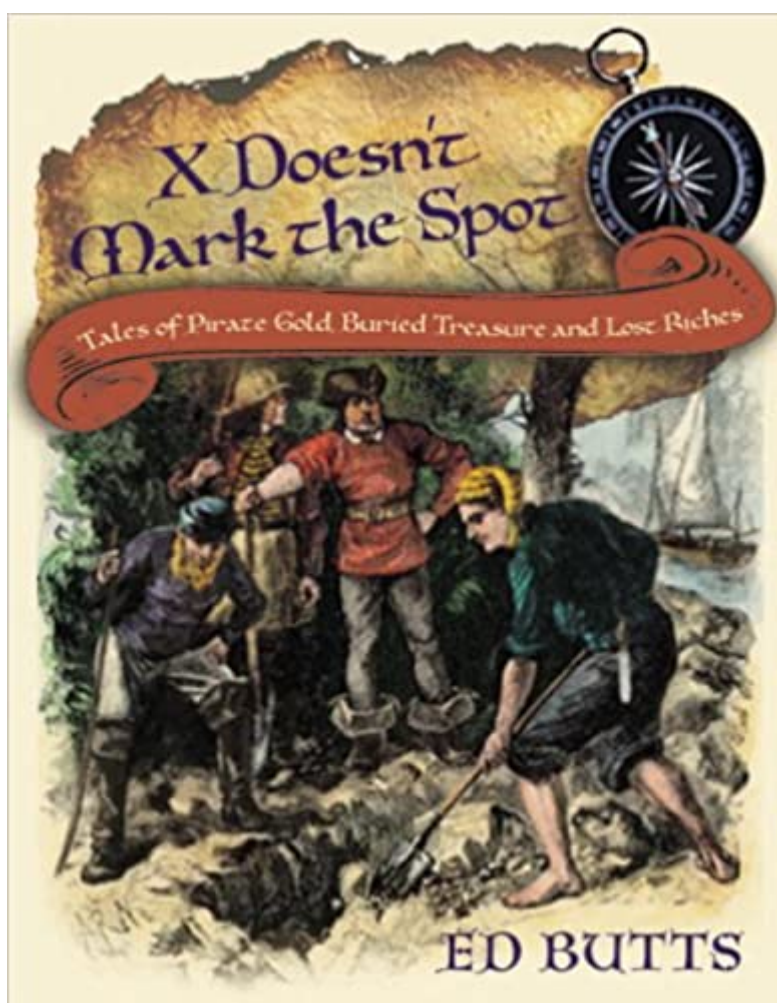


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# X Doesn't Mark The Spot: Tales Of Pirate Gold, Buried Treasure, And Lost Riches



## Synopsis

Anyone who has fantasized about becoming fabulously rich overnight can relate to this collection of treasure hunt stories — tales of buried pirate gold, of hidden outlaw loot, of wrecked ships loaded with valuable coins and jewels, and of —lost— gold mines. Some of the stories are tall tales based on little evidence. Many a dreamer wasted money, energy, and perhaps even a lifetime chasing after a pot of gold that did not exist. But some hidden treasures are real, even if the stories about them are exaggerated. Many of the stories came down to us from an age in which pirates were said to be in league with the devil and supposedly used black magic to protect their hidden plunder. Ed Butts' tales of adventure, of shattered hopes, and, occasionally, of dreams come true expose the greed and the challenges that motivated the searchers. A few of them got lucky. But X didn't mark the spot for most of these adventurers — and that means undiscovered treasures still lie ready to ignite the imagination.

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"X Doesn't Mark the Spot: Tales of Pirate Gold, Buried Treasure, and Lost Riches" is a collection of eleven tales of lost treasure, retrieved from files and treasure tales of Northeastern Canadian history. Designed to appeal to an adolescent audience, the tales contain more than a smattering of swagger and scallywagism, but the kernels of truth are perhaps still evident. Most tempting of all are the tales of treasure sought and unfound, either cursed by ghosts or lost due to natural events. Will reading "X Doesn't Mark the Spot" make someone rich? Maybe not in cash, but assuredly in valuable lore and history and even better, love of reading, the answer is a resounding yes! Salty manuscripts and supernatural events notwithstanding, author Ed Butts manages to pack in a solid dose of real Canadian colonial history.

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