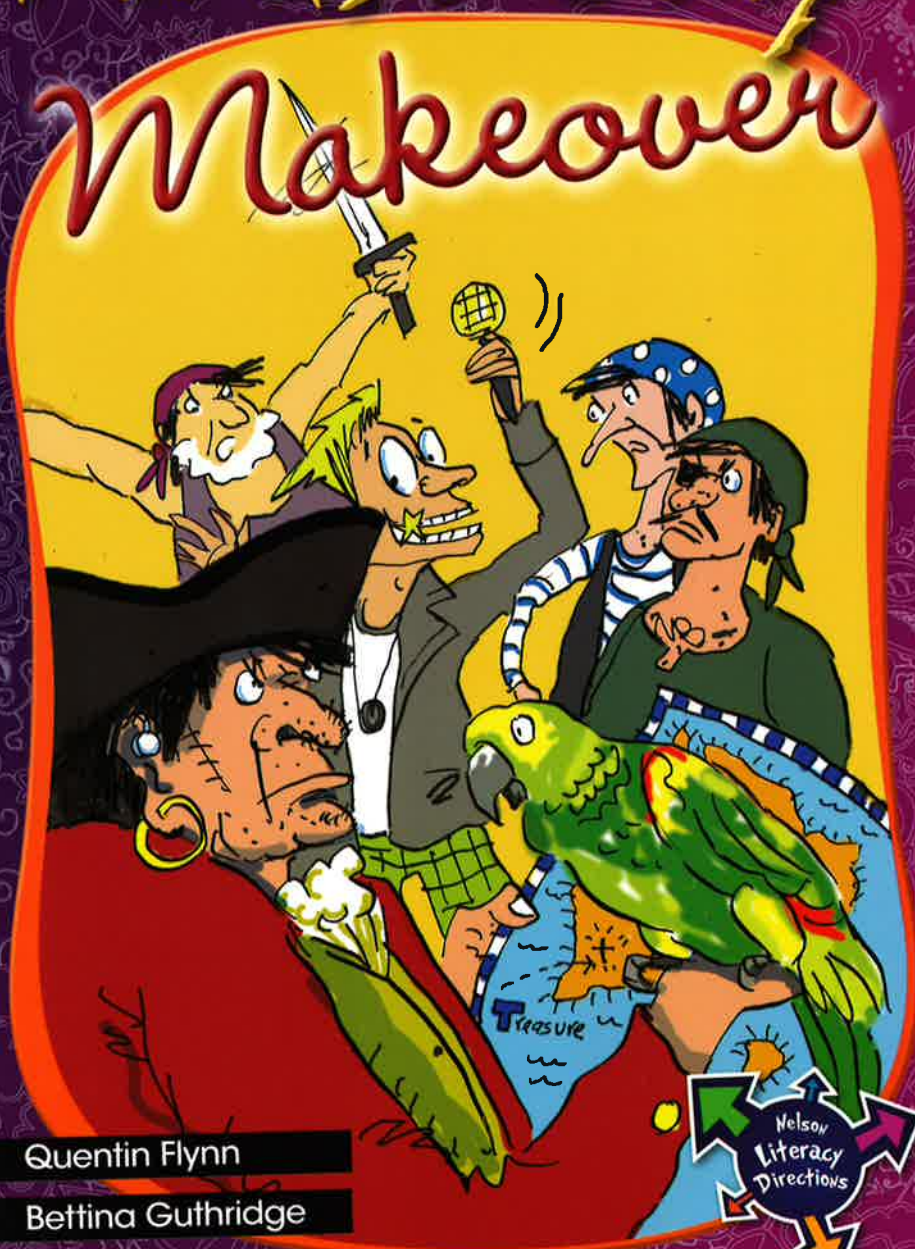
Pirate Ship Makeover



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Meet the Characters

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Captain Grizzlethorpe

The captain of the pirate ship *Charybdis*.



Soupy Slickback

A famous TV-show host.



Flotsam

The first mate of the pirate ship *Charybdis*.



Jawbones

The second mate of the pirate ship *Charybdis*.







The *Charybdis*

A pirate ship that has seen better days.

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POSTCARD

Dear Reader

Here's another story featuring Soupy Slickback, the reality-TV-show host. This time, I thought I'd give him a home makeover show – with some unusual characters and an unexpected outcome. It's much like a "real" reality show you might see on TV.

Now, I wonder when they're coming round to my place to make everything ship-shape again!

Quentin Flynn
Author

Program Schedule

88

Coming Soon! Don't Miss It

Before and After



Featuring Soupy Slickback and the Grizzlethorpe Twins!

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Kids' Movies on Demand 7.30 pm

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1 Hoist the Mizzen!



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"Weigh anchor and hoist the mizzen!" shouted the pirate captain. His leathery face was so close that Soupy Slickback, the world-famous TV-show host, could feel the pirate captain's sardine-scented breath on his quivering face.

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"W-w-why do you want to know how heavy the anchor is?" he stammered. The TV-show host looked at his director for support, but she and the rest of the TV crew were cowering in a corner, surrounded by fearsome pirates armed with glinting cutlasses.

The pirate captain fixed Soupy Slickback with a bone-chilling look. "Ye useless landlubber," he snarled. "We're settin' sail for the South Seas, and if we hear another peep out of ye, ye'll be feeding the fishes."

The whimpering of the TV crew was drowned out by the blood-curdling growling and jeering of the pirates.

"B-b-but I don't have any fish food on me," pleaded Soupy Slickback.

A grim chuckle arose from the pirates.

"Aye, ye do!" growled the pirate captain. "We're talking big fishes, ye scurvy dog. Big fishes with mouthfuls of pointy, razor-sharp teeth! Ye *are* the fish food!"

"No, no, no," squealed Soupy in terror.

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"Aye, aye, aye!" chanted the pirates, as they rattled and swished their cutlasses dangerously.

A murderous grin flashed across the pirate captain's face. "Shall we keelhaul him before we send him to Davey Jones's locker, mateys?" he asked, raising a perilous eyebrow at his crew.

"Aye, aye, aye!" they all shouted eagerly. The thought of tying a rope to the hapless TV-show host, tossing him in the water and dragging him beneath the ship sent shivers of gory delight up their salty spines.

"Shall we give him a taste of the cat-o'-nine-tails too?" added the pirate captain, licking his lips.

"Aye, aye, aye!" shouted the crew feverishly. They now had a taste for blood, and a whipping on the ship's deck was exactly the painful spectacle they craved. With renewed vigour, they rattled and swished their cutlasses wildly.

"Ouch!" yelped one of the pirates, looking in horror at the pinprick of blood welling up from his forefinger.

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"Oops," muttered another apologetically. "Sorry, matey. I didn't mean to jab ye."

"What's the matter?" demanded the pirate captain.

"Cut!" said the wounded pirate, holding up his forefinger for all to see.

"CUT!" echoed the director, who was getting to her feet. "That's a wrap, folks," she added.

The pirate captain and his crew looked disappointed. Things aboard the fearsome pirate ship *Charybdis* were just getting interesting.

