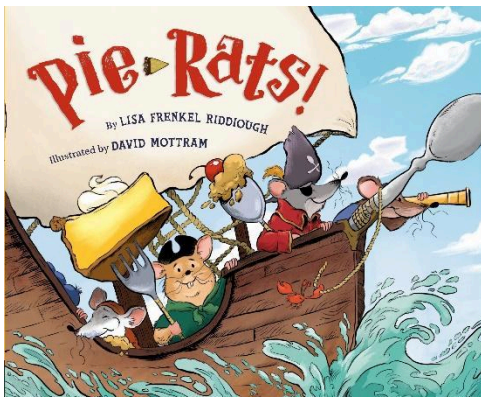


## **PIE-RATS!**

By Lisa Frenkel Riddiough and illustrated by David Mottram

**Praise for **PIE-RATS!** by Lisa Frenkel Riddiough:**

"The puns, rhymes, and wave-rocked rhythms will please many, and for in-lap or solo readers the thrills are enhanced by colorful, cartoonish illustrations with lots of details to notice. Avast, matesy! Here be treasure." —*Kirkus*



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With adorable characters and irresistible desserts, kids will love the playful and silly nods to pie, which are sure to make kids' tummies rumble and leave them craving for more of this delightful read.

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