PREPARE TO BE HOOKED.

Throw a TREASURE HUNTERS PARTY!

A new series from the author of the #1 bestselling MIDDLE SCHOOL, THE WORST YEARS OF MY LIFE

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THE CREW IS ASSEMBLED. THE HUNT IS ON.

Meet The Kidds—four globe-trotting siblings on the non-stop adventure of their lives!

When faced with losing their mom (kidnapping) and their dad (disappeared into parts unknown), Tommy, Bick, Beck and Storm Kidd must work together to keep the family Treasure Hunters business alive!

An epic journey is underway, and the Kidds will stop at nothing to overcome the perilous stakes ahead—while trying to reconnect with their parents along the way.

Their journey will include:
- Scuba diving pirates who know martial arts
- A bad businessman with beastly B.O.!
- Artistic artifacts of astronomical value!

In this kit you’ll find everything you need to become a world class TREASURE HUNTER yourself, to plan a Treasure Hunters-themed party for your bookstore.

Happy Hunting!

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The below event ideas are perfect for planning your own *Treasure Hunters* party at your bookstore!

**Eat Like an Adventurer**

Given the spirit of the adventures of the Kidd family at sea, consider providing snacks inspired by the ocean. Bags of goldfish and “live bait” gummy worms are just the beginning! For a sweeter offering, consider serving a shark shaped cake or cookies cut into nautical shapes. If cake is being served, don’t forget to offer some ocean water punch (blue Kool-Aid or juice) to wash it down.

Feel free to add a touch of flair with some elements from some of the destinations of the Kidds during their time on land—Carribean treats or New York cheesecake bites.

**Decorate Like an Adventurer**

The Kidd family takes their adventures very seriously. Embrace that spirit into decorating your *Treasure Hunters* event with lots of adventure-filled images inspired by the novel (your local party store will have materials and supplies in a nautical or adventure theme) or make your own!

Begin by using blue, white, and silver colors in the colors of the ocean and fill your space with adventure inspired booty (treasure boxes, gold coins, gold necklaces). For additional fun, use butcher paper to create images of your favorite scenes and settings from *Treasure Hunters*. Remember, be creative and have fun!

**Let’s Get it Started**

To get your event kit started, set up a station for arriving guests with name-tag stickers and markers. Consider providing attendees with a basic treasure map that details the route to where your event is taking place for some added fun!
Did you know that September 19th is Talk Like a Pirate Day? These additional activities add a fun pirate-themed element to your Treasure Hunters party (pssst...even if your party isn’t on September 19th!)

**Dress Like a Pirate**

**THE EYEPATCH:**

*Supplies: tape measure, black construction paper, silver pen, string*

Take a tape measure and hold up to each guest’s eye to measure the length of the eyepatch. Take this measurement to a piece of black construction paper and use a silver pen to draw a square to this size. Draw a wide egg shape within the square using a pencil. The wide part of the egg will be the side that sits against the inner corner of the eye. Cut the shape out and poke a small hole with the tip of your pencil a little less than ¼ inch from the edge on the narrow side of the egg shape, and another hole closer to the top edge of the egg shape on the wide end.

Use the tape measure to measure around your guests’ head and cut a piece of string to match. Tie the string to the holes in the eyepatch, and place on your guest.

**THE PIRATE HAT:**

*Supplies: newspaper, tape*

Take a piece of newspaper and fold your paper from top to bottom. Then fold one of the top corners toward the middle of the paper (making a triangle), leaving a margin of a few inches at the bottom of the page. Fold the second corner into the middle, using tape to hold the triangles together.

Fold the bottom margin of one side of the paper up toward the middle to make the brim of the hat. Flip the hat over and fold the other margin up the same way. You can tape the brim on the corners if needed for added reinforcement.

**Talk Like a Pirate**

Arrange your guests in a group to teach them some of the finest pirate phrases to get in the spirit of your Treasure Hunters event. For added fun, create a game of “Simon Says,” assigning one leader to call out the below pirate phrases. If the leader says “Simon Says” before shouting the phrase, guests must call the phrase in response to stay in the game. If the leader doesn’t start with Simon Says, anyone yelling out the phrase is out!

**PIRATE PHRASES:**

Ahoy Matey! (“Hello!”)
Avast! (“Stop!”)
Arr! (“Yes!”)
Aye! Aye! (“Yes Sir!”)
Shiver Me Timbers! (“Oh My!”)
Skuttle Me Skippers (“Oh My Goodness!”)
Thar She Blows! (“There’s a Whale Ahead!”)
Blow Me Down! (“You Don’t Say?”)
Savvy? (“Ok?”)
Party Planners, use the below ice breakers to help your guests get comfortable with each other and get into Treasure Hunters celebratory spirit!

**ACTIVITY 1: Host a Kidd Family Inspired Scavenger Hunt**

**Supplies: treasure hunt items (see suggestions below)**

Place scavenger hunt items related to Treasure Hunters in easy-to-locate spots throughout your event space.

Stationed scavenger hunt “treasures” could include the following: “gold” coins (perhaps chocolate), plastic gold costume jewelry (chains, bracelets, etc.), small plastic compasses, and sailor inspired tattoos.

Next, create a list of clues to help teams find their way to the stations.

In addition to the items listed above, consider including Kidd “artifacts” as well (examples could include a copies of the pieces of art found in the home of Portia Macy-Hudson, such as art by Picasso or Rembrandt, or enlarged reproductions of the illustrations of the treasures featured in the story).

**ACTIVITY 2: Musical Treasures!**

**Supplies: music, pictures of treasure coins**

For this adaptation of musical chairs, create small treasure coins cut out of poster board, and space the coins apart on the floor.

Making sure to have one less coin than players, have participants move around the coins to the music.

When the music stops, the player not standing next to a coin is eliminated.

Remove a coin between rounds and continue until there is a winner.
ACTIVITY 3: Name your Vessel

Supplies: large sheets or rolls of paper, markers

In *Treasure Hunters*, the Kidds live on their family's sailboat, *The Lost*. Now attendees can create their own ship!

Put event attendees in small groups (with supplies provided to each group) and allow them to design and create a team boat.

Remind them that given the spirit of adventure and treasure hunting, they should christen their boat with an appropriate name and come up with a sailing or adventure slogan that fits their group and relates to the adventures described in *Treasure Hunters*.

ACTIVITY 4: Dress like a Treasure Hunter Relay Race

Divide guests into two teams with equal numbers of players.

Each team gets a suitcase or box filled with over-sized clothes, either in the spirit of an adventurer attire or nautical attire (examples could include pocketed vests, cargo pants, white pants, a sailor's hat, striped shirt or sailor shirt, a blue blazer, a red scarf and deck shoes).

Have each team line up side-by-side and place the suitcase several feet away from the first person in line.

- The first player in line for each team runs to the suitcase, puts on all the clothes over his clothes and runs back to the next person in line.
- The first player removes the clothes he just put on so the second person in line can put them on.
- The second person then runs to the suitcase; takes off all the clothes; puts the clothes back in the suitcase and runs to the back of the line.
- The next player in line does the same as the first player and the game continues until everyone has had a turn putting on the clothes.

The first team to have all team members finish wins!
Consider reading aloud sample chapters from *Treasure Hunters* with your guests. The below questions will help you to lead a discussion about the book.

1. In the prologue to *Treasure Hunters*, Bick tells readers, “Let me tell you about the last time I saw my dad.” How does Bick’s comment the set the stage for the action of the story?

2. Though they often argue and disagree, Bick and Beck have a tight bond. What are some of the reasons they are so close? How do they handle their Twin Tirades? Do you have a sibling, and if so, do you have similar disagreements? How do you handle them?

3. *Treasure Hunters* is filled with illustrations. Did you find them useful or appealing? In what ways does the art help or hinder how the reader imagines the story?

4. Each of the Kidd siblings has unique gifts. Consider the individual talents of Bick, Beck, Storm, and Tailspin Tommy. Is there one who you believe to be most talented? If so, who is it and why do you find them to be the most gifted?

5. Throughout the novel, the siblings fight about what they believe to be the fate of their parents. Who do you believe is right? Why do you feel that way?

6. Consider the variety of settings for *Treasure Hunters*; name the three places you believe to be most important to the story. Using evidence from the book, explain why you find these settings to be significant to the story.

7. *Treasure Hunters* is told in first person; how would the story be different if someone besides Bick were telling it? Do you think changing the point of view would make the story better or worse? Why?

8. Describe Bick, Beck, Storm, and Tailspin Tommy. What makes him/her a dynamic character? What are three things that you find most (or least) appealing about this character? What are the biggest challenges he/she has to overcome?

9. Who are your favorite or least favorite secondary characters in the novel? What is it about these characters that you find endearing or disturbing?

10. Considering Bick, Beck, Storm, and Tailspin Tommy perspectives, in what ways is *Treasure Hunters* a story about things that have been lost? What does each of them find along the way?

11. In your opinion, what are the biggest challenges the Kidd siblings face in *Treasure Hunters*? What do you predict will happen in the next installment of the series?

12. Using the phrase, “This is a story about...” supply five words to describe *Treasure Hunters*. Explain our choices.
Nothing could be more fun to a budding adventurer than coming across a treasure map! Use the following supplies and location details inspired by The Kidds in *Treasure Hunters* to have guests create their own treasure—hunting map!

Select from one of the destinations below from *Treasure Hunters* and draft a treasure map. Incorporate the following details into your map, making sure your map features a legend. Be sure to use the following details about to inspire your map. Don’t forget—design is important so be creative!

### Select from the following locations:

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<td><strong>New York City</strong></td>
<td>• Founded in 1624&lt;br&gt;• Largest city in the USA&lt;br&gt;• One of the largest harbors&lt;br&gt;• Made up of five boroughs&lt;br&gt;• 468 square miles</td>
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<td><strong>Cayman Islands</strong></td>
<td>• A British Overseas Territory&lt;br&gt;• Made up of three islands&lt;br&gt;• Sighted by Christopher Columbus on his last voyage in 1503&lt;br&gt;• Called Las Tortugas</td>
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<td><strong>Charleston, South Carolina</strong></td>
<td>• Founded in 1670&lt;br&gt;• Named after King Charles II&lt;br&gt;• Nicknamed the Holy City&lt;br&gt;• Named most friendly city</td>
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The following pages contain reproducible party sheets for your guests!
PLOT OUT YOUR TREASURE MAP!
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Make copies of the below and pass out to guests to create their treasure maps.

OFFICIAL MAP
While it is almost impossible to put a price tag on items deemed “priceless” the treasures below are indeed valuable. Match up each well-known priceless “treasure” below with the correct description.

Can you match up the items on the left below with their definitions on the right?

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TO BE A REAL TREASURE HUNTER, YOU SHOULD KNOW YOUR FACTS ABOUT THE BEST IN THE BUSINESS.

Can you match up the famous treasure hunters on the left below with their famous “discovery” on the right?

1. Francisco de Coronado
2. Juan Ponce de León
3. Heinrich Schliemann
4. E. Lee Spence
5. Howard Carter
6. Dr. Indiana Jones
7. Hiram Bingham
8. Marco Polo
9. Thomas Gates
10. Jason (and the Argonauts)
11. Allan Quartermain
12. Mel Fisher

A. Republic Side Paddle Wheel Steamer
B. King Tut’s tomb
C. Macchu Picchu
D. Silk Roads
E. Seven Cities of Gold
F. Golden Fleece
G. Fountain of Youth
H. King Solomon’s Mines
I. Ruins of city of Troy
J. Arc of the Covenant
K. Spanish galleon
L. Lost city of Cibola
In this activity, uncover which continent below matches each question. Choose between Africa, South America, and North America in your responses below.

1. Two countries on this continent hold the name of the continent itself. (Central African Republic & South Africa)

2. To talk to the locals in the largest country on this continent, you would need to know Portuguese. (Brazil)

3. The country that dominates the southern part of this continent is “the land of silver”, though it has almost none of the precious metal. (Argentina)

4. Two of the three largest countries in the world (by area) are found on this continent (Canada & USA)

5. This continent is home to the Great Salt Lake, Lake Huron, Lake Erie, and Lake Managua.

6. Besides being the temporary home to your furry friends from the Central Park Zoo, a huge island off of the coast of this continent is the world’s largest producer of vanilla beans. (Madagascar)

7. One country on this continent will host both the next World Cup soccer championship, and the next Summer Olympic Games. (Brazil)

8. Every country on this continent has at least TWO coastlines, except for two. (El Salvador & Honduras)

9. This continent is home to Mt. Kilimanjaro, Lake Victoria, and the Great Rift Valley.

10. Major cities on this continent include Quebec, Cincinnati, Guadalajara, and Port-au-Prince.

11. This continent is dominated by geographic 2nd-place winners—the second-tallest mountain range in the world, and the second-longest river in the world. (Andes & Amazon)

12. Many of the countries on this “continent” are actually islands. (Caribbean states)

13. In spite of having three of the longest rivers in the world, much of this continent lacks sufficient water supplies. (rivers are the Nile, Congo, & Niger)

14. One of the countries on this continent is named for the famous explorer who sailed the ocean blue in 1492. (Colombia)

15. The second largest rain forest in the world covers most of the central area of this continent. (Congo Rain Forest)
In *Treasure Hunters*, the Kidds are being pursued by sketchy characters from all sides!

What if you were a wanted adventurer? What would your wanted poster look like? Draw an image in the space below.
The Value of Priceless

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2. David—E. Famous sculpture created by Michelangelo
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Treasure Hunters Trivia Game

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Geography Mind Bender

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The Kidds have grown up diving down to shipwrecks and traveling the world as part of their family treasure hunting business. Tommy, Storm, Bick, and Beck have helped their parents recover everything from swords to gold doubloons from the bottom of the ocean, and they wouldn’t trade their life on the high seas for anything.

But after their mother is kidnapped and their father disappears in an enormous storm, the kids are suddenly thrust into the most exciting treasure hunt of their lives. They’ll have to work together to defeat dangerous pirates, keep their untrustworthy uncle at bay, and dodge the hot pursuit of an evil treasure hunting rival, all while following cryptic clues to unravel the mystery of what really happened to their parents—and find out if they’re still alive.