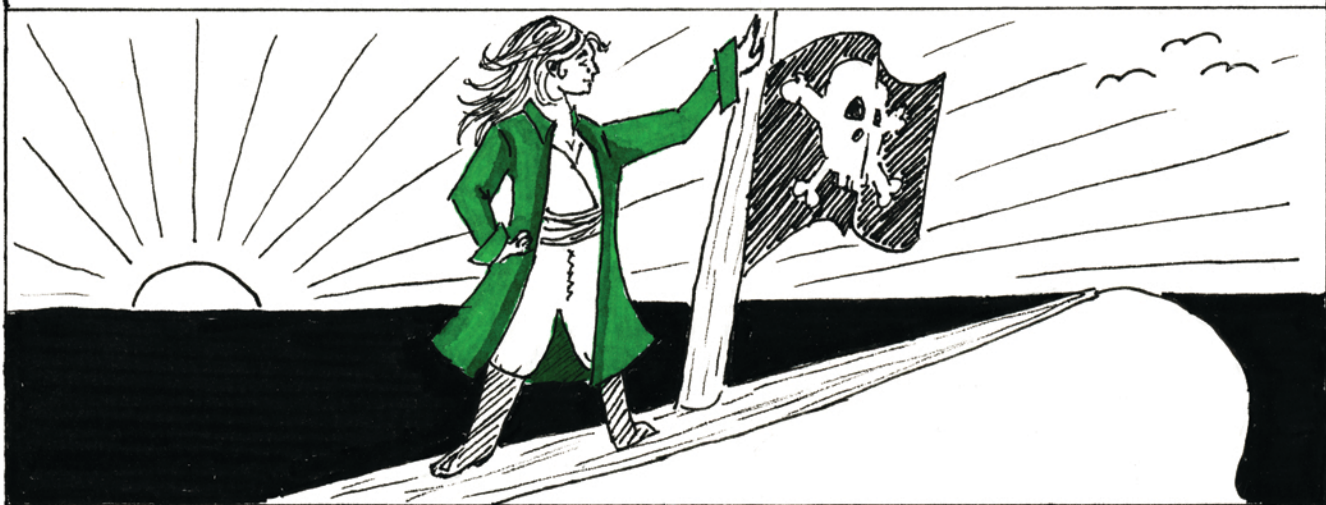


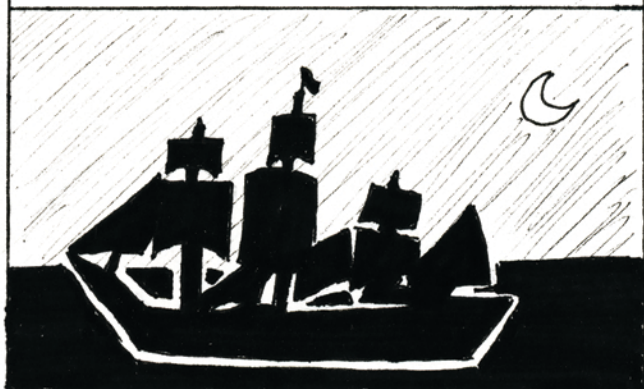
MARY READ WAS ONE OF THE MOST NOTORIOUS FEMALE PIRATES OF THE GOLDEN AGE OF PIRACY.



READ HAD BEEN CROSS-DRESSING SINCE HER YOUTH SO THAT HER MOTHER COULD RELIEVE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM HER HUSBAND'S MOTHER.*



PRESENTING AS A MAN, SHE JOINED INFAMOUS CALICO JACK'S CREW, PLUNDERING THE WEST INDIES.



AS A PIRATE, SHE WAS "RESOLUTE, OR READY TO BOARD OR UNDERTAKE ANY THING THAT WAS HAZARDOUS."** SHE SAILED THROUGH THE BAHAMAS BREAKING SKIN AND HEARTS...

* READ IMPERSONATED HER LATE OLDER BROTHER, WHO WAS A LEGITIMATE CHILD OF HER ABSENT FATHER, TO FOOL HER GRANDMOTHER INTO PROVIDING FOR HER MOTHER AND HER.