My First Book—Treasure Island

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Description/Abstract
This article (after a brief introduction by Mark F. Weimer of Syracuse University) first appeared in McClure’s Magazine in 1894. It is the now-rare preface to the classic novel Treasure Island, in which Robert Louis Stevenson comments on how the novel sprang from a map he painted with the assistance of an imaginative schoolboy while recuperating from an illness. A holograph manuscript of the preface is located in the Syracuse University Libraries.

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Are you sure you want to remove My first book—Treasure Island from your list? There's no description for this book yet. Can you add one? Subjects. Treasure Island (Imaginary place). People. Robert Louis Stevenson (1850-1894). 2 editions First published in 1894. 1894, The International News Company. My first book—Treasure Island. in English. 1894, S.S. McClure?) My first book—Treasure Island. in English. More by Robert Louis Stevenson. TREASURE ISLAND. To S.L.O., an American gentleman in accordance with whose classic taste the following narrative has been designed, it is now, in return for numerous delightful hours, and with the kindest wishes, dedicated by his affectionate friend, the author. To the hesitating purchaser. Treasure Island. in the high, old tottering voice that seemed to have been tuned and broken at the capstan bars. ‘First of all we’ll try the book.’ observed the doctor. The squire and I were both peering over his shoulder as he opened it, for Dr. Livesey had kindly motioned me to come round from the side-table, where I had been eating, to enjoy the sport of the search. On the first page there were only some scraps of writing, such as a man with a pen in his hand might make for idleness or practice.