A colorful illustration of a woman with long brown hair, wearing a blue cap and a red and white striped shirt, looking through a wooden telescope. A brown monkey is perched on her shoulder, looking out over a blue sea towards a green, rocky coastline under a yellow and purple sky. Another monkey is visible in the upper left corner, also looking out.

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After a storm forces Jimmy indoors, he has no idea how he will spend his day. Luckily, his grandfather knows exactly how to pass the time. While Jimmy longs to return outside and play, Grandfather dusts off the journals of Jimmy's great-great-great-grandfather James Earl Silas Tuckingham.

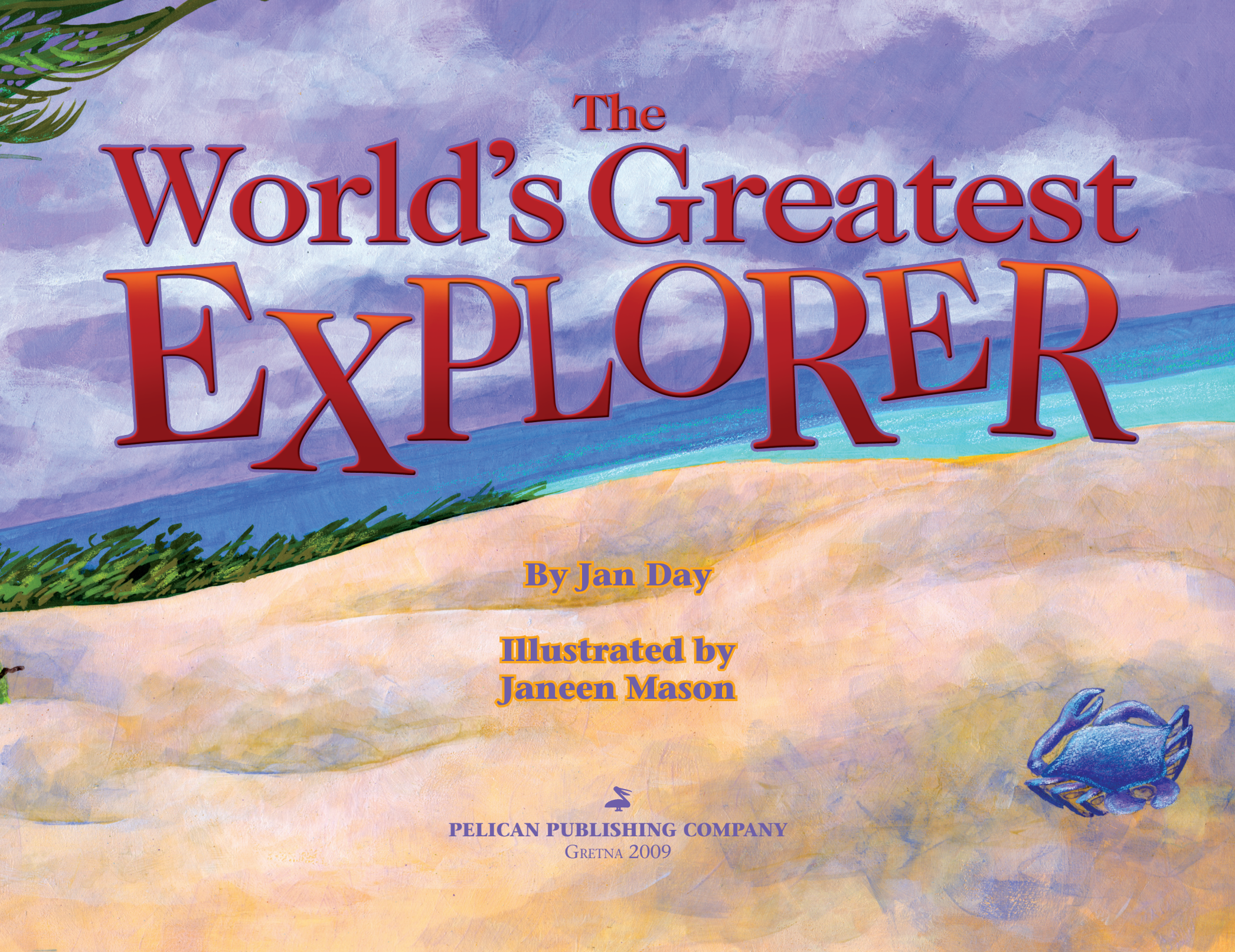
Together, Jimmy and Grandfather read James' accounts of his travels on the HMS *Hound* as he sailed the globe with a botanist looking for new plants to bring back to England. From the Amazon rainforest of Brazil to the South Pacific, James has many exciting and sometimes dangerous adventures, even battling fearsome bandits and rescuing monkeys along the way. According to his journals, he always helped save the day and was complimented by the captain.

Filled with beautiful illustrations by Janeen Mason and Jan Day's engaging writing style, *The World's Greatest Explorer* will encourage young readers to explore their own family history and learn more about the exotic places James visits in the story.

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For my parents, Bernice and Lewis Day—J. D.

*To Kevin, Jenna and Kenny, Colton, Nathan, Peyton, K2 and Jen, Miss Kate,
Bob, and Charlie, seafarers one and all—Love, J. M. (aka NeeNee)*

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"Come down from there!" Grandfather shouted, his voice full of the rumble of thunder. Ghosts of rain raced towards the shore.

"One last volley, men!" Jimmy yelled and sailed a coconut into the basket below. He slid down as fast as he could.

They hurried into Grandfather's house. It was tall, pea green, and leaned towards the sea. Wonders from around the world filled the front room.

Jimmy stared out the window. "What will we do?" He sighed. "It could rain for days."

"Time to show you the family treasure." Grandfather smiled. He pulled out a wooden chest from a net of spider webs.



But when Grandfather opened it, all he showed Jimmy were books and maps.

“Ugh. They smell like dried seaweed.”

“The journals of Great-Great-Great-Grandfather James Earl Silas Tuckingham from England. Of course they are odoriferous. They’re very old,” Grandfather said as he picked up one of the books.

“Wow, I wonder if Great-Great-Great-Grandfather knew any kings with treasures.” Jimmy took the book from Grandfather and blew dust off the cover.

“I doubt it. James was only ten when he set sail,” Grandfather said.

“Hey, that could be me.” Jimmy turned to the first page.