



FLAT STANLEY AND THE LOST TREASURE

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**** REMEMBER: HAVE FUN AND THE KIDS WILL TOO! ****

OVERVIEW

ABOUT THE BOOK

Sometimes being flat comes in handy for Flat Stanley—like when he is surfing or rescuing a trapped dolphin from a net. In this exciting adventure, Flat Stanley and his brother, Arthur, find sunken treasure in an old shipwreck. But Stanley has to get rid of his gold bar in order to squeeze through the net and rescue the dolphin. Will they ever find the treasure again? ([Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com))

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Jeff Brown had worked in Hollywood and as an editor and writer in New York before creating Flat Stanley, a hero for the youngest readers whose adventures, with illustrations by Tomi Ungerer, were first published in 1964. Flat Stanley became the star of a series of perpetually popular books. The last, "Stanley, Flat Again!," was published the year he died. All together, Stanley's tales have sold nearly a million copies in the United States alone. The character's life extended further, as schoolchildren mailed cut-outs of him to their friends. In translation, he traveled to France, Germany, Spain, Italy, Japan and Israel, among other places. ([Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com))

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Macky Pamintuan was born and raised in Davao, a city in the southern Philippines. He moved to San Francisco at age 21 and in 1998 enrolled in the Academy of Art College to pursue illustration. He received his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in December 2003. ([Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com))

THE READ ALOUD

BEFORE READING

Use these before reading the story to help students activate background knowledge and make predictions:

- What do you notice on the cover?
- Is there something different about the boys?
- I wonder if this book is fiction or non-fiction? What do you think and why?

DURING THE STORY

Use these while reading the story to help students interpret the action and content.

- Page 5: Why does the man at security look so surprised?
- Page 7: Is there an advantage to being flat?
- Page 15: Do you think it's a good idea to follow the silver dolphin?
- Page 21: I notice that the gold bar is heavy. Will this present a problem for Stanley?

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TOPICS & THEMES:

- Adventure
- Family
- Water sports

Tips for every book!

POWER PHRASES:

I WONDER...

I NOTICE...

TELL ME MORE...

DIGGING DEEPER:

"Tell me more, why do you think that?"

"How do you know that?"

"Why do you think they feel like that?"

"Interesting, did you notice anything else?"

- Page 31: Why do you think the silver dolphin threw Flat Stanley a gold coin?

AFTER READING

Use these after reading the story to help students understand what they just read.

- What would it feel like to be the only flat person in your family?
- What kind of challenges did Flat Stanley and his family encounter on their adventure?

BRINGING THE BOOK TO LIFE!

- Have you ever had an adventure where something unusual happened?

COOPERATIVE LEARNING

- Turn to your neighbor and describe what you could do if you were flat.

SMALL GROUP

DISCUSSION ACTIVITY

- I noticed that Flat Stanley's family is not happy at the beginning of the story. I wonder why they feel this way?
- What were some of the benefits and challenges Flat Stanley encountered?
- How did the brother's reactions differ when they found the treasure?
- I wonder what happened to the treasure when Stanley's parents went searching?
- Why do you think Jeff Brown wrote a story about Flat Stanley?
- Do you think he may have more adventures?
- Can you describe how it would feel to be flat?
- How would other people react to you if you were flat?

SUGGESTED OPTIONAL ACTIVITY

- Name all the different kinds of sea creatures that were illustrated in the story. Talk about the one you would want to see in real life.

WRITING ACTIVITY

- Write about an adventure you might want to have if you were flat. Include some benefits and challenges. Illustrate your story.

EXTENSION ACTIVITY

- Discuss what Flat Stanley's parents did when they found out he was flat.

COMMON CORE LINKS

CCSS.ELA-Literacy RL.2.1 ,2.3, 2.5,2.7