Treasure Planet is based on a book called Treasure Island written by Robert Louis Stevenson in 1881. Treasure Island is a story of pirates and sail ships. It is about the adventures of Jim Hawkins and his search for the buried treasure of the notorious Captain Flint.

The film Treasure Planet is also a story of pirates – but not the human kind. These pirates come in all shapes and sizes – from spiders to cyborgs. The sail ships are intergalactic solar-powered galleons that travel not through the sea, but through the universe.

Jim Hawkins is a moody teenager and talented solar-surfer who finds himself on an intergalactic treasure hunt when he stumbles across a map to a hidden treasure trove.

Robert Louis Stevenson wrote Treasure Island in the days before multiplex cinemas and blockbuster movies.