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**Hugh Montgomery : Voyage Of The Arctic Tern** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Voyage Of The Arctic Tern:

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illustrations are as poetic as the well written verse. A go to as a gift for ANYONE! A classic for sure.

Things happen here in Plymouth in the winter And of such things you'd surely never learn. So take your seat and listen while I tell you Of Bruno and his ship, The Arctic Tern...The Voyage of The Arctic Tern is a classic tale of treason, treachery and treasure, sweeping across many centuries and different lands, from Scandinavia to Spain to the southwest of England. At its heart is the ship's skipper, Bruno, cursed to a life of eternal wandering in a moment of greed and betrayal. His quest for release brings him to the court of the King of Spain and a battle with an ancient adversary, the villainous pirate Mad Dog Morgan. Can Bruno and his crew set right the wrongs of the past and present? Will good triumph over evil? How can the captain of The Arctic Tern ever find the redemption he seeks?

From Publishers Weekly  
Between the covers of this handsome volume, brooding pen-and-inks twine around an epic poem that delivers a spine-tingling tale of treachery and redemption, pirates and ghost ships and an eerie mystery along England's southern coast. British author Montgomery, who originally self-published the poem, tells a tale that sails across the centuries and centers on a greedy fisherman who betrays his village to marauding Vikings. In return, the fisherman is cursed with immortality, and the only way to escape his fate is to accomplish three tasks: "to pay back death, he'd save a life./ Then rescue one who'd been betrayed./ Not sell but help the local folk/ By giving some great wealth away." The obstacles in the fisherman's path provide the fodder for a swashbuckling yarn. Montgomery's approach, which is unusual and ambitious, may work better as a read-aloud for some audiences, particularly as it's a bit slow going until The Arctic Tern leaves its slip. But those who remain aboard will eventually be rewarded with a page-turner boasting such characters as the murderous pirate Mad Dog Morgan, apt similes ("The hair on his head was as thin as his smile") and crackling passages ("The boat forged on through ice-blue waters,/ The warming sun was climbing now,/ And brilliant beams bounced off the drops/ That splintered from the thrusting bow"). Intermittent changes in rhyme scheme and scanning provides some variety; the gripping "Bruno's Tale" episode may remind some adults of the pacing of The Rime of the Ancient Mariner. Ages 9-up. Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc.  
From School Library Journal  
Grade 5-7-A sweeping tale of ships, gold, and treachery, spanning centuries and written entirely in rhymed verse. To expiate an ancient crime, Bruno, captain of the fishing vessel Arctic Tern, must live until he has found and given away a treasure, saved a life, and rescued one betrayed. Opportunity knocks when his ship is hired by a trio with a secret message from Queen Elizabeth to the King of Spain; ambassadors arrive just in time to earn a chest of gold by saving the king from being poisoned by his most trusted advisor. Vengefully, the advisor steals the treasure, then goes down with his ship rather than see it reclaimed. After centuries of solitary searching, Bruno changes tactics, outfits his reincarnated companions with scuba gear, and, successful at last, is finally seen flitting away in his now-ghostly ship to deliver the gold to those in need. The author varies his metrics from section to section, avoiding sonic monotony but giving the narrative a patchy feel that his frequent time shifts exacerbate. His plainspoken language rarely sounds forced, however, and Poullis's ink sketches, which frame or decorate nearly every page, add an appropriately brooding, mystical atmosphere. Some passages nearly repeat others, and Bruno's boat not only suddenly acquires a motor near the end, but is also depicted differently inside and on the cover, but readers tolerant of such inconsistencies may find the narrative form of this saltwater epic an intriguing change of pace.  
John Peters, New York Public Library  
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