

# Treasure Island — Principal Characters

Jim Hawkins - - Hero / Adventurer

- **Personality:** Brave, optimistic, earnest, slightly naïve
- **Function:** Drives the plot by inheriting Billy Bones' map; romantic lead with Maggie
- **Performance Notes:** Straight-man energy; sincere, energetic, and likeable

Henrietta Hawkins - - Dame / Jim's mother

- **Personality:** Loud, cheeky, flirtatious, warm-hearted
- **Function:** Comic engine of the show; audience interaction;
- **Performance Notes:** Classic pantomime dame — big physicality, innuendo, improv

Long John Silver - - Main villain

- **Personality:** Cunning, charismatic, theatrical, sly
- **Function:** Leads the pirate pursuit; central antagonist
- **Performance Notes:** Big villain energy; physical comedy with wooden leg

Squire Trelawney - - Wealthy landowner / expedition leader

- **Personality:** Pompous, well-meaning, slightly clueless
- **Function:** Funds the voyage; provides comic authority figure
- **Performance Notes:** Stuffy upper-class caricature; ripe for comedic contrast

Dr Livesey - - Physician / comic straight man

- **Personality:** Dry, literal, unintentionally funny
- **Function:** Medical gags, logical explanations, joins the voyage
- **Performance Notes:** Deadpan delivery enhances the humour



Maggie Trelawney - - Jim's sweetheart

- **Personality:** Sweet, loyal, romantic
- **Function:** Emotional anchor for Jim; provides musical moments
- **Performance Notes:** Traditional ingénue role

Fore & Aft - - Comic duo / sailors

- **Personality:** Dim-witted, enthusiastic, lovable
- **Function:** Audience participation, running jokes, slapstick
- **Performance Notes:** Classic double act — one slightly smarter than the other

Captain Smollett - - Captain of the Hispaniola

- **Personality:** Gruff, disciplined, old-school sailor
- **Function:** Authority figure aboard ship
- **Performance Notes:** Straight-laced foil to the chaos

Mr Arrow - - First Mate of the Hispaniola

- **Personality:** Loyal, practical
- **Function:** Supports Smollett; helps maintain order
- **Performance Notes:** Smaller but important role

# Treasure Island — Supporting Roles & Chorus

## Billy Bones - - Doomed old pirate

- **Personality:** Paranoid, dramatic, superstitious
- **Function:** Brings the treasure map into the story; dies repeatedly for comedy
- **Performance Notes:** Over-the-top melodrama; slapstick death scenes

## Ben Gunn - - Marooned pirate

- **Personality:** Eccentric, excitable, slightly unhinged
- **Function:** Comic relief on the island; helps heroes
- **Performance Notes:** Big comedic potential

## Blind Pew - - Comic villain henchman

- **Personality:** Menacing but ridiculous
- **Function:** Delivers the Black Spot; helps identify Billy
- **Performance Notes:** Physical comedy with blindness gags

## Hands, Morgan, Merry - - Pirate henchmen

- **Personality:** Thick, rowdy, loyal to Silver
- **Function:** Ensemble villains; physical comedy; chase scenes
- **Performance Notes:** Great for character actors

## Sue & Sal - - Flirtatious dockside women

- **Personality:** Bold, cheeky, playful
- **Function:** Comic interaction with Jim; local colour at the docks
- **Performance Notes:** High-energy cameo roles



## Chief Zumba & Islanders – - Characters on Treasure Island

- **Function:** Provide musical numbers, comedy, and plot progression
- **Performance Notes:** Ensemble opportunities

## Chorus / Ensemble - support musical numbers, comedy moments, & scene transitions

- Pirates
- Sailors
- Islanders
- Dancers
- Serving girls
- Crowd scenes

