



***The Travelling Restaurant* - Barbara Else**

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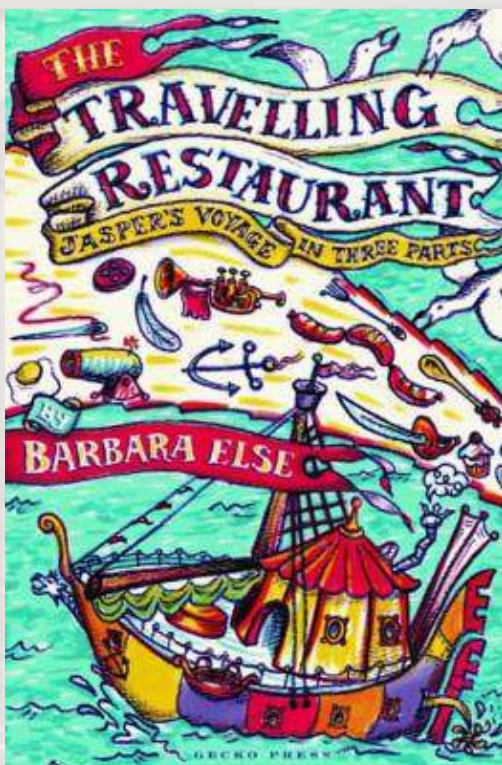
Magic and mystery keep readers guessing in this adventurous tale set on Fontania's high seas. Jasper Ludlow has been separated from his family and is in grave danger. His parents and young sister fled the City of Spires when Lady Gall, the ruthless 'provisional' monarch, tried to harm little Sibilla.

Jasper determines to find his family and protect Sibilla. First, he must evade Lady Gall's troops who are searching for him. He escapes to sea with Dr Rocket, the gruff captain of a sailing restaurant, and sharp-tongued Polly, the cook. Jasper notices unusual happenings on board the ship. Could the forbidden magic be reawakening - and what is the strange creature in the anchor well?

Jasper's quest takes him on a perilous voyage across Old Ocean . He saves the life of a shifty journalist, encounters fierce pirates, rescues an ungrateful orphan, survives storms at sea, and discovers inner strengths to cope with his ordeal.

Jasper grows in courage and learns to trust friends as he continues to dodge Lady Gall. The drama becomes intense as the brave hero leaps from one escapade to the next. All that turmoil is enough to make a boy hungry and food features in the action. A ripping good read!

Reviewed by children's book author, Jean Bennett.



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