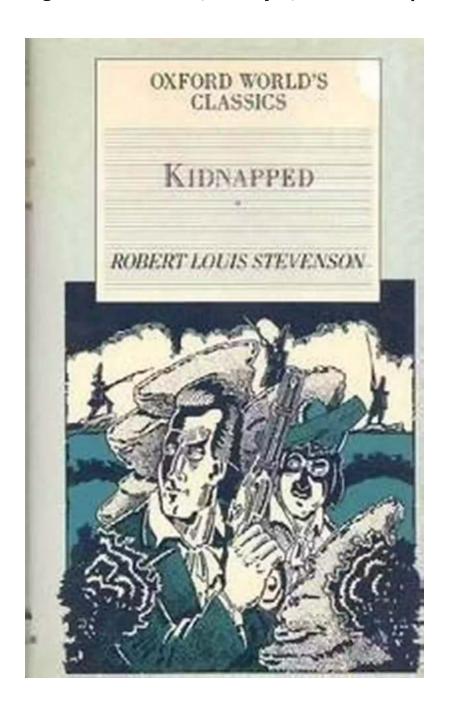
## **Kidnapped by Robert Louis Stevenson - A Captivating Tale of Adventure and Resilience**

The Intertwining Paths of Honor, Betrayal, and Redemption



When it comes to adventure novels, few can rival the timeless appeal of *Kidnapped* by Robert Louis Stevenson. Published as part of the Oxford World Classics series, this masterpiece has captivated readers for generations with its thrilling storylines, vivid characters, and unforgettable escapades.

#### The Unforgettable Journey Begins

The story begins in 1751, during the aftermath of the Jacobite rising, which sought to restore the exiled Stuart dynasty to the throne of Scotland. Our protagonist, the young and spirited David Balfour, embarks on a treacherous voyage across the Scottish Highlands after being kidnapped and put aboard a ship by his deceitful Uncle Ebenezer.



#### **Kidnapped (Oxford World's Classics)**

by Robert Louis Stevenson(1st Edition, Kindle Edition)

**★** ★ ★ ★ 4.2 out of 5 Language : English File size : 1580 KB Text-to-Speech : Enabled Enhanced typesetting: Enabled Word Wise : Enabled : Enabled Lendina Screen Reader : Supported Print length : 257 pages



As David finds himself in the company of captivating characters, such as the charismatic and enigmatic Alan Breck Stewart, the tale takes an exhilarating turn. Together, they navigate their way through the rugged terrain, encounter dangerous outlaws and hostile clans, and become entangled in political conspiracies.

#### A Battle of Wits and Courage

Throughout the novel, Stevenson masterfully explores themes of loyalty, honor, and betrayal. The relationship between David and Alan serves as the driving force behind the story's gripping narrative. From their initial distrust to the development of an unbreakable bond, their journey is one of discovery, resilience, and survival.

Stevenson's intricate plot keeps readers on the edge of their seats, with each chapter unveiling new twists and turns. As David's innocence fades away, he must rely on his wit and courage to outsmart his adversaries, confront his fears, and fight for his rightful place in the world.

#### **An Immersive Historical Setting**

Set against the backdrop of 18th-century Scotland, *Kidnapped* showcases Stevenson's remarkable ability to depict the country's rich history and breathtaking landscapes. From the bustling streets of Edinburgh to the untamed wilderness of the Highlands, readers are transported back in time to a world full of danger, intrigue, and adventure.

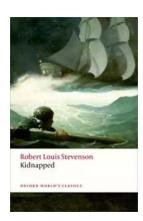
By intertwining real events and figures of the era, Stevenson brings authenticity and depth to the story. This combination of historical accuracy and imaginative storytelling makes *Kidnapped* a truly immersive experience, captivating readers of all ages and backgrounds.

#### **A Timeless Classic**

Since its publication in 1886, *Kidnapped* has remained a beloved classic, consistently praised for its engaging narrative and unforgettable characters. Stevenson's masterful writing style and meticulous attention to detail create a world that readers can easily get lost in.

While initially hailed as a children's adventure novel, *Kidnapped* transcends age boundaries, resonating with readers from various generations. Its themes of self-discovery, resilience, and the pursuit of justice continue to resonate with readers today and serve as a reminder of the power of human determination.

In *Kidnapped*, Robert Louis Stevenson weaves an enthralling tale of adventure, loyalty, and resilience that has stood the test of time. With its gripping plot, vivid characters, and immersive historical setting, this Oxford World Classic is a must-read for anyone seeking an unforgettable journey into the heart of Scottish history.



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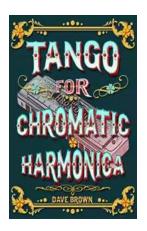
Tricked out of his inheritance, shanghaied, shipwrecked off the west coast of Scotland, David Balfour finds himself fleeing for his life in the dangerous company of Jacobite outlaw and suspected assassin Alan Breck Stewart. Their unlikely

friendship is put to the test as they dodge government troops across the Scottish Highlands.

Set in the aftermath of the 1745 rebellion, Kidnapped transforms the Romantic historical novel into the modern thriller. Its heart-stopping scenes of cross-country pursuit, distilled to a pure intensity in Stevenson's prose, have become a staple of adventure stories from John Buchan to Alfred Hitchcock and Ian Fleming. Kidnapped remains as exhilarating today as when it was first published in 1886.

This new edition is based on the 1895 text, incorporating Stevenson's last thoughts about the novel before his death. It includes Stevenson's 'Note to Kidnapped', reprinted for the first time since 1922.

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