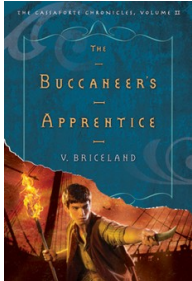




Lambda Sci-Fi

DC Area Gaylaxians



The Buccaneer's Apprentice
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Characters & Notes

- Niccolo Dattore
- Michaelo and Renaldo Dattore – a gay couple who shelter Nic during his final period of servitude
- Armand Arturo – Leader of the theater troupe and liberator of Nic
- Darcy Columbo
- Jacomo Columbo
- Maxl the Pirate
- “Allyria” the enchanted ship
- Compte Dumond
- Risa Divetri, Enchantress of Cassaforte
- Milo Sorranto, intended future King of Cassaforte

On his first sea voyage away from the magical city of Cassaforte, seventeen-year-old Nic Dattore awakens to find the vessel overrun by marauding pirates—and everyone else on board kidnapped or killed. After slaying the pirate who attacked him, Nic tosses a torch into a cache of gunpowder and blows up the ship.

Washed up on a deserted island, Nic and a motley crew of castaways decide to commandeer the pirate ship to get home. They battle pirates, assassins, and a cursed ship with a powerful secret while racing against time to save Cassaforte from a diabolical plot

Discussion Questions

1. Did you like *The Buccaneer's Apprentice*?
2. Did you like Nic?
3. Did you find his backstory believable?
4. Did you find the shift in tone and seriousness from *The Glass Maker's Daughter* acceptable?
5. Did you like or dislike the theatrical allusions and references?

6. Like *The Glass Maker's Daughter*, this story moves abruptly from a small drama to an epic battle – did you enjoy that transition?
7. The fantastical journey of Nico from indentured servant to heroic captain of a magical ship is pure melodrama – did you enjoy it?
8. The story at first mocks, then follows the absurd plots and reversals of fortune of burlesque drama – what did you think of this?