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**In the second thrilling instalment of the *Mapmaker Chronicles* by Australian author A.L. Tait, Quinn is taken prisoner by a ruthless enemy.**

Tomas laughed. 'You think that's terrifying? Wait till you meet the pescarn . . . they will eat the flesh off your bones in minutes.'

In the second book in this thrilling series, Mapmaker Quinn is far from home in an exotic land filled with dangerous creatures and ruthless enemies.

When he is betrayed by someone close to him and comes face-to-face with blood-thirsty pirates, he has to decide once and for all who is a friend and who is a foe . . .

Is this the end of the race for Quinn - or just the beginning of another incredible adventure in ***The Mapmaker Chronicles*** ?

**'Not since Emily Rodda's *Deltora Quest* series has there been such an exciting adventure tale from an Australian author. Echoes of Robinson Crusoe make this feel like a classic with a new twist, and it's perfect for readers aged 8 to 12 who are looking for some escapism in the sea of contemporary stories.'**  
**- Readings**

**'Great white beasts and would-be pirates will capture the attention of young readers ... recommended for fans of adventure books from Emily Rodda and Andrew McGahan.'** - *Bookseller and Publisher*

**'Buy it immediately for any lad over eight who is a keen reader.'** - *Readingtree.com.au*

## **The Mapmaker Chronicles**

1. Race to the End of the World
2. Prisoner of the Black Hawk
3. Breath of the Dragon (October 2015)

## **Prisoner of the Black Hawk Details**

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## **From Reader Review Prisoner of the Black Hawk for online ebook**

### **Glenn says**

Quinn is a fun character - learning as he goes, making mistakes etc... So the story just keeps getting better, with a few laughs along the way...

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### **JoAnne Styger says**

This isn't my favorite genera, but I wanted to continue the series and I'm pleased with the development of characters and plot. Another great work of fiction by Kane Miller Publishing for young adults. Quinn Freeman's adventures continue as he and his fellow explorers map their world.

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### **Tegan says**

This book was fun! Early in this novel, Quinn becomes captured and is taken hostage onto the Black Hawk ship. Quinn was fantastically active in his escape. He chips away at freedom daily, and its riveting. I read the first Mapmakers novel and was a bit ho-hum about it, but now I definitely want the third.

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### **Joe Holman says**

There is a definite pattern to how things flow from one quest to another. It's appropriate in a book for this age while it might not work as well in an adult book.

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### **Renee says**

This is the second book in the Mapmaker Chronicles trilogy. I tried to read the first book to my 6 year old son, but it was a little beyond him. I think he will love this series in a couple of years. It is aimed at 9+ readers. I finished reading book one on my own and loved it so decided to read the rest of the series too.

Prisoner of the Black Hawk picks up where Race to the End of the World left off. Fourteen year old Quinn continues on his adventures as the mapmaker aboard a ship on a quest to explore the world, make the best map and bring home the most treasure. The pace of action and adventure in the first book continues in this installment. Full of treachery, strange creatures and pirates there is plenty of action to keep middle grade readers engaged (as well as middle aged mums!) As the title suggests, Quinn is taken captive aboard the Black Hawk ship. How can he escape? Read it and find out!

I received this book free from NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

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**Heather says**

It did not disappoint!

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**Ashley says**

Very fun read! Time for the next in the series.

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**Krisz says**

I love these stories - in spite of having been written for teen boys, the events are so genial and always so new and surprising, that I just can't wait to see what happens next!

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**Isaac says**

This story moves along with the first one. It has humor, mystery, and even some scary bits. It has adventure in every chapter. New friends, new enemies, new ways to look at the world. Some of the characters still have really bad personalities. It is just as good as the first and you will love the main character and his friends because they are courageous and kind. They will find out if childhood legends are real, and secrets will be revealed. Altogether, I think the book worked out really well.

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**Barb says**

I didn't know I was looking to lose myself in an adventure series designed for MG/YA, but I'm really glad I've found The Mapmaker Chronicles. For me, it's been escapism. And I've discovered I love a high-seas tale!

I've posted my review on my blog, so I'm going to just paste it in here. Enjoy!

"I guess that's the secret then," he said. "As long as someone has hope for you, there's a chance things will turn out okay."

— Quinn Freeman, The Mapmaker Chronicles: Prisoner of the Black Hawk by A.L. Tait

Quinn, Ash, Zain, and the crew of the *Libertas* are back in *The Mapmaker Chronicles: Prisoner of the Black Hawk* by A.L. Tait. *The Mapmaker Chronicles* gives readers the exciting adventures of 14-year old Quinn Freeman as he sales far away from home on a quest to map the world, a race against time and two other ships and their mapmakers.

Book two, *Prisoner of the Black Hawk*, picks up with Quinn and the *Libertas* crew regrouped after a near-

deadly encounter with the Gelynions. Captain Zain has taken young Kurt on board, a former prisoner of the Gelynions and someone that Quinn doesn't fully trust. As the crew continues to keep a wary eye out for the violent Gelynions, land is sighted. A visit to port is the beginning for Quinn's newest adventure, although he may have preferred something a bit less exciting than running into a giant serpent and being kidnapped and taken prisoner aboard the Black Hawk, a Gelynion ship.

Author A.L. Tait gives readers another fast-paced story set on the high-seas in a fantastical world filled with terrifying creatures, pirates, and loyal friends. If you're looking for a story that you can lose yourself in, grab this book. Since I was a kid, I've loved adventure stories — from Pippi Longstocking books to the Indiana Jones movies. I have no problem throwing myself right into the adventure along with the main characters, and I really like both Quinn and Ash because I can see myself reacting the same way in some of the situations these two face.

The Mapmaker Chronicles: Prisoner of the Black Hawk is a delightful combination of action, whimsy, and moments that made me thoughtful. My favorite quote from the book is the one I placed at the top of this review. I believe these words are exceptionally true. My other favorite quote comes from Zain,

"But remember this: the only man who is truly trapped is the man who does nothing. If you do something — anything — then you force change."

I highly recommend The Mapmaker Chronicles series from A.L. Tait. Start with book one because you don't want to miss out on early Quinn — his growth has been fun to read.

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### **Suzie says**

Enjoying this series very much. Love the description of historical navigational and mapping skills

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### **Emma says**

Another great installment in the Mapmaker Chronicles although I found this one a little hopeless and dark at times. Overall, however, the characters continue to be interesting, the pace of the race beckons and it is easy to root for Quinn and the crew of the *Libertas*. I enjoy visualising the locations of the places that the ship visits and the way that the story unfolds along the way. I also thought the book dealt well with the complex issues of revenge, hopelessness and (situational) depression.

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### **Susan says**

I am enjoying these adventure books. They are clean with no swearing and no sex, but some violence. Probably be good for boys ages 10-15.

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**Jean Kirby says**

Another great adventure (book 2) in this exciting series. I read it very quickly as it is action-packed and pacy. The story involves pirates, fighting, betrayal, friendship and lots more. i can't wait to read book 3!

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**Siobhan Henn says**

I read the first four back to back. The adventures of Quinn are amazing and captivating. The whole cast of characters are really alive and everyone gets a decent focus. Ash is so amazing and I'm glad thus far theres no romantic atmosphere. I can't wait to read more!

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