



# Across the Wide Dark Sea



anchor – a heavy metal hook attached to a ship that is dropped overboard to hold the ship in place

journey – a trip

cramped – crowded: not enough room to move about

rigging – all the ropes, chains, and pulleys used to control the masts and sails of a ship

furl – to roll up and fasten

shuddered – trembled or shivered suddenly

huddled – crowded close together

overboard – over the side of the boat

desperate – driven by a great need

miraculously – amazingly, like a miracle

plucked – snatched, pulled out

survive – to stay alive; to hold up or withstand

jack – a mechanical tool used to raise or move heavy objects, such as a car or house

seeping – leaking slowly; oozing

worship – to take part in a religious ceremony

faith – trust or belief, even without proof

lurked – stayed hidden

shelter – something that protects or covers

swamps – areas of spongy, muddy land that are often filled with water

settlement – a small community in a new place

weary – tired

rough – built in a hurry; not completely finished

defend – to protect from attack

cannons – heavy guns set onto wheels

sprouting – beginning to grow as new plants

thatch-roofed – a roof covered with straw or reeds