Robert Louis Stevenson. Treasure Island. Edited with an Introduction by John Seelye. Penguin books. Penguin books. Published by the Penguin Group. Stevenson’s first novel was written for his young stepson, Lloyd Osbourne, and the story of pirates and a fabulous hoard of doubloons has ever since appealed to young readers of, as the phrase has it, all ages. There then followed a collection of poems for young readers, A Child’s Garden of Verses (1884), and other books of adventure fiction, but after Treasure Island the most important of Stevenson’s novels, published in 1886, was The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, a psychological thriller that still rivals Treasure Island in interest, as in the earlier instance kept. My first book: ‘Treasure Island’… 217. Part one the old buccaneer. 1 The Old Sea-dog at the Admiral Benbow SQUARE TRELAWNEY, Dr. Livesey, and the rest of these gentlemen having asked me to write down the whole par-ticulars about Treasure Island, from the beginning to the end, keeping nothing back but the bearings of the island, and that only because there is still treasure not yet lifted, I take up my pen. ‘First of all we’ll try the book,’ observed the doctor. The squire and I were both peering over his shoulder as he opened it, for Dr. Livesey had kindly motioned me to come round from the side-table, where I had been sitting, to enjoy the seat of the doctor. TREASURE ISLAND. To S. L. O., an American gentleman in accordance with whose classic taste the following