Davis has illustrated two picture books by Daniel Pinkwater: *The Picture of Morty and Ray* and *Yo-yo Man*. Other books he has illustrated include the *New York Times* bestseller *Marsupial Sue* by John Lithgow. He is a recipient of the New York Society of Illustrators Gold Medal Award for Humor. He lives

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