

Smeck

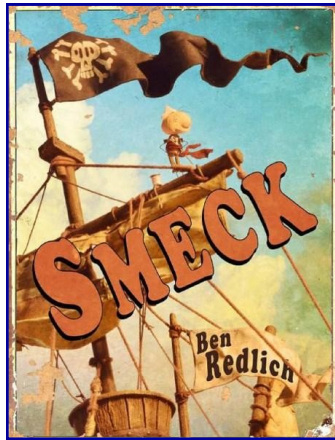
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Welcome to the world of Smeck -- a fantastical, piratical adventure on the high seas. Australian author and illustrator Ben Redlich's original and unforgettable illustrations will captivate, amaze and delight readers of all ages.



Teacher notes have been based on those supplied by the publisher, Windy Hollow Books.

Themes:

- Pirates
- Finding happiness
- Friendship
- Companionship

Before Reading:

- What does the cover make you think the book is about?

After Reading:

- Why did Smeck feel like he needed to leave his island? Do you think he was expecting what happened to him?
- How important was music in Smeck's life?
- What do you think was the most important lesson Smeck learnt after his adventure?
- Why do you think the Sea Thingy rescued him?
- Describe what life was like for Smeck aboard the Pirate ship.
- Why was Minnie an important character?
- How did meeting Minnie change the way that Smeck looked at life?
- 'Pirates only like Sea Songs and Sea Chanteys!' What are they? Do you know any?

Activities:

- What do you think happens next?
- Re-tell the story from the Pirates' perspective.
- Write a different story about a rescue that the Sea Thingy is involved in.
- Pretend you are one of the other characters in the story and write a postcard to one of your friends about your adventures.
- Make a class model of Smeck's Island and the Pirate ship.
- Pretend you are pirates and make your own treasure map.
- Make up your own class Sea Song or Sea Chantey.