

# *GALAXY JONES AND THE SPACE PIRATES*

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## ABOUT THE BOOK:



Galaxy Jones lives on the very, very edge of a star system in an inn run by her dads. She loves her home and her little family, but ever since the train station that serviced their part of the universe went defunct, tourists have stopped coming, and Lexi's on the verge of losing it all. When the royal family stops at their inn on the way to a neighboring star system, Lexi's dads hope for some good business, but Lexi knows from past experience with spoiled Prince Weston—and his annoying dog, Comet—to expect nothing but trouble.

Turns out, that “trouble” is a whole lot bigger than she anticipated. Weston has stolen something. Even worse, he’s stolen it from notorious pirates—former followers of Lexi’s idol, the famous pirate Astro Bonny—who have tracked him straight to her house. Problem is, Weston has lost the trinket somewhere in deep space. And now the pirates are holding all the adults hostage with the threat of destroying the inn if they can’t find what they’ve come for.

Lucky for Weston, Lexi has a plan. In exchange for his help saving the family business, she will use all her skills and embrace the adventurous spirit of the great Astro Bonny to help him find whatever it is the pirates are after. With some pluck, and

a whole lot of luck, she might just pull it off—and make an unexpected friend along the way.



## KEY CHARACTERS:



Galaxy (Lexi) Jones

Prince Weston

Comet

Astro Bonny

The Odette Twins (Celeste and Pictor)

Ron

Paul and Derek (Lexi's parents)





## REFLECTION QUESTIONS:



1. The catalyst that brings the pirates to the inn and kicks off Lexi and Weston's quest is a lost/stolen amulet. Why did you first suspect the object was so important to the characters in the story? Were you right? Were you surprised when the author revealed its meaning?

2. Choose a scene from the story that stuck out to you and write about what you would have done if you were Lexi or Weston, or if you were along on the adventure with them.

3. *“I’m closer to strangers than I’ve been in ages. I wish I could invite each one back to the inn. I would sit on the rug by the sofa as each guest settled into their seat, waiting eagerly for their stories.”*

Every single person has a story! What are the first three questions you would ask a stranger to learn about their life?

4. Midway through the story, Lexi starts to learn more about Weston and realizes his princely life might not be as perfect as she assumed. Can you think of a time you assumed you knew something about a person or situation and then changed your mind when you learned more?

5. From Lexi’s family inn and Weston’s royal lineage to the Odette Twins and the

epic story of Astro Bonny, family legacy is something that every main character is concerned about in *Galaxy Jones*. Using examples from the book, define what family legacy is and what it means to you.

6. *Galaxy Jones* is a sci-fi space-pirate adventure that includes topics like the solar system, bravery, loyalty, family, and more. Make a list of at least three other books that connect in some way to *Galaxy Jones*. Write down the title, author, year of publication, and at least one element that links the stories.

7. Review time! In your opinion, what were the highs and lows of the story? Did you predict any plot points? What would you have written differently? What questions

would you ask the author if you had the chance? Write a short review of this book that you could share with a friend or classmate who hasn't read the book yet.

## EXTENSION ACTIVITIES:



Choose a quote from the book and free write for ten minutes about whatever it brings to mind. Not sure where to start? Pick from one of these:

“It used to be *our* solar system. Now it feels like it belongs to space. Nothing but black, expanding space.”

“They’d tell me all about the far-off places they’d come from, and what they saw on their way, and all the exciting and alien and

wonderful things I hadn't imagined before the words passed their lips."

"Who wants to live on a *rock*, let alone *own* a rock, when you could live on an ever-moving, never-stationary *ship*?"

*"But even as we float here, suspended in the hazy nothing, the universe is stretching as though waking from a nap. An endless stretch, forever evolving."*

What do you know about the expansion of the universe? Head to your library or check out NASA's website (or another trusted scientific site) to learn all about the theory behind the concept and how astronomers study it!

On the pirate planet, Lexi and Weston are shocked to see themselves on a wanted poster . . . but Lexi's sketch is nothing but a stick figure! Draw an updated poster, incorporating as many character details as you can.

Design your own Space Pirate flag!