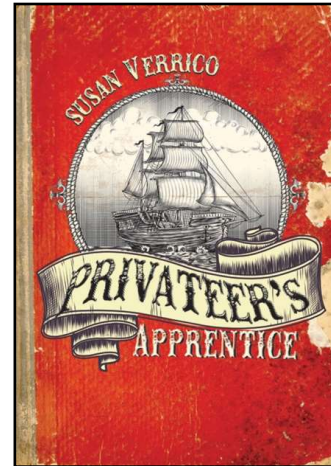


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Sales Handle:

When Jameson is kidnapped and taken to sea, he must learn how to survive – and how to apply the skills he has learned at home as a printer’s son.

Description:

Set in Charles Towne, Carolina Territory in 1712, *Privateer’s Apprentice* tells the story of thirteen-year old Jameson Cooper, son of a printer, who has been thrown in jail after the death of both of his parents. Sold to the town baker, Jameson is kidnapped by a brigand of privateers working for Queen Anne before he can even begin his indentured servitude. Adventures on the high seas follow, and Jameson must prove his worth to the men who eventually become his “family.” In the end, it is up to Jameson to use his wits and education to save his captain from death.

Sales Points:

- Action-packed adventure on the high seas.
 - Fascinating details about life at sea during Queen Anne’s War (1702–1713)
 - Now available in paperback
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Author Bio and Residence:

Susan Verrico has been writing stories since she was ten, when she won her fifth grade class' writing contest. She grew up in Tallahassee, Florida, and spent numerous days roaming nearby beaches looking for pirate treasure. She moved to New Jersey as a teenager, and earned a BA in Communication and an MA in Writing from Rowan University. A history buff, Susan spends her spare time researching and writing. Married with two grown sons, she teaches language arts in a middle/high school.

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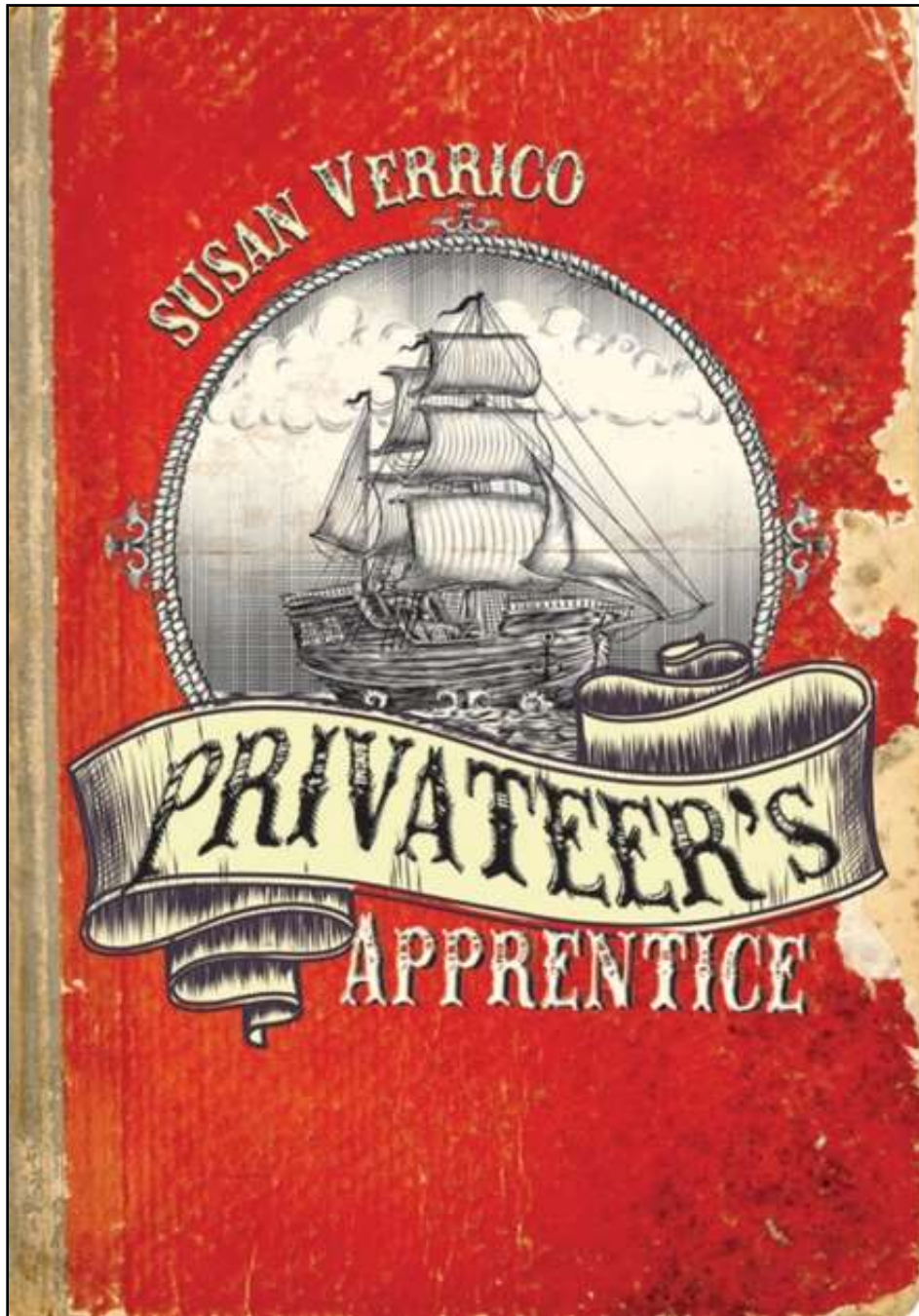
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Territory: World

Jameson Cooper, a thirteen year old in Charles Towne during Queen Anne's War, is left penniless when a plague kills his parents and a man takes his father's printing shop, claiming Jameson's father owed him money. Jameson is accused of thievery and arrested when he is tempted to pick up a loaf of bread at a bakery.

On auction day, when he is to be sold into indentured servitude, Netty, an old woman Jameson befriends in jail, tells him that the royal captain and his first mate, who appeared on the docks near the auction block, are Captain Jack Edwards (Attack Jack) and one-eyed Solitaire Peep. Netty is bought as a cook, and Jameson is bought by the baker.

Jameson is knocked unconscious and wakes up on the ship *Destiny*, where he lies about his age. When Jameson asks to be returned to Charles Towne, Captain Jack shows him a Letter of Marque signed by Queen Anne, proving his right to press any man into service. Over time, Jameson learns all sailor duties, but because he knows how to read, write, and draw maps, the Captain makes him the ship's sea-artist.

Destiny is attacked in Spanish waters. Its mast is felled, but they escape and must sail to a friendly shore to repair. Most of their food is thrown overboard so the ship won't take on water.

They reach the secret Crossed Island and stay for a month. During the first two nights, the Captain and Peep disappear. When they return, the Captain shows Jameson the secret maps they plan to give to the Queen so she can claim land for England. A storm floods the secret cave where they bury the maps. Jameson is rescued by the Captain, but they believe Peep to be dead and sail to Charles Towne to restock their food supply.

When a sailor sent to buy food does not return, the Captain and Jabbart go into town, where the Captain is arrested. Queen Anne signed the Treaty of Utrecht with France and Spain while *Destiny* was at sea. The captain of the Spanish ship they fought reported *Destiny* a pirate ship. Because the Captain's Letter of Marque expired, he will hang as a pirate in a few days.

Jameson and Jabbart go the tavern where Netty is indentured. She agrees to distract the printer with ale and food. At Jameson's father's old store, Jameson works through the night to print a new Letter with a valid date and forges Queen Anne's signature. At the courthouse, they present the forged Letter. The new printer is called to verify the signature. He recognizes Jameson and, afraid that Jameson will expose him for his false claim to the printing shop, verifies it, freeing the Captain.

The crew spends two seasons on Crossed Island, awaiting the spring winds that will take them to England where the Captain hopes that the maps will grant him another commission, and find Solitaire Peep alive. Jameson, though still proud of his printing skills and his father's teachings, is happy to be a privateer.