

THE SMUGGLER'S CURSE

by Norman Jorgensen

ABOUT THE BOOK

Red Read's life takes an alarming turn when his mother sells him to an infamous smuggler plying his trade off the north-west coast of Australia in the closing days of the 19th century. From terrifying encounters with cut-throat pirates to battling the forces of nature in a tropical typhoon, Red is in for the adventure of a lifetime.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Multi-award-winning writer Norman Jorgensen began writing in primary school, but it took many years before his first picture book, *In Flanders Fields*, was published. Norman has since published three novels – *Jack's Island*, *The Smuggler's Curse* and *The Wreckers' Revenge* – and two picture books with local illustrator James Foley, *The Last Viking* and *The Last Viking Returns*.



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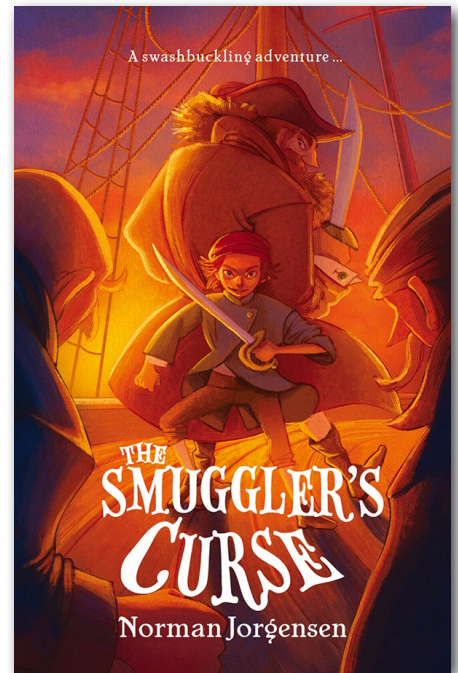
- Now available in a brand new edition for a new generation to enjoy.
- A pirate adventure perfect for young boys who love excitement and rogues in their stories.
- Smugglers were just as much a part of Australian history as English history and this is a bona-fide home-grown Australian adventure.
- This novel is suitable for people looking for a classic adventure that is sensitive to contemporary readers.
- This is the first book in the series, with the sequel, *The Wreckers' Revenge*, having been released in 2019.
- Norman Jorgensen has been shortlisted four times for the Western Australian Premier's Book Awards in 2002, 2004, 2008 and 2012. He has twice won the Western Australian Young Readers' Book Award in 2009 and 2012, and was the winner of the Children's Book Council of Australia Book of the Year in 2003.

PRAISE FOR THE BOOK

'a thrilling, old-fashioned, highly satisfying, blood-and-guts Boys' Own adventure.' *Magpies*

'Jam packed with action and adventure ...' *Reading Time*

'Like all good pirate stories it's the sort of book you can't put down and end up reading under the blankets with your torch when you're supposed to be asleep.' *West Australian*



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