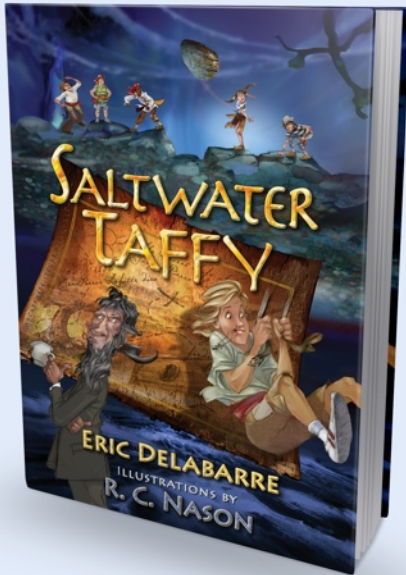




THE SAWEET TREASURE MAP

Before you create your *Saweeet Saltwater Taffy Treasure Map*, you need to first think about what your buried treasure will be. Every treasure hunt has a treasure, but this treasure will be a little different. With the *Saweeet Saltwater Taffy Treasure Hunt*, we are not seeking a pirate's chest of gold, silver or even a sparkly bag of diamonds. This treasure is found by answering one simple question, *'What do I want to be when I grow up?'*



In order to find this buried treasure, otherwise known as your future, you will need a very important navigational device often used by pirates. *Does anyone know the device we are talking about?* That's right, the compass. The compass is a navigational instrument used for finding one's direction. Here at the *Saltwater Taffy Network*, however, we want to introduce you to a different kind of compass called the Heart Compass.

The Heart Compass is kind of like your very own built-in GPS system, guiding you towards things you love in life. It has the ability to guide you towards the biggest smile you can ever imagine, IF you are willing to listen. *If you are listening, then close your eyes and think about something you love.*

When you find something, you should know that it was delivered by your Heart Compass. I have spent my entire life listening to my Heart Compass. Although it can be a struggle at times, it is an awesome adventure. When the going gets tough and other kids make fun of you, say: *'I LOVE WHAT I AM DOING'* and move on. 'Other kids' made fun of Justin Beiber when he started to sing at a young age, but who's laughing now? 'The Bieb' is traveling the world and those 'other kids' are still wasting their time judging other people.

Are you ready to begin the greatest adventure of your life and find your very own buried treasure?

STEP 1: DISCOVERING MY BURIED TREASURE

List 3 things you love to do. They can be anything you love. If you love to play video games, perhaps the X-marks-the-spot on your map will be to become a video game designer. If you love clothes, your X-marks-the-spot might be to become a clothing designer. If you love animals, maybe your X-marks-the-spot is to become a veterinarian. What if you love chocolate chip cookies? Maybe your X-marks-the-spot is to become a world famous chocolate chip bakery owner. The secret to this exercise is that no answer is a wrong answer. However, your X-marks-the-spot cannot be a desire to become rich or famous. Becoming rich or famous is a result of doing what you love, so you must discover what you love.

THREE SUPER COOL THINGS I LOVE

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2. _____
3. _____

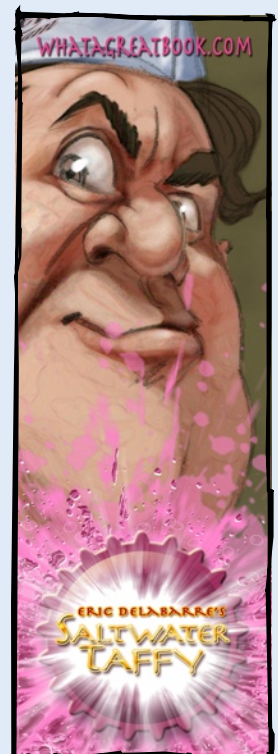
SHARE: *Would anyone like to share one of their Super Cool Things?*

STEP 2: FINDING MY TREASURE HUNTING FOCUS

Now that you have three super cool things you love to do, you need to decide on the one super cool thing you love the most. I know this can be hard, but you must choose one super cool thing for the purpose of this exercise. When you choose something, you are creating what is known as your **TREASURE HUNTING FOCUS**. Without a focus, otherwise known as your direction, you will become lost on the adventure of finding your buried treasure.

MY TREASURE HUNTING FOCUS

SHARE: *Would anyone like to share their Treasure Hunting Focus?*



STEP 3: TREASURE HUNTING ACTION STEPS

Action steps are kind of like doing your chores. For example, the action steps for cleaning your room would be: 1. *Pick up my toys.* 2. *Fold my clothes.* 3. *Vacuum the carpet.* 4. *Make my bed.* The end result is a clean room. Maybe your *Treasure Hunting Focus* is to become a professional surfer. The action steps to your X-marks-the-spot could be: 1. *Learn how to swim.* 2. *Buy a surfboard and wetsuit.* 3. *Take lessons and practice, practice, practice.* 5. *Enter your first surfing competition.*

MY 3 ACTION STEPS TO MY BURIED TREASURE

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

STEP 4: DRAWING YOUR TREASURE MAP

Now that you have determined what you love, discovered your treasure hunting focus and created your three treasure hunting action steps, it is time to create your *Saweeet Saltwater Taffy Treasure Map*. In total, there will be five points on your treasure map.

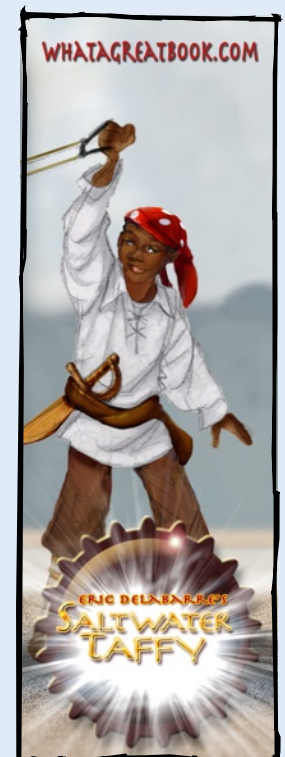
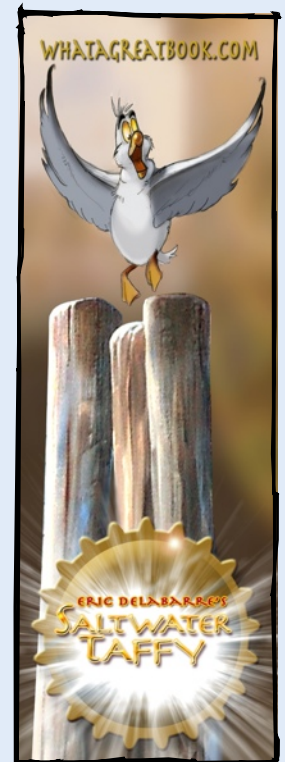
POINT 1: Draw a picture of your house. (*The beginning*)

POINT 2: Draw your first Action Step. (*Learn how to swim*)

POINT 3: Draw your second Action Step. (*Buy materials, surfboard and wetsuit*)

POINT 4: Draw your third Action Step. (*Take lessons and practice*)

POINT 5: Draw your X-marks-the-spot. (*Enter your first surfing competition*)



STEP 5: CONSTRUCTING YOUR TREASURE MAP

The fun you have been waiting for has finally arrived. This is when you get to put all your hard work to use. The hard work you have done is kind of like doing your homework. It is easy to rush out and search for buried treasure, but if you haven't done your homework, you will undoubtedly get lost when you are searching for your buried treasure. What kind of adventure would you have if you got lost along the way?

MATERIALS NEEDED

Imagination, white piece of paper, colored pens/pencils, wet tea bags or a cold cup of coffee, cooking oil, and paper towels.

- 1. DRAW:** Draw your treasure map by using your five points listed in Step 4.
- 2. TEAR:** Tear the edges of your map to make it look old and tattered like a pirate's treasure map.
- 3. STAIN:** Using a wet tea bag or a paper towel dipped in a cold cup of coffee, rub both sides of your map. You will notice this step will causes the paper to turn brown.
- 4. CRUMPLE:** Holding your your wet treasure map, crumple it into a ball and let it dry overnight.
- 5. BLOT:** The next day, carefully open your map and using another paper towel, gently rub cooking oil over both sides. Blot the map with a dry paper towel.

Congratulations!!!! You now have a map leading to your buried treasure, otherwise known as your FUTURE!

**** TREASURE TIP **** As your grow older and learn to love different things, your treasure hunting focus might change. This is perfectly fine, but it is important to choose an adventure TODAY. Always remember, every moment is another adventure waiting to happen! Are you ready?

