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. Librivox recording of Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson. Read by Adrian Praetzellis. A mysterious map, pirates, and pieces of eight! When young Jim... This is a great book, packed with suspenseful drama, villainy, heroism and memorable characters. I was delighted to rediscover it through Adrian Praetzellis's excellent reading, full of vim and gusto, and bringing each character to life with their own distinctive voice. He does a good job of singing buccaneers too. TREASURE ISLAND. To S.L.O., an American gentleman in accordance with whose classic taste the following narrative has been designed, it is now, in return for numerous delightful hours, and with the kindest wishes, dedicated by his affectionate friend, the author. To the hesitating purchaser, Treasure Island. in the high, old tottering voice that seemed to have been tuned and broken at the capstan bars. ‘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 eating, to enjoy the sport of the search. On the first page there were only some scraps of writing, such as a man with a pen in his hand might make for idleness or practice.