



Howard Pyle

Title

The Pirates Fire upon the Fugitives

Medium

Oil on board

Date

1895

Dimensions

16 × 10 in. (40.6 × 25.4 cm)

Accession number

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Credit Line

Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Howard P. Brokaw, 2007

Web Description

Howard Pyle may be best known for his illustrations of classic tales of adventure, but he was also an author of them himself. The Pirates Fire Upon the Fugitives depicts

the thrilling close of chapter 39 of Pyle's novel Jack Ballister's Fortunes, originally published serially in *St. Nicholas: A Monthly Magazine for Boys and Girls*. In the story, the English orphan Jack Ballister is kidnapped and sold into slavery on a Virginia tobacco plantation. Pyle here depicts Ballister and his friend the pirate Christian Dred fleeing from the infamous pirate Blackbeard, from whom they have stolen precious cargo.