

For children of all ages For Connie, who loved these stories

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# Polka Dot Pirates

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Mustache collection



The next best thing, she thought, was to rummage through her magical tickle trunk. It was full of toys and the perfect costumes to play dress-up and make-believe.





First, she put on a **TRICORN HAT** and an eye patch. Next, she put on a pair of pirate pants, pulled on some high boots, tucked a wooden sabre into her belt, and imagined she was on the high seas.





Being a pirate alone on the high seas is no fun, thought Penelope.

"I need a few **SHIP MATES** and know exactly where to find them!"





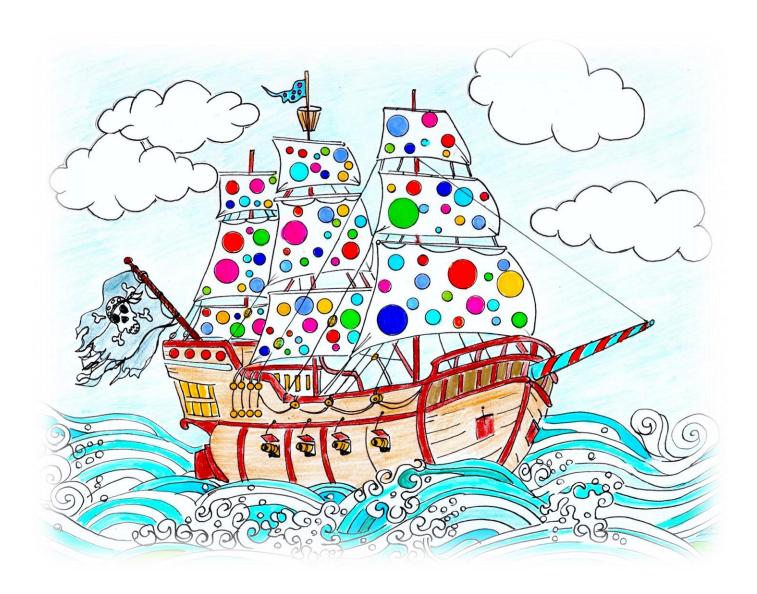
Penelope put a hat on Mustache, her exceptional cat. She dressed Pistachio, her trusted teddy bear, with a bandana, an eye patch, and a hook. They all climbed on Penelope's bed, pretending it was a TALL SHIP.

With a treasure map in hand, they were ready for a stupendous adventure when suddenly, the bed tossed, pitched, and reeled





### and changed into ...



a magnificent **GALLEON** in full sail.

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