

(3) Winnie's Pirate Adventure

Winnie the Witch and her big black cat Wilbur were getting ready for a party. It was a fancy dress party. "What will we wear, Wilbur?" asked Winnie. "We'll have to think about that." "Cinderella? NO! A bear? NO! Robin Hood? NO, NO! Then Winnie had a fantastic idea. She waved her magic wand, shouted, **Abracadabra!** And there she was, wearing a pirate costume. Wilbur was in a parrot suit. Winnie was pleased. "We look fantastic!" she said. Wilbur was embarrassed. "We look ridiculous," he thought.

Winnie jumped onto her broomstick, Wilbur jumped onto her shoulder, and they flew off to the party. There were some wonderful costumes at the party. Fairies, clowns, a lion, a princess, some spacemen and lots of pirates. The other pirates admired Winnie's parrot. Wilbur flapped his wings. "All we need now is a treasure map," one pirate said. "I found a treasure map in my pocket," said another pirate. "So all we need now is a ship." "I can do that," said Winnie. She waved her magic wand, shouted, **Abracadabra!**

And there was a pirate ship. "Hurrah!" shouted the pirates. They climbed aboard and sailed away. "Yo-ho-ho!" shouted Winnie's Pirates. "Being a pirate is fun!" They climbed up the masts. They walked the plank, until Winnie fell in. Luckily she could swim.

Winnie's pirates got out the treasure map. There were islands all around their ship. Which one was the treasure island? But then they saw an island that looked exactly like the one on the treasure map. Winnie and her pirates splashed ashore. They climbed to the top of a hill and looked down. They ran down to the hole in the sand and started digging. It was hard work. But at last they dug out the treasure chest. Winnie lifted up the lid. The chest was empty. But Wilbur saw something shining in the sand. What was it? He started to dig and dig. Out came a big shiny box. And

inside the box were lots and lots of shiny tins....of sardines! “Meee-yo-ho-ho!”

Wilbur was delighted. He loved sardines. But other pirates were not delighted.

Winnie had a wonderful idea. She waved her wand, shouted, **Abracadabra!** And the treasure chest was full of shiny treasure. Now Winnie’s pirates were delighted.

Winnie’s pirates shared the treasure with his friends. They were delighted, too. Wilbur didn’t share his sardines. “Being a pirate is fun, Wilbur,” Winnie said. “But being a witch is much more fun.”