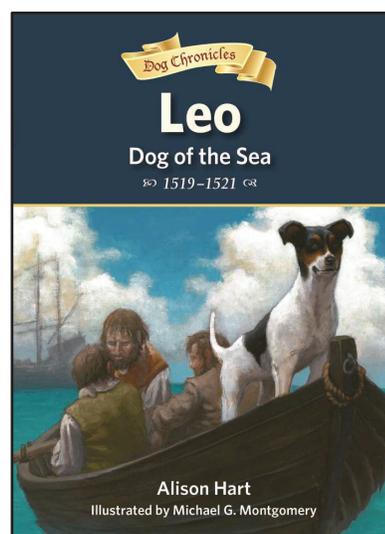


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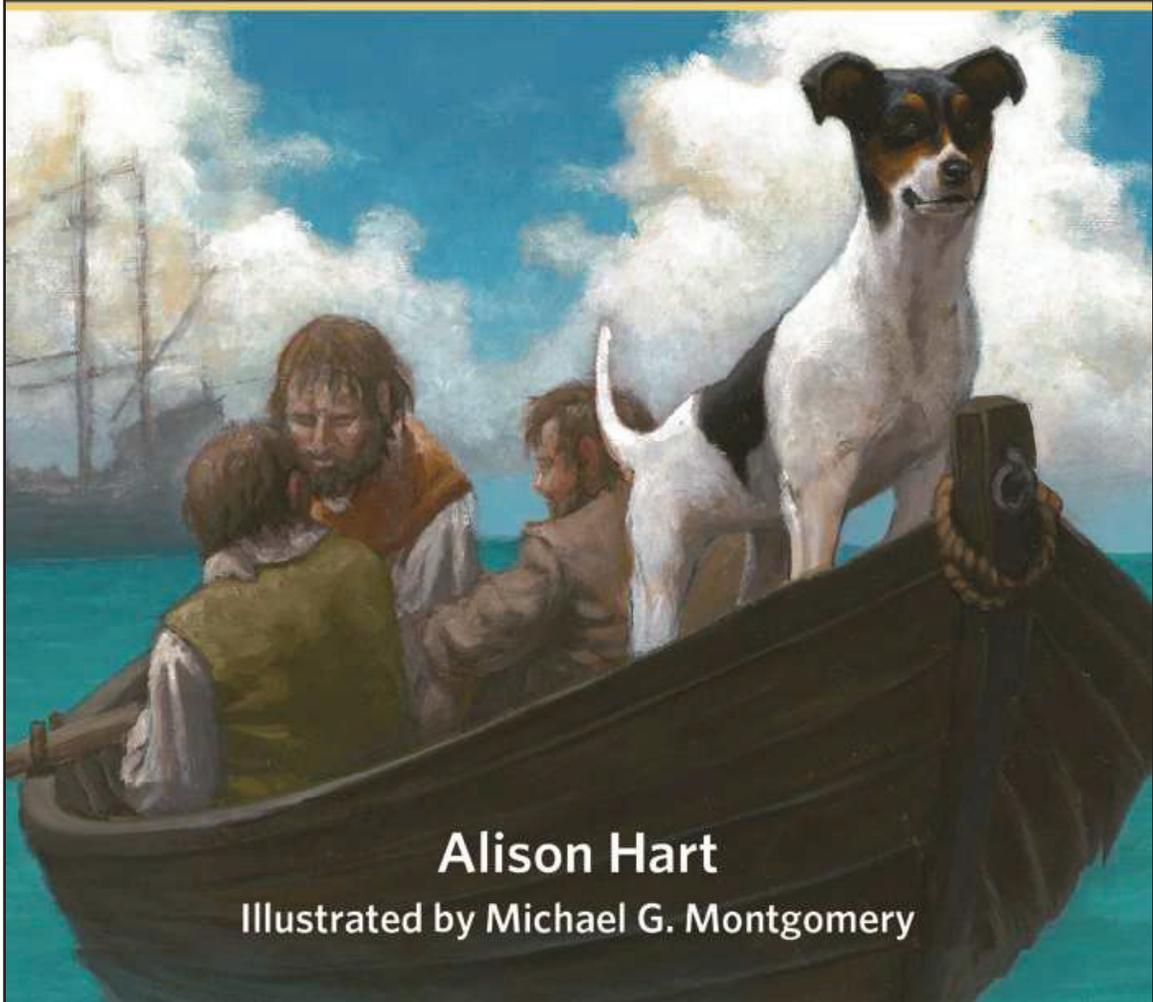
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Leo, Dog of the Sea is a chapter book that tells the story of Leo, a dog along for Magellan's voyage from Spain to America in search of the Spice Islands. The story begins with the ship setting sail, when Leo is simply an unnamed dog on the ship to kill rats. Leo stumbles upon a young boy stowing away on the ship. As Magellan's fleet of five ships sails across the Atlantic, the crew faces a variety of hardships including horrible storms, heatstroke, and dangerously low food and water. Through the perils, the stowaway emerges from his hiding place and is gradually treated like a member of the crew, as he is needed to help with the emergencies.

Leo grows close to Marco as well as Pigafetta, the ship's scribe; both men share their food with Leo, and Leo saves Marco a few times. Leo is distrustful of Espinosa, the ship's Master-at-Arms, who more than once threatens to throw Leo off the side or cook him. The journey is long, and more than once, the sailors whisper of their regret and their mistrust of Magellan, who they believe is leading them on a fool's errand. When the fleet reaches America, they search for the strait that supposedly runs through the continent and will allow them passage to the west. They lose two ships along the way, and a sickness goes through the ships that kills thirty men, and soon they run into natives.

The first group of natives is massacred at Magellan's command after a misunderstanding, but later groups of natives are friendly and eager to trade with and feed the sailors. They arrive at an island led by a man named Kolambu, who submits to Spain right away and is very kind. The sailors introduce Christianity to the island. Kolambu tells the sailors that a nearby island, Mactan, is hostile to them, and Magellan declares that he will make Mactan submit to the newly-converted Kolambu and to Spain. The island of Cebu submits to Spain, and one of the chiefs of Mactan does as well, but the other chief of Mactan, Lapu Lapu, refuses to submit. Magellan declares war on Lapu Lapu, confident that his superior weapons and armor will win the battle. The fight goes horribly, and men are killed, injured, and poisoned.

The sailors are outnumbered, and Magellan calls for a retreat but is unable to get out himself. He dies in battle. His slave, Enrique, was supposed to be granted freedom upon Magellan's death, but Magellan's replacement captains refuse to honor his freedom. Enrique jumps ship and swims to the island. When the ships prepare to leave once more, they receive a message from Humadon, the other chief of Mactan, inviting them to a feast. They accept, but the invitation is a trap, and many of them are killed. Enrique has convinced Humadon that Lapu Lapu will forgive him if he becomes an enemy of Spain. The three remaining ships flee, and Espinosa takes charge, Magellan's replacement captains now dead.

Leo has grown close with Marco and Pigafetta, and the three of them look toward the horizon, heading for the Spice Islands, wondering what their adventure still holds for them.