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Image of the pirate flag of Calico Jack - (Jack Rackham, 1682 - 1720) - an English pirate captain operating in the Bahamas and in Cuba during the early 18th century. Online, courtesy Wikimedia Commons.

*I have seen wicked men and fools,
a great many of both;
and I believe they both get paid in the end;
but the fools first.*

David Balfour
Chapter 14 in *Kidnapped*
by Robert Louis Stevenson

It was the 17th century. Port Royal, a Jamaican seaport, was the most economically important English-speaking town in the Western Hemisphere.

But Port Royal, home base for pirates and an English Governor, was about to experience an earthshaking change of fortune. On June 7, 1692, two-thirds of the city slid into the sea and 2,000 people died.

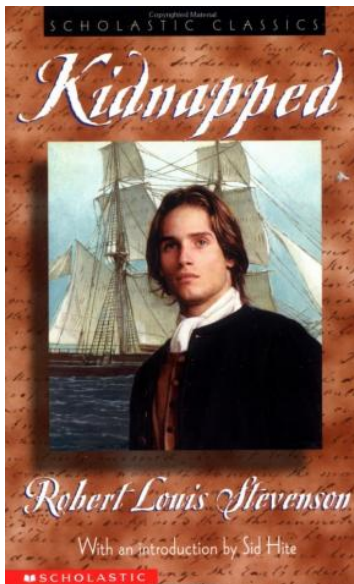
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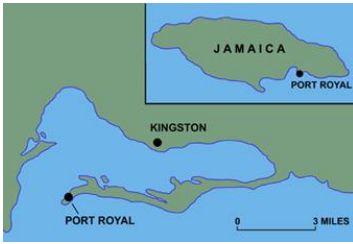
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Map of Jamaica

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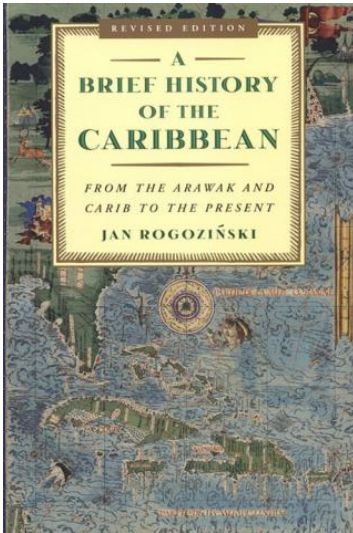
Map Depicting Port Royal, Jamaica

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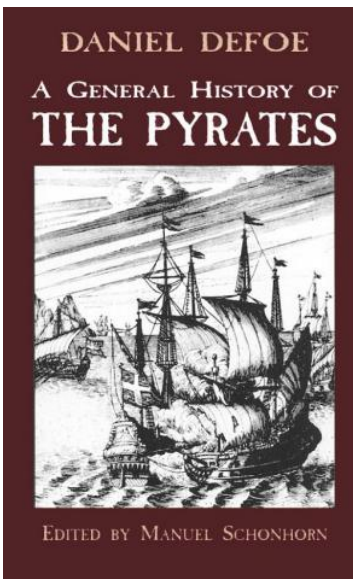


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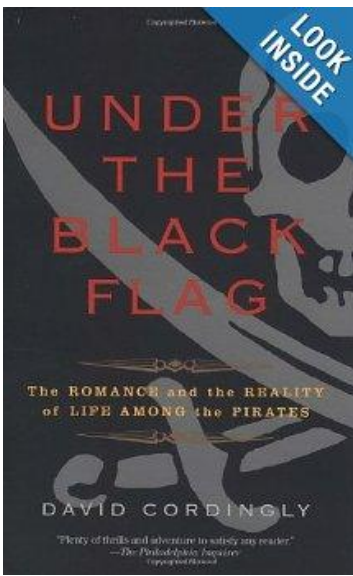


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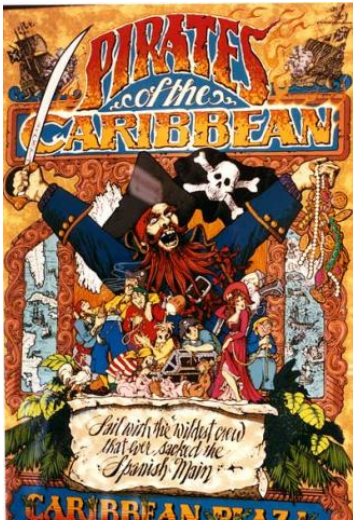


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