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Eleven-year-old Daisy Tannenbaum, tomboy extraordinaire, doesn't want to go back to school. So, when she ends up on an isolated island in the Indian Ocean after her family is accidentally kidnapped by Malay pirates, she's totally psyched. For her, this is paradise. Her family, however, is utterly unprepared to cope with the primitive conditions on the island. Her parents are barely on speaking terms, her sister wants to crush Daisy's skull with a rock, and a grad student Daisy's dad may or may not have had a thing with ends up washed ashore with them. Nothing ruins paradise like having your stupid family around. But that doesn't stop Daisy from having the time of her life finding buried treasure, fighting off sharks, pirates, and scorpion attacks, and rescuing her family despite herself.

Move over Swiss Family Robinson, Daisy Tannenbaum has swung into action in this first in a series of adventure stories that will be enjoyed by readers young and old.

Praise for J.T. Allen & Daisy:

"J.T. Allen has created an unforgettable character any young girl would love to call her friend. Young readers will immediately identify with Daisy as they fall in love with her courage and ingenuity. Daisy's amazing adventures will keep children reading well past their bedtimes!" —Diana Falk, Norwin Public Library Director

"Daisy Tannenbaum - You are my hero! Talk about female empowerment, this almost-teen has more spunk than any superhero I know." —Michelle Moggio author of *The Paris Effect*

"I love the main character, Daisy. She has so much...character!!"
—Miss Nathalie Paris, Mobile Librarian at Natta-Lingo and Primary Languages Teacher, UK

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Shirley says

Cute little story. Good storyline. Enjoyed the characters, even the pirates were entertaining and well drawn. A lovely ending.

Myra says

My KLL book for May.

I've been struggling to find books to borrow each month, so I just went to the children's/YA section. The plot of this sounded intriguing. I was worried for the first two chapters because the phrasing of the writing was very strange and awkward, but I was happy to find that this quickly improved. While it is maybe just a touch unbelievable, Daisy ends up being a strong character and her adventure is a lot of fun. I was a bit bothered by some foul language and some strongly hinted at sexual content, but for a mature young reader, this would be a lot of fun.

Pam says

Daisy is not your typical eleven year old American girl. She knows how to survive, and thrive, on a desert island. Let me start from the beginning. Daisy's parents are divorced. She spends the school year with her mom, but she and her older sister spend the summer with their dad. Their dad is an archeologist and is always working in remote locations. At the end of one of his projects, the ship the family is on gets kidnapped by pirates! Then there's a storm and they all get shipwrecked. Talk about bad luck. Or is it???

This book made me laugh. Or perhaps I should say that Daisy made me laugh. As a typical kid, she'd love to miss as much school as possible.

"I remember thinking, I've just been shanghaied by real pirates and shipwrecked and with any luck we'll be castaways for the whole school year." (Location 367 on Kindle)

Although this was a children's book I actually learned a lot. Seriously. My husband learned a lot as well because I would tell him all the random facts I picked up. For instance, I learned what Naples Syndrome is. Whoa. (Google it.) Also, did you know that quicksand is usually only a few feet deep? Movies like to exaggerate; so if you ever get stuck in some, calm down and you'll probably hit bottom. It'll still take a while for you to get out of, but keep it calm. Unless you're really short, it's probably not going to go above your head.

Daisy knew so much about roughing it outside it put me to shame! For instance, how to make fire, how to find fresh water, how to fish using Kon-Tikis, and that you should smoke out where you're going to sleep at night to get rid of bugs and other unseemly creatures. She made me want to take a survival course, or at least watch some more Discovery channel so I'll be better prepared.

The one and only thing I didn't like about this book was it had the word 'bitch' in it. I'm sure kids know swears by middle school, but now that I'm a parent I don't like the idea of a swear word in a children's book.

However, it was only used the one time.

Even though Daisy and the Pirates is a children's book, as you can see it's definitely enjoyable by adults as well. Get it for yourself. Get it for your kid. Just don't be mad when they don't come down to dinner because they need to see what happens next. I stayed up so late reading this book and loved every minute of it.

I definitely recommend.

My Rating: 5 out of 5 stars

~Pam

*****I received this book free from the author in exchange for an honest review.*****

Argum says

So I bought this book because I love Flavia de Luce. It isn't quite that, but it was good. Daisy and her sister spend the summer with their father on an archaeological dig. Their parents are divorced and tend to devolve into verbal spats. This is not a good thing when the family plus a grad student dad may or may not be having a relationship with is on a boat hijacked by pirates. Then of course there is a shipwreck. Daisy has a can do attitude that her sister and mother lack. She views the island as paradise and learns to mine its riches. Believable plotting even if Daisy is only 11. Will check out the next, but this does skew a bit more YA than I was expecting.

Dan Fiorella says

Pippi Longstockings meets Treasure Island

An enjoyable read of a ripping yarn. Daisy is a typical bratty sister, but when push comes to shove, she can rise to the challenge. She certainly handles shipwrecks and desert islands and pirates better than I ever could!

Paige says

Actual Rating: 4.5 of 5 Stars

I received this book for review from the author, but this in no way affected my thoughts expressed in this review

I think I just have to start by saying I think I might just be Daisy's new number one fan! Going into Daisy and the Pirates I had high hopes just from the review request from J.T., the book's synopsis drew me in because I was in the mood for a nice adventure and, hello, you read the synopsis up there, right? What could be more adventurous than that?

Daisy and her family are aboard a boat for a short journey when the ship is ambushed by pirates and the crew

thrown overboard with one of the two life boats. Then, a freak storm hits causing the ship to start to sink and the pirates to abandon ship in remaining life boat, leaving Daisy, her family, and the grad student helping Daisy's father out on his archaeological project are stuck with the only light-weight rafts. The story really starts here. I found Daisy to be an extraordinary young girl, she is sharp as a tack and does really well under pressure. She immediately decides to be the one to do the fishing after crafting a spear with her trusty Swiss Army Knife, and I'm thinking everyone on the island is happy that she was an avid reader of National Geographic!

This book has a style that makes it really enjoyable to read, it's as if Daisy is either right there in front of you telling you all about her amazing adventure or you are reading directly from the pages of her journal. There is a tad bit of language and some innuendos but I still would recommend this for young teens/tweens with a mature enough mind on up to older teens and adults. It's rare that a book can have a main character so young and yet have the ability to span the age groups. I cannot recommend Daisy enough for your next great adventure story!

Drucilla says

I think Allen did a great job at capturing the voice of an 11 year old girl. Daisy is a fun character that I think readers will connect with easily. It's hard to take any of the danger seriously, however, when the adults actually call the girls out of the jungle (not once but twice!) at the pirates behest. Are you crazy? Pirates are dangerous and you're putting your daughters in their clutches? I know the book is for kids so it can't get too dark, but come on. Make it a bit more realistic.
