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DULL-ON-SEA
Population: 2222 7
Average age: 67
Twinned with
Ennui-sur-Mer


For Jane, who agreed to marry a pirate and didn't even change her mind when she found out I was an illustrator – JD.
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Matilda lived in Dull-on-Sea, a gloomy seaside town – too busy in the summer...

and in winter it shut down.




There weren't too many kids around –
just Tilda on her street.
The lawns were mowed,
the cars were washed,
the hedges trimmed and neat.
The house next door had been for sale
since Tilda was a baby.
She hoped a family would move in
with a girl her age
or maybe...
FOR SALE
SOLD



He had patched-up jeans, an EYEPATCH and a WOODEN-LEGGED dog!

And a PIRATE SHIP with TREASURE CHESTS and barrels full of GROG!


"We're the
JOLLEY-ROGERS!
We'll be anchoring next door.
We've sailed the seven seas
but now we've had
to come ashore."
"I feel a little landsick,
but Mum says it'll pass.
That's my mother over
there, digging up
the grass."
"That's Dad over
yonder – the captain
of our crew.
He likes to shout
00-ARR!
a lot...
...'coz that's what
pirates do."
"Grandpa won't set foot on shore.
He's allergic to dry land.
The last time that he left the ship
the King chopped off his hand!"
"That urchin there's
called Nugget. She's
a rascal as you'll see.
She ain't learnt to
fire a cannon yet,
but then she's
only three."


Next morning, Tilda blurted:
Life's not BORING any more!
Isn't it FANTASTIC that those pirates moved next door?
But Mum and Dad were not impressed...
The neighbourhood will sneer. The way they dress – the way they speak! They won't fit in round here. Their lad is always playing with the most alarming toys...
We'd rather you were friends with NORMAL girls and boys.