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To The Edge Of The World





Synopsis

ORPHANED BY THE plague and penniless, Mateo must find his way in the world. By chance he is made a cabin boy on the celebrated voyage of Captain-General Ferdinand Magellan. The destination is secret, but the crew whispers that Magellan will be the first to sail east to the Spice Islands by going westâ "and everyone shall return with untold riches. At sea, Mateo discovers the meaning of friendship, loyalty, and hard work, as well as the delight of first love. But when the ocean rages and brother turns against brother, both Mateo and Magellan are in dangerâ "and itâ ™s not clear if anyone will survive. . . .â œTorrey deftly maintains the taut thread of adventure that, along with the cast of memorable characters, keep the pages turning.â •â "Publishers Weekly, Starredâ œThis deserves to be in the hands of every reader who loves history and adventure.â •â "Kirkus Reviews

Book Information

Lexile Measure: 730L (What's this?) Hardcover: 240 pages Publisher: Knopf Books for Young Readers; First Edition edition (February 11, 2003) Language: English ISBN-10: 0375823387 ISBN-13: 978-0375823381 Product Dimensions: 5.9 x 0.9 x 8.6 inches Shipping Weight: 13.4 ounces Average Customer Review: 4.8 out of 5 stars Â See all reviews (6 customer reviews) Best Sellers Rank: #679,737 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #43 in Books > Teens > Historical Fiction > Exploration & Discovery #132 in Books > Children's Books > Literature & Fiction > Historical Fiction > Exploration & Discoveries #5591 in Books > Teens > Literature & Fiction > Action & Adventure Age Range: 12 and up Grade Level: 7 and up

Customer Reviews

Mateo Macias de Avila must learn to survive on his own after his parents die of the plague in 1519. Fourteen year old Mateo can draw, read, sing and play a guitar. These talents help him once he is recruited as cabin boy, musician, and eventually ship artist on a voyage led by Magellan. I found this book suitable for older children and young adults. Though the reading level is 5th-8th grade, the material is often at an older level. I would lean towards grades 7-9 as the youngest readers for this book.

This will always be one of my absolute favorite books. What an incredible story this is! It takes you on such an amazing journey into another time and place and into the mindset of one of the most incredible explorers. Loved every sentence! A must read for adventure and history lovers.

To the Edge of the World is an exciting book, full of adventure and surprises. The book made me feel like I was right there with Mateo, the cabin boy on Magellan's journey to the Spice Islands. I never imagined there were so many dangers on a trip around the world! I recommend the book to anybody who likes the sea, history, and real-life adventures.

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