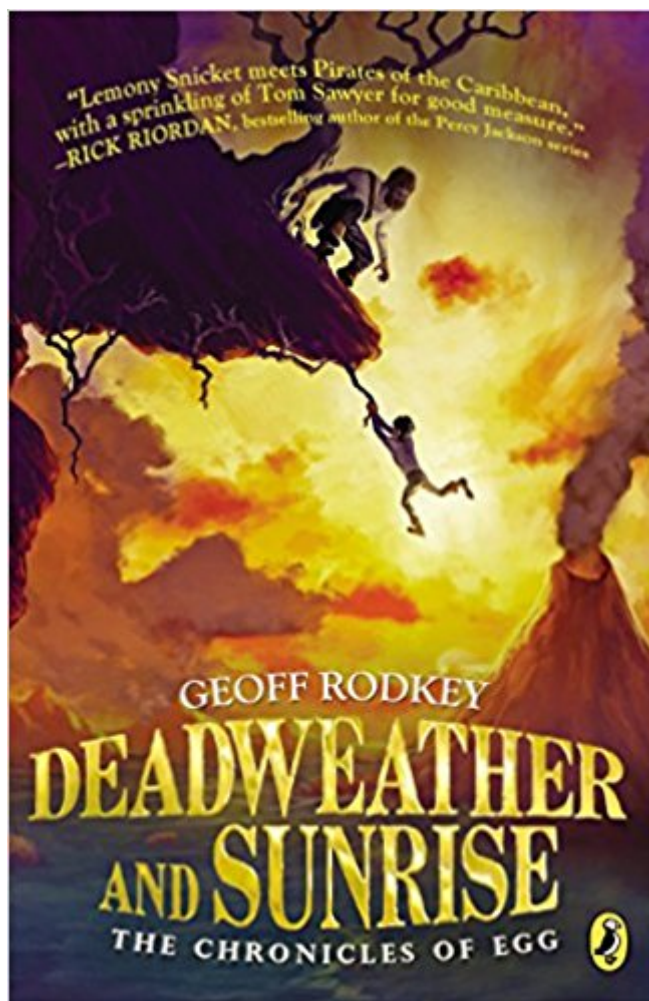




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# Deadweather And Sunrise: The Chronicles Of Egg, Book 1



## Synopsis

A stunning middle-grade debut--full of heart, humor, and nonstop action It's tough to be thirteen, especially when somebody's trying to kill you. Not that Egg's life was ever easy, growing up on sweaty, pirate-infested Deadweather Island with no company except an incompetent tutor and a pair of unusually violent siblings who hate his guts. But when Egg's father hustles their family off on a mysterious errand to fabulously wealthy Sunrise Island, then disappears with the siblings in a freak accident, Egg finds himself a long-term guest at the mansion of the glamorous Pembroke family and their beautiful, sharp-tongued daughter Millicent. Finally, life seems perfect. Until someone tries to throw him off a cliff. Suddenly, Egg's running for his life in a bewildering world of cutthroat pirates, villainous businessmen, and strange Native legends. The only people who can help him sort out the mystery of why he's been marked for death are Millicent and a one-handed, possibly deranged cabin boy. Come along for the ride. You'll be glad you did.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 10 - 12 years

Grade Level: 5 and up

## Customer Reviews

Best Middle Grade Book of the Month, June 2012: Deadweather and Sunrise is an action-packed debut novel of adventure, friendship, and self-discovery--oh, and did I mention there are pirates?

Thirteen year old Egbert Masterson--Egg--is a book loving, intelligent 13-year-old with a big heart and a nose for hidden treasure. While Egg's life has a lot of reason for despair, he takes his lumps in stride and discovers that not everyone who lives on a pretty street is a good person, and that in even the rottenest places you might find someone you can trust with your life. With suitably gruesome pirate bits, endearing characters, surprising twists, and a delightful quirkiness, Deadweather and Sunrise has all the makings of a breakout new middle grade series. --Seira Wilson --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

"In this rip-roaring debut . . . Lemony Snicket meets Pirates of the Caribbean, with a sprinkling of Tom Sawyer for good measure. • Rick Riordan, bestselling author of the Percy Jackson series "The fast-paced swashbuckling will surely satisfy fans of adventure, but it's really Egg's narration that makes this pirate story rise above its counterparts . . . Colorful dialogue (including plenty of piratespeak) and a fully realized setting that will have readers wiping the sea spray from their brows round out this delightful nautical yarn. • BCCB, starred review "Full of action. . . a great read. • Time for Kids "[A] swashbuckling story. • School Library Journal "Rodkey combines humor and adventure in a story full of cruise ships, wild pigs, treasure maps, and constant peril. • Publishers Weekly "This introduction to the Chronicles of Egg series is pure fun. • Booklist "This promising new series starts out strong with a story filled to brim with pirates, treasure, intrigue and swashbuckling suspense . . . Egg's first-person account is compelling, and the dialogue and vivid setting, as well as the full cast of quirky characters, make it easy to get lost in this adventure. • Kirkus Reviews

Our 11 year old son just doesn't like to read. At all. It has been such a struggle (and heartbreak) for me as a mom through the years. The only books he has ever read of his own free will, and loved, were the Hunger Games series. When Deadweather & Sunrise came out months ago, we had heard from friends how great this was (their kids had loved it!) so bought it for our son... hoping he'd read it. But he didn't. It sat on his nightstand all summer. We prompted, we suggested, we bribed, and yet he wouldn't even pick it up. Then he started 6th grade a few weeks ago and his teacher required each child to read a book at home. Very reluctantly, with big painful sigh, my son finally opened this book and started reading. And... he absolutely LOVED it! He couldn't put it down! He said it's so clever and exciting and funny. He says it's BETTER than the Hunger Games (gasp). He read this

book of his own free will, and was begging us to let him keep the lights on for JUST A FEW MORE PAGES...You can't imagine our joy! We are telling every one of his friend's parents to buy it, and so I thought I'd write this review to share it with as many parents as possible.Thank you to the author for writing such a compelling book, and from me as the mother of a boy who doesn't like to read, we can't wait for the next one Mr. Rodkey, HURRY!!

Do you have kids? Do you love pirates? Do you have pirates who love kids? Whatever your situation, you will want to buy Geoff Rodkey's book. It has all the elements of the classic child's adventure story: young love, buried treasure, mortal peril, abusive siblings, poor hygiene. . . plus lots of scurvy pirates. But *Deadweather and Sunrise* has something more: top-notch writing. Here's just one example:"As she took the ball, she smiled at me.It wasn't a big smile--no teeth, just the mouth turned up at the corners, with a little crinkle of warmth around her eyes.But it conquered me completely. As time went on, that smile became the thing I lived for--the answer to every question, the solution to every problem, the image that during even the worst moments I could call up in my mind to remind me that this was what was worth the struggle and the pain."Add to the wonderfully evocative writing some genuine, and genuinely difficult, moral dilemmas, and you have the ingredients for a book that will stand the test of time. One quibble: sometimes the scenes rushed along at a pace more appropriate for a movie, which makes sense because the author is also a talented screenwriter. But this only stuck with me because I wanted more book, not less -- and for a kid, the pacing will be just about perfect, with an ending worthy of Huck Finn. Buy it, read it, enjoy it. . .then let your kids read it too. And hope that Geoff Rodkey is already hard at work on the sequel, because I for one can't wait to see what new adventures that will bring.

This is a great book. It's not often I find myself in the waning pages of a book and actually being annoyed that there isn't more immediately available for me to read! From the various settings on the islands of *Deadweather and Sunrise*, to the relationships between the characters, to the mythology created for the islands, to the growth of the characters and the revelations that some are not who they first appeared to be... this is just an incredible story. Even the names of some of the characters are great, from pirates like Ripper Jones and Burn Healy, to Egbert Masterson, himself.I read quite a bit, and "*Deadweather and Sunrise*" is the best I have read in quite some time. The first person approach was perfect for this story, as Egg's voice is one of the best things this book has going for it. While some stories can get away with bouncing from one point of view to the next, and this one certainly may have been able to work with that, the simple approach kept the story moving quickly

and seamlessly. I recommend this book not only to young readers, but those of us who are simply young at heart.

I bought this book for my kids, but before they got to it, I picked it up out of curiosity. I was HOOKED! I acted like the 11-year-old book worm I once was, sneaking readings of it between other stuff I was supposed to do. It is action-packed, funny, and features a terrific, thoughtful hero, a smart, brave heroine, and a whole lot of pirates. It has some violence and darkness, but it's not as dark as Harry Potter. I LOVE Millicent. There are so few good, strong, female characters in children's literature, who aren't princesses or cute or looking to be rescued. And Egg is a brave, intrepid, interesting kid who has real self-knowledge and thinks through his actions toward others. Love him too. Excellent reading for kids 9 and up, and for precocious younger readers, but adults will devour it, too. I can't recommend this book highly enough. Buy it for your kids, your kids' friends (it's a great birthday gift), nieces and nephews, grandkids, etc. Just don't be surprised if you have to harass them to STOP READING it, because it's impossible to put down! I can't wait for Book Two!

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