

## **Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe**

Daniel Defoe was born in 1660 in London, England. He died on 24 April 1731. Defoe has written a great variety of works. His works include poetry, theology, economics and geography. Many readers know Defoe as a novelist. His famous book is **Robinson Crusoe**.

### **Book Summary**

Robinson Crusoe, as a young and impulsive wanderer, defied his parents and went to sea. First his voyages were not successful. Once, he landed in Brazil, and, after some time, he became the owner of a sugar plantation. Hoping to increase his wealth by buying slaves, he with other planters undertook a trip to Africa to bring back a shipload of slaves. After surviving a storm, Crusoe and the others were shipwrecked. Crusoe made immediate plans for food, and then shelter, to protect himself from wild animals. He brought as many things as possible from the wrecked ship, things that would be useful later to him. In addition, he began to develop talents that he had never used in order to provide himself with necessities. Cut off from the company of men, he began to communicate with God. As time passed, Crusoe became a skilled craftsman, able to construct many useful things. He also learned about farming, as a result of some seeds which he brought with him. Crusoe explored his island and discovered another part of the island much richer, and he built a summer home there. He then constructed a small boat and journeyed around the island.

After spending about fifteen years on the island.... One day, cannibals landed on the island and a victim escaped. Crusoe saved his life, named him Friday, and taught him English. Friday soon became Crusoe's devoted slave.

Crusoe and Friday made plans to leave the island and, accordingly, they built another boat. This time it was necessary to attack the cannibals in order to save two prisoners since one was a white man. The white man was a Spaniard and the other was Friday's father. Later the four of them planned a voyage to the mainland to rescue sixteen compatriots of the Spaniard. A week later, they spied a ship but they quickly learned that there had been a mutiny (мятеж) on board. Crusoe and Friday rescued the captain and two other men. The grateful captain gave Crusoe many gifts and took him and Friday back to England. Crusoe returned to England and found that in his absence he had become a wealthy man. Crusoe sold his plantation in Brazil for a good price, married, and had three children. Finally, however, he was persuaded to go on yet another voyage, and he visited his old island, where there were promises of new adventures to be found in a later account.