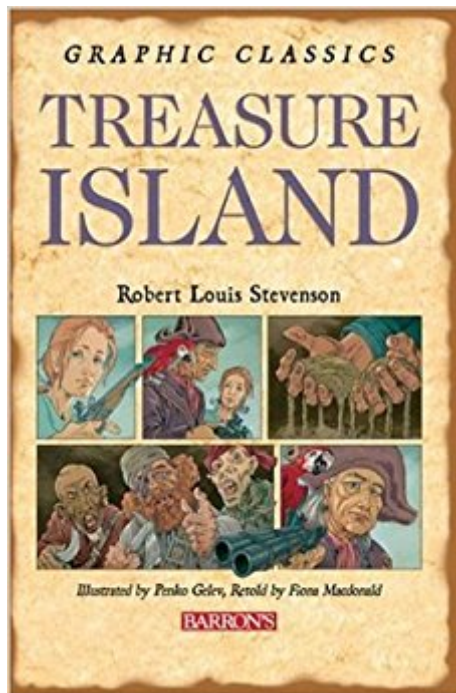




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Customer Reviews

I collect graphic novels based on classic literature, so I had high hopes for this series of Graphic Classics by Barron's. In addition to *Treasure Island*, they've also published *Dracula*, *Frankenstein*, *Kidnapped*, *Moby-Dick*, and *Journey to the Center of the Earth* (maybe others I'm unaware of too). It's a really cool concept, making comic books out of literature that can otherwise be a bit dry and difficult to get through, especially for teenagers. I'm giving it 2 stars for the idea alone. Unfortunately, Barron's does it very poorly. I was introduced to this series beginning with the Barron's Graphic

Classics version of Dracula by Bram Stoker, and while I don't own the other books, I've seen and read them at my local Barnes & Noble. I was highly disappointed when I received my copy of Dracula, and I wanted to be certain that the other books in the series were of similarly poor quality before dismissing the whole series out of hand, so I checked them out in person at my local bookshop. Unfortunately every book I looked at was done in the same style, which I'll describe below. I promptly removed all the others in this series from my wishlist. The problem is that these books are not graphic novels as the term is generally understood, that is, pages consisting of large colorful panels of artwork that tell a story by portraying consecutive images of action, with characters speaking, acting, and moving throughout various background scenes -- in other words, a comic book. The Barron's graphic novels are more like a children's adaptation of novels. They consist of long paragraphs of text with illustrations alongside.

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