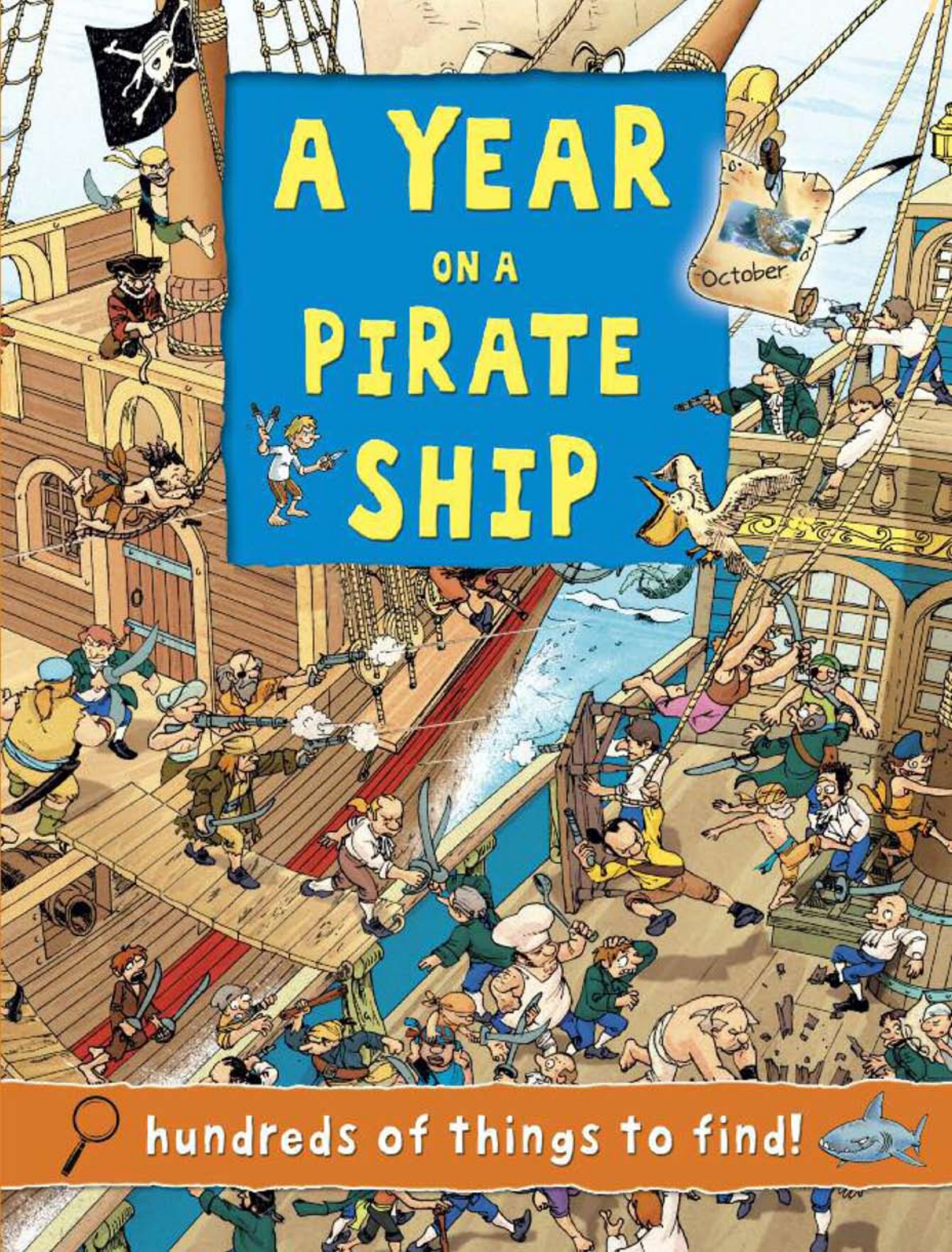
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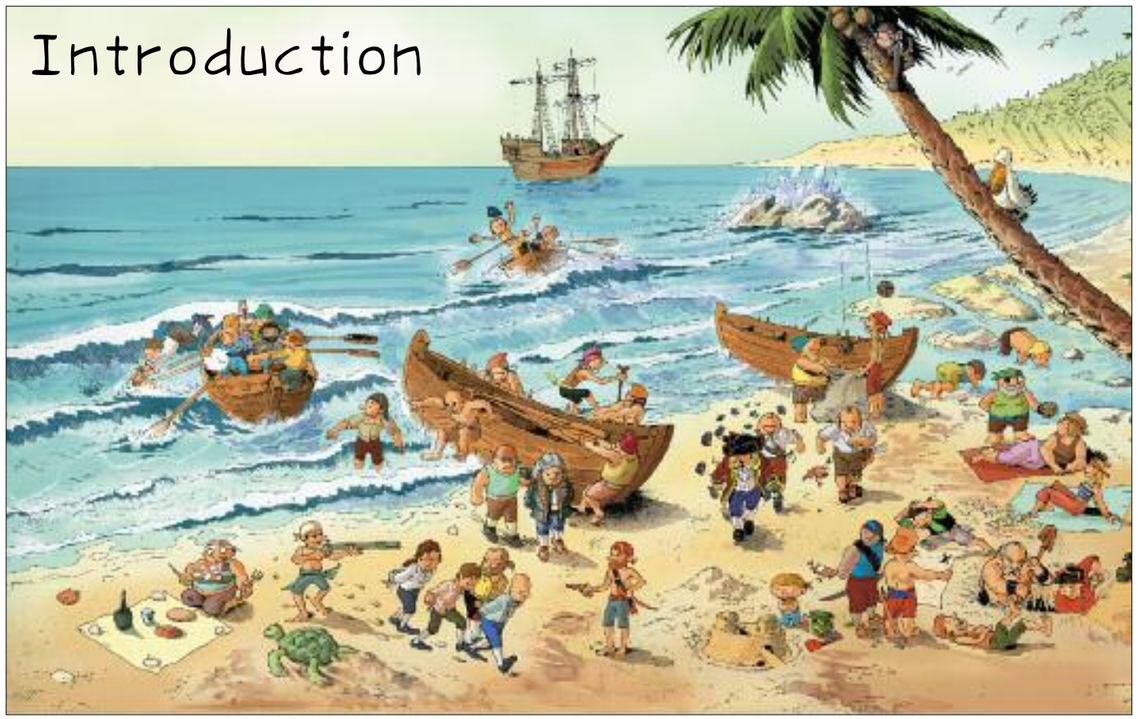
Introduction



THIS IS THE STORY of a year aboard a pirate ship. Each illustration shows what adventures the pirates get up to as the months go by. Lots of things happen even far out to sea during this year.

You can follow all the exciting events on the pirate ship as the weeks pass. The calendar at the top left-hand corner of each double page is there to tell you which month you've reached.

There are some characters that appear on every page. Look out for a clumsy pirate who is always tripping over, and another who can sleep through anything. Don't miss the monkey and the turtle who travel along with the ship!

Along the bottom of every scene you will see some little pictures, each with a label to tell you what they are. They can all be found somewhere in the busy scene.
But where? That's your job to find them!
How many can you spot?

The pirates are loading up the ship, ready to set sail. The captain barks out orders as the men carry on board barrels and sacks full of supplies. The local butcher chases the pirates who have stolen meat from him. They are still a few crew members short, so the ship's mate recruits some more men. Even the ship's cat is choosing a crew!

Let's find

some sacks

two pirates carrying a chest

a barrel

the angry butcher

a coil of rope

a couple saying goodbye

a horse and cart

a pirate eating

some cats

The ship is now in full sail. The pirates do not fly their flag. They will do so only when they spy a ship to plunder. Up in the crow's nest, someone keeps an eye out for victims. Some pirates scrub the decks clean. Others set about mending sails. The captain checks the map. Below deck, one pirate feeds the pigs while another helps himself to the beer supplies.

Let's find

a dolphin

the chef

some men cleaning the ship

a pig

a pirate chasing a rat

a pirate sewing

a chart

pirates untangling rope

a pirate drinking beer

It is a hot day. There is no wind at all. The ship has sailed into calm waters and is stuck in the floating weed. The captain loses his temper with the ship's navigator. It's all his fault! Some pirates try to keep busy, but most of them are bored. One pirate catches something unexpected while fishing—a turtle!

Let's find

a knifethrower

some rigging

a pirate slipping over

a pirate cleaning his gun

a boy peeling potatoes

a pirate scrubbing the bowsprit

men mopping the decks

the captain in a rage

a pirate asleep

At last the pirates have come across a merchant ship. She is sure to be loaded with treasure. They hoist the Jolly Roger flag and sail right up to her, guns blazing. They hurl over their boarding planks and rush into the attack with cutlasses and pistols at the ready. Some pirates swing aboard using ropes. Even the parrot and monkey join in the action. The fighting is fierce. A shot whistles clean through the captain's hat—a close shave ...

Let's find

an anchor

a female pirate

a cannon

a parrot

a pistol

a scared seagull

a pirate hanging on

a monkey

a cutlass

The pirates overpower the merchant ship and capture her crew. After helping themselves to the ship's supplies, they set her adrift. The pirates anchor their ship off a nearby island and row ashore with the captured captain and his crew. The unfortunate men will be marooned here. While on the island, the pirates dig for buried treasure. There's even time build sandcastles!

Let's find

a sandcastle

some coconuts

a fish bone

an escaping prisoner

a turtle

a picnic

a boot

a pelican

the captured captain

The pirate ship is back at sea again. The pirates are in a joyful mood. They sing and dance while an accordion plays. The captured treasure will make them rich, and they now have enough provisions to last them the voyage home.

Suddenly, a huge whale swims alongside. Its blowhole opens wide and it sprays a huge cloud of water all over the ship. The pirates try to scare it away.

Let's find

an accordion

some pirates dancing

a pirate climbing

a harpoon

the ship's navigator

a pirate navigating

a rowing boat

a man swimming

a rat

A huge storm blows up. Torrential rain batters the ship while massive waves try to turn her right over. Some of the crew try desperately to keep control of the wheel. Suddenly, lightning strikes the the ship's mast, snapping it clean in two. The pirates cling to whatever they can just to stay aboard. Meanwhile, the captain stays below deck to guard his treasure.

Let's find

an axe

a streak of lightning

the captain with his treasure

a bucket

the crow's nest

an oar

a lantern

the ship's wheel

a pirate swinging on a rope

The storm raged on and on. Waves crashed over the sides and tore the the wooden planks apart, wrecking the ship. Luckily, the sea was not too deep and the pirates could cling on to the ship's stern, which stuck out of the water. They have been shipwrecked for some weeks now. They are hungry, thirsty and bored. Worse, they are surrounded by sharks. Suddenly, someone spots a ship on the horizon. The pirates do all they can to attract her attention, shouting, waving and lighting a fire. Will she come by to pick them up?

Let's find

a shark

the Jolly Roger

a telescope

an octopus

an angry pirate

a sailing ship

a broken window

a fire

a pirate waving