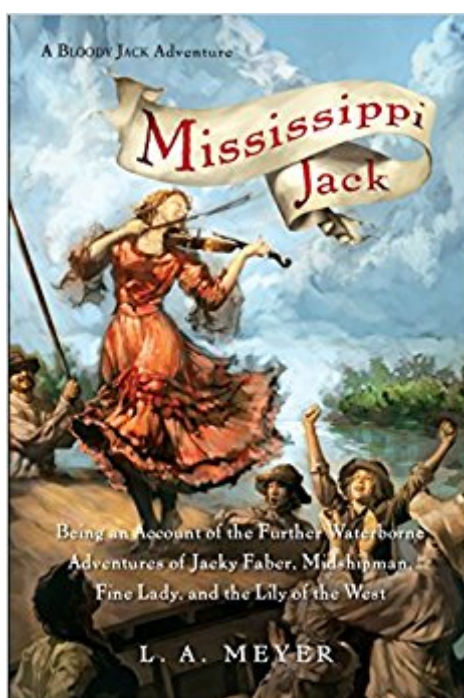


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Mississippi Jack: Being An Account Of The Further Waterborne Adventures Of Jacky Faber, Midshipman, Fine Lady, And Lily Of The West (Bloody Jack Adventures)



Synopsis

The intrepid Jacky Faber, having once again eluded British authorities, heads west, hoping that no one will recognize her in the wilds of America. There she tricks the tall-tale hero Mike Fink out of his flatboat, equips it as a floating casino-showboat, and heads south to New Orleans, battling murderous bandits, British soldiers, and other scoundrels along the way. Will Jacky's carelessness and impulsive actions ultimately cause her beloved Jaimy to be left in her wake?

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Customer Reviews

"The fun rolls on like the mighty Mississippi . . . Jacky continues to amaze readers with her clever plots, narrow escapes, and the uncanny ability to outwit thieves and bureaucrats, make money, and have some fun. Fans will look forward to the next installment."--VOYA (4Q)

L. A. Meyer (1942–2014) was the acclaimed writer of the Bloody Jack Adventure series, which follows the exploits of an impetuous heroine who has fought her way up from the squalid streets of London to become an adventurer of the highest order. Mr. Meyer was an art teacher, an illustrator, a designer, a naval officer, and a gallery owner. All of those experiences helped him in the writing of his curious tales of the beloved Jacky Faber. Visit www.jackyfaber.com for more

information on the author and his books. ã ã

This is the fifth book in the Bloody Jack series. Jacky takes a trip on the Mississippi river where she encounters gamblers, prostitutes, indians, thieves, runaway slaves, river pirates, and British agents. Many of the characters from previous books appear in this new setting along with new ones to provide the most delightful book so far in this series. Jacky is getting to be more of a ham with each book and you can't help but love this character! I laughed frequently and read the entire book in less than a day! I love this series for its humor, adventure, historical setting, and tough, tenacious Jacky herself! Highly recommended for anyone, not just young adults!

Mississippi Jack: Being an Account of the Further Waterborne Adventures of Jacky Faber, Midshipman, Fine Lady, and Lady of the West (Bloody Jack Adventures) by L. A. Meyer continues the story of Jacky Faber as she heads into the West to escape British Authorities and eventually heads south to New Orleans. And every step of the way, Jacky's beloved, Jamie, is always right behind her but never close enough to be with her. I wasn't crazy about a few things in the book and it seemed to get a bit ridiculous on how much and quickly everyone went to Jacky's side, but overall it wasn't bad. It's not a bad book or series. It keeps you interested all the way through. Even though it does get a little annoying how Jacky always seems to get away so easily. Because I noticed a few reviews mentioning "adult" themes in this book and that it shouldn't be a young adult book, I just wanted to touch on that. It mentions about rape, though no one is actually raped. If that is too "adult" for you, then maybe this isn't the right book for you. Honestly though, I don't think it's that bad. There are so many more books in the young adult genre that are just as bad if not worse with "adult" topics like that. (Some go into further detail than this book does.) Not only that, but the news has just as much if not more "adult" topics in it as well. So, if you think this book is too adult for you, then maybe you should stay in a bubble where you read nothing, see nothing, and don't even go on the internet because that has too many "adult" themed things on it. I did enjoy this book, even though it wasn't the best Bloody Jack book in the series. I still recommend this book to anyone and the series as well because it is a very good series.

In this, the 5th novel in the picaresque/historical fiction series about the adventures/misadventures of the irrepressible Jacky Faber, we see our heroine again narrowly escaping transport back to England to be hanged for piracy. Jacky then begins another rousing adventure tale as she travels west to the Allegheny-Ohio-Mississippi Rivers on her way to New Orleans, meeting characters

along the way that sound like they could have come from the pens of Mark Twain, James Fenimore Cooper, and George MacDonald Fraser. She meets and shelters a runaway slave named Solomon (just like Twain's Huck Finn and Jim), a free-spirited backwoodsman and a Shawnee, Lightfoot Bumpus & Chee-a-quat, (Cooper's Natty "Leatherstocking" Bumppo & the Mohican Chingachgook), Royal Navy Lieutenant Flashby and Captain Richard Lord Allen (sharing the good and bad traits of Fraser's anti-heroic rogue Harry Flashman). The author, Louis A. Meyer, throws in the "Larger Than Life" Mike Fink of American Folklore and many other interesting (albeit flawed) folks. Jacky seems to have a knack for getting into trouble and thoroughly loves the attention she receives (except for the rough handling, imprisonment, and tar and feathering parts, that is). All in all, this is one heck of an exciting riverboat ride and the most rollicking Jacky Faber escapade yet. I highly recommend this and the other books in the series.

After reading Mississippi Jack one word comes to my mind - Wow! I've read all four books in the Bloody Jack series, and Jacky's most recent adventure through the U.S. in Mississippi Jack, is by far my favorite out of the five. From the start of the book, up until the last page, Jacky finds herself in peril, as she always does, and again in the hunt to find her true love, Jamey Fletcher, and in many cases to simply stay alive and afloat while sailing down the mighty Mississippi River. As an avid fiction reader, and a middle school language arts teacher, I would defiantly recommend this book to anyone that loves a good adventure. Along with the adventure and peril, Meyer mixes in the perfect amount humor and romance throughout the story's plot. Fans of the other four Bloody Jack books will not be disappointed with Jacky's latest adventure. Along with the usual main characters, Meyer introduces you to many new characters that you quickly begin to fall in love with as if you had been reading about them since the first Bloody Jack book. Meyer also includes some surprising characters from the past that connects with this novel so cunningly, it will shock you. If there is only one book that you buy a friend or loved one this year for the holidays, it has to be this one. It's a must read for the entire family.

Meyer has kept up his quality, with very good new characters and letting Jacky keep on doing her thing, both in entertaining audiences, and in graceful larceny... Glitch Number 1; there is a water fall on the Ohio river at Louisville that was impassable by keel-boats at that time, and Louisville grew up as a trans-shipment point between the upper Ohio and the Lower river. Glitch Number 2; Owensboro Kentucky (down-stream from Louisville) was called "Yellow Banks" at that time until 1817. I know, because I have fished in the Ohio at the Falls, and Owensboro is my home town. :)

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