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Trip Montgomery has no idea what is in store for him when he finds the dusty old trunk hidden under the floorboards in his mom's attic. The trunk reveals a series of mysteries that send him on the greatest adventure of his life. Will his best friend Josh and his new friend Sarah be able to help Trip solve the clues that lead to the greatest treasure ever known to man? Or will Trip's obsession with the treasure drive him deep into the disorienting dreamland of his great grandfather Pappy?

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<http://www.amazon.com/Gasparillas-Tre...>

Excerpts from Amazon reviews:

I was so excited to get my hands on this book; I certainly was not let down.

I cannot wait for the sequel, this was like a "National Treasure" for kids.

The characters are very well developed, and they're relatable and likeable.

Sometimes funny, sometimes mystery all ages will love this book! I got lost in the epic ending. Described so well that it is like watching a movie in mind. If you liked Goonies, read this book.

This story is rich! The dialogue is tightly written and smart. It's very approachable and witty. It's definitely worth the read!

Gasparilla's Treasure definitely ticked all the boxes for me and I have no hesitation in recommending it to any lover of adventure with a good touch of humor thrown in for good measure.

Will someone please make this into a movie, it's the "Goonies" of this generation.

I've always been a fan of treasure-hunting stories, and this one doesn't disappoint---the clues to the location of the treasure were really clever---and the ending of the book was thoroughly satisfying.

When my parents told me to go to bed, I couldn't put this book down! I live near St. Augustine and I can relate to all the historical sites. Thank-you Scott Clemets for writing Gasparilla's Treasure!

There is action, adventure, and even a bit of romance, as well as lessons about standing up for yourself, respecting your parents, dealing with hardships and loss, and being a good friend.

Gasparilla's Treasure Details

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Anna Schubarth says

With a captivating lead-in akin to a Cussler novel, Clements punctuates school days with mystery, intrigue and adventure. Set in historic St. Augustine, Florida, "Gasparilla's Treasure" has wit and charm to please any reader.

Rosalita9899 says

I am 40 years old and I loved reading this book. I enjoyed following the kids on their adventure. I thought it was well written, the pacing was good it moved along and I was never wondering when do we move on. (That happens to me in some books.) The characters were likable and a nice group effort was made, everyone had something to contribute.

I learned a lot about St. Augustine, Florida and now hope to visit someday.

I used to read the Trixie Belden Mysteries as a child and this reminded me of those adventures. Also a big fan of Goonies so the same feel was a plus for me.

The target audience is for middle school children but I think we all still have that middle school child in us and it reminds us of a different time in our lives.

I definitely recommend this book and look forward to reading more from this author. I enjoyed the voice as I read, that is always important to me as well.

It is a good, fun read. I enjoyed the adventure.

The only reason I didn't give it a 5 was because here a 5 is amazing. 4 is I really liked it. But I did read the book in a day. It was a nice pleasant day.

Rosie

Scott Clements says

This is a great treasure hunt adventure! It's an easy read, and I think boys will really be able to relate to this one.

OK, fine... I love the book because I wrote it... are you happy?

Addison says

We did get this for free from the Goodreads first reads program! I say we because I listened to this with my son he's never really heard an audio book before but this is the kind of book that holds his interest. Yes, he's

a little young for the demographic of 'middle grade' but he's reading that book group anyway. He really enjoyed it, he wanted to find out what's happening next and the book wasn't too long so it held his interest. The narrator did a fantastic job in his reading and his voices for the different characters. This book will also hold the interest of adults, it's not silly like some kids books, and it really does feel like a "National Treasure" for kids. It's a big treasure hunt and these kids follow clue after clue to find the mysterious treasure that Trip's family has been after for several generations. There are obstacles a long the way and it's all one grand adventure. This book is definitely worth a read, and we will more than likely read it again.

Aimee says

Well, I liked the chapters of this book that didn't have as much of the school bully threatening and trying to beat up Trip and more of the quest Trip and his two friends were on. About part way through I got kinda tired of the school bullies and Trips yelling Mom. However, Eli the school bully did play a part in Trip and his friends being able to find Gasparilla's Treasure in that Eli had followed them with the Gasparilla book he stole from them and Trip was able to get it back so they could complete the quest. Thankfully the School bully did not bother them anymore after the ground shook to reveal the cave and he just wanted to get out of the cave he was dragged along into and made his escape when Trip and his friends were preoccupied with their quest. Also, Trips Mom figured out where they were but wasn't mad at him anymore because she was too amazed to see that they really found Gasperilla and the treasure which she previously didn't believe existed. Overall I would give it 3.3 stars and might read the second book to find out what happens next.

Serena Schreiber says

Gasparilla's Treasure is like the movie *National Treasure*, set in Florida for middle-graders. Three kids try to solve a puzzle dating back centuries and find a treasure hidden somewhere in St. Augustine, the United States' oldest city. The legendary pirate Gasparilla has left clues to its whereabouts.

We meet the "bad guy," school bully early on, but the main plot develops slowly. So, encourage young readers to keep going to a sensational climax worthy of the big screen.

The likable main character is thirteen-year-old Trip. We hope he can find a way to keep his great-grandpa from getting kicked out of his nursing home. Finding the treasure could provide the monetary solution.

Best friend Josh was my favorite character for sheer comic relief. But don't be fooled -- Josh plays a key part in solving the mystery. The third important character is Trip's love interest, Sarah, whose brains and ingenuity contribute to finding all pieces of the puzzle.

No excessive violence or inappropriate situations spoil this story for younger middle-grade readers and I won't spoil your exciting read by saying any more here. Read *Gasparilla's Treasure*.

Nicole says

Gasparilla's Treasure is set in St. Augustine, Florida and follows Francis (please call him Trip) Montgomery on a classic buried treasure adventure. Except Trip is not your usual 13 year old boy - he discovers after visiting his great-grandfather in the nursing home that he comes from a long line of treasure hunters.

Together with his video-gaming best friend, Josh, and strikingly pretty new girl, Sarah, he sets of to find the lost treasure of fabled pirate Gasparilla.

This was a quick, fun read - especially on a day stuck inside due to ice and below freezing temperatures outside. At least I could enjoy sunny, warm Florida in my imagination.

Please see full review <http://ennleesreadingcorner.wordpress....>

Wensday says

This was a nice quick read as the story flows well and is entertaining. I almost gave the book a 3 because of the "villain" Eli, is this middle school or the "Sopranos" as Eli was a bit over the top. But I really enjoyed the book and hope there is another adventure.

Emily says

First Reads

I won a copy of GASPARILLA'S TREASURE in a giveaway.

Fantastic! I read this in one sitting. I enjoyed every single page, and every single character. Well, maybe I didn't like Eli and the goons so much, but who likes bullies?

I loved how fun this treasure hunt was, and how clean the content was. Clements has done an amazing job with his debut novel, and it's packed full of action and a little teen romance.

I believe my favorite character is Josh. Although, he's quite the lazy, video game crazed teenager, he provided a huge amount of comedic relief. I found myself giggling at his witty remarks, or laughing out loud when he was talking himself out of complicated situations.

Trip was precious, and I found myself hoping that my two boys might be like him one day. His close connection with his Pappy is heart warming. Like any teen, he disobeyed him mom--haha, but in the end it all worked out.

Sarah was a very lovable character. She was so sweet, loyal, and took on the roll of being the team cheerleader. You couldn't help but fall in love with her, too.

I really enjoyed reading this novel. I think it helped that I've been to St. Augustine, Florida. It is such a beautiful and picturesque location, and it was the perfect setting for a pirate treasure hunt. You could tell that Clements did his research when writing the novel.

I know of several people who would enjoy this book, and I plan on recommending it highly.

This little book was such a breath of fresh air...no profanity, no teen angst drama, no sexual content...just simple and pure fun.

Two Thumbs Up for GASPARILLA'S TREASURE. I'm hoping there will be more adventures in store for

Trip and his friends.

Great debut novel!!!

Rhonda says

Thursday, May 17, 2012 Gasparilla's Treasure by Scott Clements

5 STARS

This story grabs your attention fast and holds it. It's a treasure hunt trying to find the pirate Gasparilla's treasure.

Trip always visits his grandfather in the rest home. Someday he is recognized and others not. He even talks and plays game with some of the others in the carecenter. Trip is 13.

One day Trip's grandfather told him to find the trunk in the attic. his family needed the money.

Trip tells his mother and she gets upset that his father and grandfather were always wasteing time in the trunk. That she won't have him waste the time away too. Finally she gives in and gives him the key to the trunk.

Thier is a new girl in school and Trip makes her laugh until the bully & goons come to set an example by beating up Trip because he did not have money to pay protection service. He also told Sarah Valentine that she was his new girl friend. Sarah threatened him with mace.

Josh is Trip good friend who is always on his game player. Josh, Trip and Sarah figure out where the four pieces of map are and try and find them together.

Eli and goons are spying on them trying to get them in trouble and get them to pay him.

Its fun to read thier adventure and see them get closer to the treasure and not give up because of hurdles in the road.

I was given this book to read in exchange of honest review by Librarything.

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Anthony Jr. says

I picked this ebook up for free during Scott's Amazon promotion. About halfway through I felt like I was watching National Treasure, except being played out with tweens. The historical references, the treasure hunting, the clues... if you enjoyed that movie, you likely won't be disappointed by this book.

I found the writing style to be on the understated side, which I prefer. Mr. Clements is not repetitious, nor does he rely on cramming in more words trying to set a scene or describe an action. The story pace is like an easy river, I finished the book in two sittings and aside from a slightly slow start I never felt a sluggish moment.

My only issue with the book was no fault of the author's -- the target audience is too young for my taste. The language is good, but simple. The characters are likeable but not very complex. The plot is straight-forward and I found myself skimming every now and then as I could tell what was about to happen.

For kids age 10 - 15 or so, I think this would be an excellent read. The story ends well while leaving open the possibility of more exploits to come for the young adventurers. Well done!

Tiffany says

Wow! That's pretty much all I have to say. I couldn't put it down and I am practically speechless. I loved this book! The characters seemed so real and I felt like I was a part of the book. I felt for the characters. Gasparilla's Treasure was so great. It was well written, thoughtful, and made me smile. Just... wow! I can't wait for the sequel.

Jemima Pett says

Trip is a decent, reasonably hardworking young man, loves his great grandfather 'Pappy' who is ill in a care home, and has just discovered a whole new world of emotions when he set eyes on a new girl in school. Trouble is, the school bully has seen her too. Fuelled by a few coherent words Pappy said, he searches the loft for a trunk, inside which there are papers and clues to be studied and unravelled. Trip and his friend Josh are joined by a new friend, bright, attractive, and new to the school... with a nice turn in finding the answers to the most obscure clues. Trip occasionally can't believe his luck, but there is a puzzle to be solved and the bully to be evaded, avoided and outwitted.

Scott Clements' story is pacy and enjoyable. It paints pictures of young love, secret treasure and the fascinating history of the Florida coast, with no cloying romance or cliched travelogue. You care about the characters (well, not the bully and his henchmen, who early on were somewhat irritating but were gradually woven into the main plot). Mother, great grandfather and a few other necessary adults are skilfully portrayed. A mystery Native American is suitably mysterious and the intricacies of the treasure trail carefully managed to be neither so easy you wonder why previous generations of the family couldn't solve it, nor so obtuse that the reader can't follow.

Altogether a very enjoyable tale and one for young readers of any age.

Kristine says

I want to start off with the simple truth. **You have to read this book!** I started reading it this morning, and under five hours later I was done. I did not pass go, I did not collect \$200, I just sat and read it from start to finish. The **BEST** part about this book, is that there is a definite sequel, which by the way I can NOT wait to read!

Trip has a true gentleness about him and he is filled with love for his grandfather. His whole quest is not for personal gain, it's passion for the well being of his family. He faces obstacles but nothing slows him down. He just keeps racing towards his end goal, finding Gasparilla's Treasure to save his family.

He faces a bully, gains a friend, takes a beating, and stands up for himself all in search of this treasure. He succeeds and finds the treasure in the end, unknowingly stumbling upon another quest. *Which by the way, I will be jumping into as soon as humanly possible.*

Clements did an amazing job writing this book. The scenery and challenges faced were beautifully described. Almost to the point where I felt like I was next to Trip and his friends racing for Gasparilla's Treasure with

them. I really don't have anything negative to say about this book at all. Even if I tried really hard to think of something bad to say about this book, nothing comes to mind.

Completely off topic, but the cover alone would of been enough for me to pick this book up in a book store. Its great, and fits the book perfectly. Overall this book has to be rated with FIVE STARS!!

I would recommend this book to anyone. You **HAVE** to read it! The story will grab you right away and keep you memorized until the very last page. Just be warned, you will not be able to put this book down. I know I wasn't able to.

Happy Reading,
Kristine

S.W. says

Gasparilla's Treasure is a worthy adventure read for middle-graders. I'll try to offer some useful comments without letting out any spoilers.

The three central characters are your typical kids. The main character, Trip, provides the link to the background story that leads to the adventure. Josh is his goofy friend, and Sarah is a newbie to their school.

As the story develops, so too does the friendship between the three characters. There is a common enemy, Eli the bully, and the three need to work together (well at least Josh thinks he's helpful) to solve the mystery that has been unsolved for generations. For those of you who are wondering, there wasn't excessive violence, offensive storylines or actions, so I think it's a good wholesome story for the middle grade target audience.

My favourite character was Josh, the goofball, as he added some comic relief to the story, by just being himself. He lingered in the adventure without having to actually contribute much, so he was free to fulfil his love of video games along the way. My least favourite character was Eli, the bully, not due to the writing, but just for the fact that I hate bullies. This indicates to me that the author has been successful in portraying the baddie character to the reader.

Overall, I enjoyed this adventure and it kept my interest from cover to cover. There were hints of more to come - a second book perhaps? I'd be pleased if there were more adventures to read in the future.
