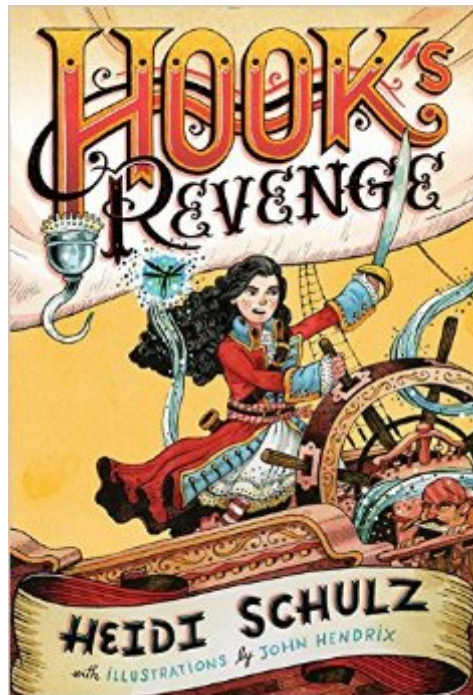


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Synopsis

Twelve-year-old Jocelyn dreams of becoming every bit as daring as her infamous father, Captain James Hook. Her grandfather, on the other hand, intends to see her starched and pressed into a fine society lady. When she's sent to Miss Eliza Crumb-Biddlecomb's Finishing School for Young Ladies, Jocelyn's hopes of following in her father's fearsome footsteps are lost in a heap of dance lessons, white gloves, and way too much pink. So when Jocelyn receives a letter from her father challenging her to avenge his untimely demise at the jaws of the Neverland crocodile, she doesn't hesitate—here at last is the adventure she has been waiting for. But Jocelyn finds that being a pirate is a bit more difficult than she'd bargained for. As if attempting to defeat the Neverland's most fearsome beast isn't enough to deal with, she's tasked with captaining a crew of woefully untrained pirates, outwitting cannibals wild for English cuisine, and rescuing her best friend from a certain pack of lost children, not to mention that pesky Peter Pan who keeps barging in uninvited. The crocodile's clock is always ticking in Heidi Schulz's debut novel, a story told by an irascible narrator who is both dazzlingly witty and sharp as a sword. Will Jocelyn find the courage to beat the incessant monster before time runs out? Praise for *Hook's Revenge* * "Whether a fan of J.M. Barrie's classic tale or new to Neverland, readers will be clamoring for more from this enchanting world." -School Library Journal, starred review * "Readers will delight both the story and the storytelling." -Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books, starred review "Featuring a lively, colorful cast, and a droll narration with snarky asides by an anonymous, self-proclaimed pirate authority, this entertaining take on the Peter Pan story neatly blends action-adventure and comical and heartfelt moments." -Booklist

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There have always been pirates. Why, even as far back as Eve, on the day she was considering whether or not to eat that apple, a pirate was most certainly planning to sail in and take it from her. If there's one thing that twelve-year-old Jocelyn Hook has always dreamt of becoming, it's a pirate. It does run in her blood, after all. Although she has never met him, Jocelyn's father is none other than the infamous and bloodthirsty Captain James Hook, a macabre legacy that she takes no end of delight in recounting to others at every available opportunity. For a young girl in Georgian England, however, the pirate's life is anything but easy (or accessible). After singing one too many bawdy sea shanties and scaring away one too many governesses, her grandfather has had enough and sends Jocelyn to Miss Eliza Crumb-Biddlecomb's Finishing School For Young Ladies, an institution filled with students more machiavellian and dangerous than even the fiercest buccaneer. Drowning in a world of corsets, curtsies and an endless string of lessons on proper, ladylike behaviour aimed at a girl with an interest in being anything but, Jocelyn chafes against the rigid restrictions placed against her and dreams of being swept away to a life of adventure and daring with only the sea to guide her. So, when a letter suddenly arrives informing her of Captain Hook's untimely death at the hands (or should I say jaws?) of the Neverland Crocodile, it appears as though Jocelyn's ship has finally, and quite literally, come in. Now, with the help of the ever-faithful Smee and a motley crew of pirates with little experience but no end of imagination, Jocelyn must travel to Neverland, avenge her father's death, and save her best friend Roger from the clutches of the Lost Boys and that pesky Peter Pan.

This is the tale of Jocelyn Hook. She's the 13 year old daughter of the infamous Captain Hook, whom she doesn't know. Jocelyn's mother is dead, and her father is obviously busy doing pirate-y plundering and doesn't have any interest in raising a daughter. So that responsibility falls to her grandfather, who is having an incredibly difficult time of it. After many wild encounters and "disgraceful" behaviors, her grandfather finally gives up and sends Jocelyn to Miss Eliza

Crumb-Bittlecomb's Finishing School for Young Ladies. Jocelyn has a horrible time at the finishing school. Catty girls who are snobby and completely different than her mar her days. Her only friend is the cook's boy, Roger. He loves adventures and they hole up together reading about pirates and ships and dream about having their very own adventure someday. That comes sooner than they might think, but in an altogether different manner than they imagined. When things got really bad at the school, Jocelyn received her first letter from her father. Too bad the letter informed her of his death. He died at the jaws of the Neverland crocodile and details her inheritance in the letter: she is to kill the crocodile and avenge her father's death. With that awful news and the promise of adventure, Jocelyn flies to Neverland. Jocelyn soon meets my favorite character of Neverland -- SMEE! I was so happy Smee was in this novel. He's just how I pictured him to be from the stories of Barrie and the Disney movie I love so much. Jocelyn entreats Smee to find the best crew available to journey and kill the crocodile. Unfortunately, only a rag-tag crew actually enlists when they find out the Captain is a girl.

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