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TO WHOM, WHEN HE WAS BUT A BOY,
THE AUTHOR PLAYFULLY DEDICATED THIS STORY OF ADVENTURE
IT IS NOW, AFTER TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS, DURING
WHICH IT HAS ATTAINED THE DIGNITY OF AN ENGLISH CLASSIC,

Dedicated

ONCE AGAIN, IN THIS EDITION,
BY HIS FRIEND,
THE EDITOR

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INTRODUCTION

THE AUTHOR

"HE was the spirit of boyhood tugging at the skirts of this old world of ours and compelling it to come back and play." These words, which Mr. J. M. Barrie has applied to the author of "Treasure Island," go far toward explaining why it is one of the best of all books for boys, both young and old. Eagerness in play, energy in action, delight in adventure were dominant characteristics of Robert Louis Stevenson throughout his life. That chronic infirmity of health which kept him constantly in search of a more propitious climate led him to live successively in many different quarters of the globe, until in the end he was lured forth to the ultimate islands of the South Pacific. His life was, therefore, one of great variety. And since, in spite of the hazard of his long struggle against death, he constantly maintained a brave and gallant disposition and wooed life as a lover, life gave him greater gifts of experience than fall to the lot of common men. Everywhere about the world he won delight, because he carried with him the faculty for being delighted in whatever came to pass. Because he enjoyed life as a tale that is told, his own life reads like a novel of adventure.

Robert Louis Stevenson was born in Edinburgh on November 13, 1850. He was the only child of Thomas Stevenson, who was eminent as a light-house engineer, as (in turn) his father, Robert Stevenson, had been before him, and of Margaret Isabella, daughter of the