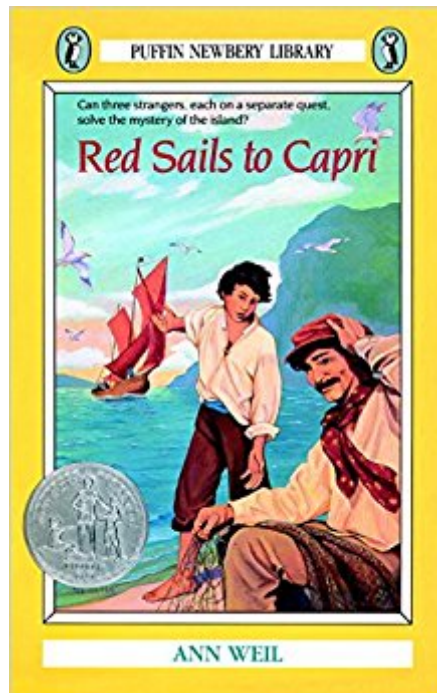




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# Red Sails To Capri (Puffin Newberry Library)



## Synopsis

A NEWBERRY HONOR BOOK  
The minute he saw the boat with the red sails moving into the harbor, Michele knew that something exciting was going to happen. Sailing on the ship were three men who would come to stay at Michele's parents' inn. The men said they were searching "one for beauty, one for adventure, and one for something difficult to explain." • What they brought with them was a mystery and adventure that would change Michele's life "and all of Capri" forever.

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The book has a wonderful story !!! I did not see the book that I purchased from you, as I sent it off as a gift. It's a Caldecott Award Book, I recommend it for reading to first, second, and third graders, fourth and fifth this good too, it's actually for any age. I recently read it, it's quite amusing. Good Story Content, I have purchased four copies as gifts. it's a great story. Lydia D'Ambro

I had this book recommended to me, but had a very difficult time finding it. I'm so glad I finally did. We read it aloud and the whole family loved it (kids 6-15). Years later, they still talk about it as among their favorite books. Warning: it will definitely make you plan on visiting Capri some day!

My son seemed to enjoy it fine, since I was reading it aloud. But I doubt I could have gotten him to finish it if he was having to read it himself. He liked that I used accents when reading dialogue--that was probably the saving grace.

Red Sails to Capri is a good mystery. Michele and his family live on the island of Capri. Michele's parents were not born on Capri, they are from Naples. Visitors named Monsieur Jacques, Lord Derby, and Herre Nordstrom want to solve the mystery of the cove on Capri. They do not know what is in the cove. Signor Pagano, Michele's father, tells the three visitors and Michele a story about the cove. Michele's mother is Signora Pagano, and she does not want them to go to the cove. Michele has a friend named Pietro. They are very good friends, and every Sunday they play together. Michele has another friend, a fisherman named Angelo. He tells lots of stories. He helps the men and Michele set off on their adventure. My favorite part is when they solve the mystery of the cove. I recommend this book if you like adventure. This book was written in 1952, but it is still enjoyable for kids today.

What is the mystery of the cove of Capri? People think it is filled with monsters and man-eating fish. Except, when three men come to Capri, they want to go to the cove. Will they survive? Will anyone take them? Find out in this entertaining historical fiction! Michele's adventures start when the three strange men come to the inn of Michele's parents on Capri. There is a cove on the island that nobody wants to go to. The men want to go. Legends say that if you go in the cove you will never come out. What happens will change Michele and all of Capri forever! The story takes place in the winter of 1826 on the beautiful little island of Capri. Capri is off the coast of Naples, Italy. Capri has many poor fishermen, two inns, and a cove that all of the people of Capri think is bad luck. I like the attractive setting of this story. Of all the characters, I like Michele best of all. He is a tall, brown haired, fourteen year old boy and is best friend of Pietro and Angelo. Michele is loyal, smart, helpful, and curious. He is loyal because when he and Pietro play they always share secrets. Pietro is also loyal because when Michele could not go to Naples he did not go. Michele is helpful and he helps his parents at his inn. He sounds like he can be a real person. The author of this book is Anne Weil. She was born on Aug 31 1908 in Harrisburg, Illinois. She has written *The Silver Fawn*, *the Very First Day*, *Animal Families*, and several other books. She passed away in 1969. *Red Sails to Capri* deserved to win the 1953 Newberry honor award. It contains wonderful suspense and I think you will not want to put down the book when you start reading it! A great adventure will want to make you desire to go to the cove!

I read this story aloud to my family as we travelled through South Korea on the trains. The constant speaker changes were a wonderful challenge for me as an amateur actor--I rendered almost all of them with accents. As far as I can tell, everyone enjoyed it immensely (I even received applause

from the locals). For the past four years I've had a standing request from my wife to record it as an audiobook...would that I had the time. The tale recounts events surrounding the boy who discovered the Blue Grotto on the Isle of Capri in Italy, being roughly equal parts an adventure, inter-cultural, overcoming life's challenges, and coming-of-age story. I do not know if the story was principally factual, historical fiction or entirely fabricated, but I do know that four years on, my children are still begging to visit Capri. I truly can't recommend this title highly enough. It's absolutely shocking to me that the book appears to be out-of-print. The copyright holder is sitting on a great resource. They should license it for others to print (or download) if they don't wish to print it themselves. NOTE TO WOULD BE NARRATORS AND PERFORMANCE READERS: I strongly encourage you to pre-read the title with a pack of differently colored highlighter markers. This will be a great help in getting your voices right. The dialogue moves quickly and, while the mistakes I made were either ignored or missed by my local Korea rail audience, both my children both commented something to the effect that Daddy needs to scan farther ahead.

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