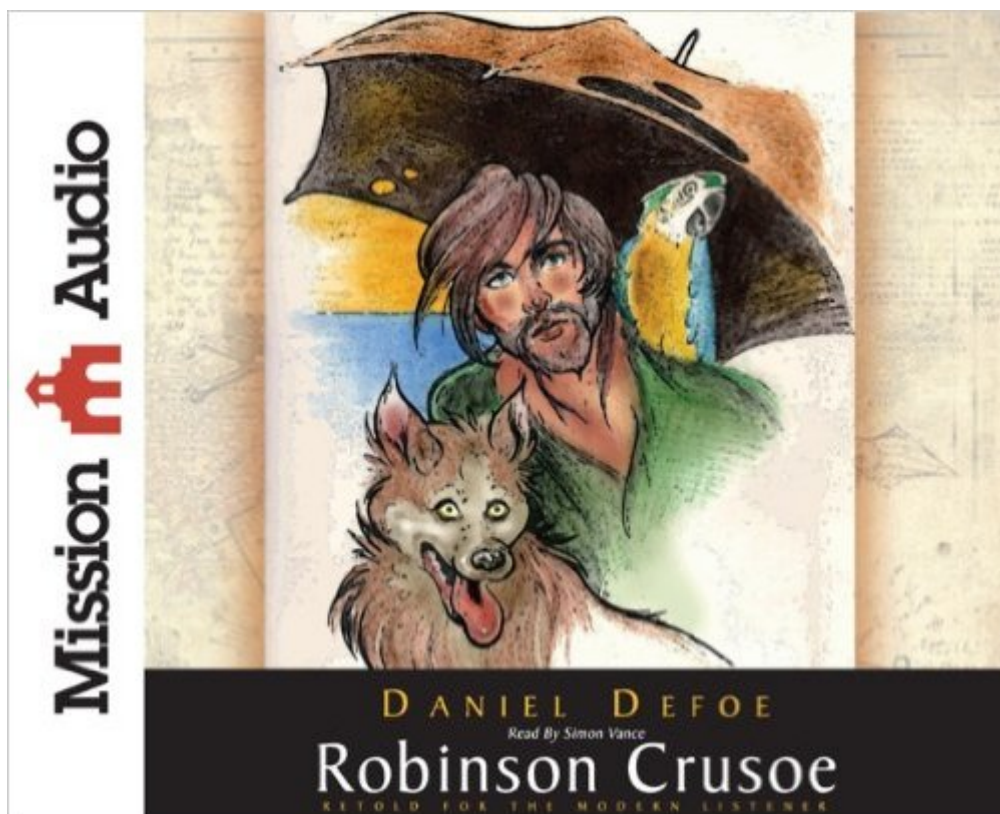


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Robinson Crusoe



Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

This abridgement is a joke. I generally am not a fan of abridgements in the first place. However, since Robinson Crusoe is such an excellent book and I would like to have my kids familiar with the general outline at a younger age, I thought, "Maybe it won't be so bad." Well it certainly is. Whether people like Christianity or not, you can't "abridge" Crusoe's struggle with the faith (and understanding of Providence) out of the story without making it a different book. And the hyper-sanitation is laughable. OK, I get that most don't want the gory cannibalistic details. But Crusoe is knocking out natives and tying them up instead of killing them when he saves Friday. Really? I what next, does he leave them to starve...tell their friends, "Please take him when you leave." And it is beyond stupid, and unfaithful to the story!, that Crusoe seems to trust Friday with his life immediately. This abridgement is so bad that I am going to throw it away so that no kid has to read this particular copy of this tragedy. You want to know what this "classic start" is? It is like looking for a way to get your kid to appreciate steak, and then some moron tells you to start him on SPAM. Don't waste your time or money. This abridgement would be detrimental to your child's

appreciation of literature. Carve off some of the actual steak. Summarize the slower parts, avoid the gore (but don't hide the real danger and ruin the story), and actually read the classic and not some plastic knock-off.

I almost bought all the books in this collection for my boys to read this summer. My husband read one or two chapters of Tom Sawyer every night before bed and soon enough my oldest son, who is 9 years old, wanted to read out loud some pages. Since then he has read about 5 of these great story books to his brothers at night. It has become a great family time and they look forward to read. I think the stories are easy to read and keep the kids interested. There are some pictures in the book too. The adaptation of the stories is just right for elementary school kids, chapters are 2 to 5 pages long and the adventure is unforgettable.

This is a good version for the age group (grades 4-7). My daughter started reading the original version and it was very difficult. This version does not mention cannibalism or Christianity, two main points of the original.

This is a classic book I bought my son, so that he could read the wonderful stories I grew up on. Nicely made into a fine hard cover, this is durable, and will last a long time even if he falls asleep with it and rolls all over it, whilst reading it.

This was one of my favorite books as a child. I probably read this book five times, but not for at least 40 years. When reading the comments and reviews I only then remembered some parts that dragged on and on that were probably better left off, especially for a six year old reader. But I did miss the indepth details of how he set up his home on the island, and also about his encounters with the cannibals. But overall it is still a great read and my son really enjoyed it. We have now moved to Swiss Family Robinson, which pales in comparison.

This is a POOR excuse for the original. You have managed to strip a GREAT story of all that was good in it. This version would possibly be good for a toddler who can not yet read.

First of all i wanted the book, so when i got it and saw it was "retold from the daniel defoe original" i felt this is a ripoff so ii'm returning it

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