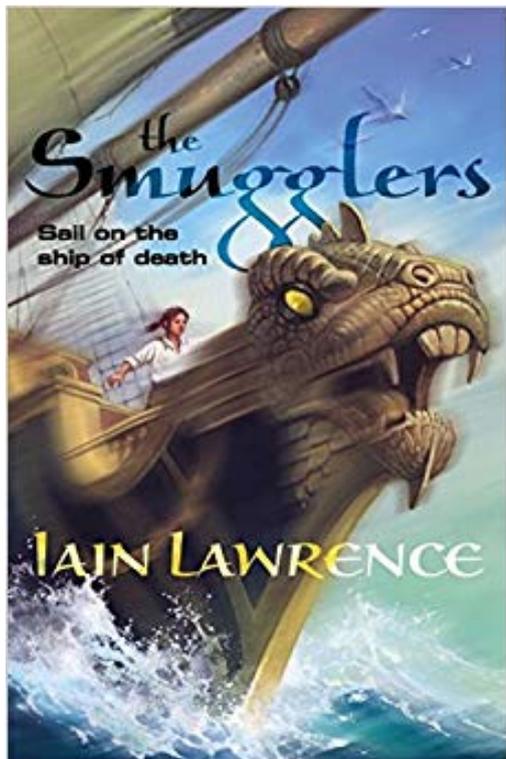


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## Reviews of the **The Smugglers (High Seas Adventure)** by Iain Lawrence

### **Shakagul**

Very interesting series.

### **MrDog**

This book is about a little adventurous boy named John Spencer. John's father has bought a new ship called the Dragon. Rumor has it that the Dragon is cursed and should bring misfortune to the owner. An evil ship should be towed by an evil man, a smuggler in fact, smuggling from every port this side of London. Now this ship is in the hands of John and his father, what fortune should become of them?

If you like adventure books this is the book for you. There isn't a moment when there isn't a dilemma for little John Spencer. A must read for lovers of any adventure books, or any boat books.

### **Bralore**

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The main character, John is a young lad who at sixteen gets himself into trouble. A friendly villain Dasher is both his enemy and his life saver. Captain Crowe wants the secret book and is a smuggler.

The story involves John a young lad who gets a boat, the Dragon from his father. His father gets a crew to take his son on a voyage. Captain Crowe comes with John and John doesn't know who he is. Others on the ship are in danger from Captain Crowe as he tries to find the Deadman's Secrets. Captain Crowe will even murder to get what he wants.

This story takes place in the past in London and at sea. John learns that running a ship can be dangerous and you need to be careful who you trust. I liked the story because it had adventure and mystery that was neat. I would recommend this book to other kids who like adventure but not to those who take stories too seriously or can't handle death.

### **Jonide**

I enjoyed this book very much. If you like action packed, can't-put-down kind of books about sailing and the sea, I recommend getting this book. I gave it 4 stars because the author didn't describe a lot of detail of how things looked. Enough to get a picture but not all that clear. He was wonderful at describing death scenes or gruesome killings. (i.e, man torn in two, a few hangings described, dead body floating, following in the sea, etc.) But it didn't bother me that much, just thought I'd give a heads up to other readers interested in this book.

### **Thofyn**

The Smugglers

Book review

This book is about a boy named John. John had a father who bought a ship called the dragon. This dragon caused a lot of trouble to John and his father. Also, his captain was a very evil man that used to smuggle other people and products like brandy. He also tried to kill John on the way to London. Luckily, Dasher helped save John's life several times.

I chose this book because my friend had told me that it was fun. The cover was also very interesting. The designs and the boat looked very detailed in the huge storm. The smugglers sounded like a very fun and exciting book. Once I read the first few chapters, it felt as if I had to read the rest of the book. I liked this book because it had many exciting parts and lots of action.

My favorite part of the book is when John gets shot from Dasher. He got shot twice and was very scared. He talked about getting flashbacks right before you die. The reason why I liked this part is because it was very funny. A few pages after this event, it explains that the gun he used had no real bullets and just made a hole on his clothes.

### **Quinthy**

The Wreckers (Book 1)

I didn't expect to like the book. I did. How's that for a review in one sentence? ;-)

But seriously, Iain does a great job of keeping you guessing about what's REALLY going on with the wreckers. You sympathize with John's lack of trust and hesitate with him in making decisions. Some things I expected, but others were a surprise. The writing is easy to read, being appropriate for its intended audience, and while this isn't a story or series to get super wrapped up in, it's still an engaging, nice story.

Yes, there are nautical terms, but this doesn't detract from the story. Either you love nautical books and will be able to follow with no issue, or you can accept that they are talking about different parts of the ship - either you'll care and look them up, or you won't and you'll keep reading. Regardless, the story moves along fine without getting caught up in the terms, especially since this story largely takes place on land.

4 stars

### The Smugglers (Book 2)

Even though this is book 2 in the High Seas Trilogy, it can absolutely stand alone. Actually, every book in the series stands alone. There may be a thing or two that ties over from a previous work, but nothing that affects the ease of reading the story or would cause confusion.

I didn't find this story as engaging as The Wreckers. Again, parts were obvious, but even what wasn't guess-able just wasn't as well executed. Still enjoyable and appropriate for the target audience.

3.5 stars

### The Buccaneers (Book 3)

This is definitely my least favorite in the trilogy. The first book definitely feels like it could be a true story, the second book feels more like fiction, but this one seems almost fanciful. Too many coincidences or things just working out for my tastes. It's not a bad book, but its forgettable. If this was the first book in the trilogy, I probably wouldn't have read the sequels as it's just alright. As is, it's a weak way to end the series. Given the quality of the first book, and even the second to some extent, this book was disappointing.

3 stars.

#### **Dagdarad**

Very exciting story

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