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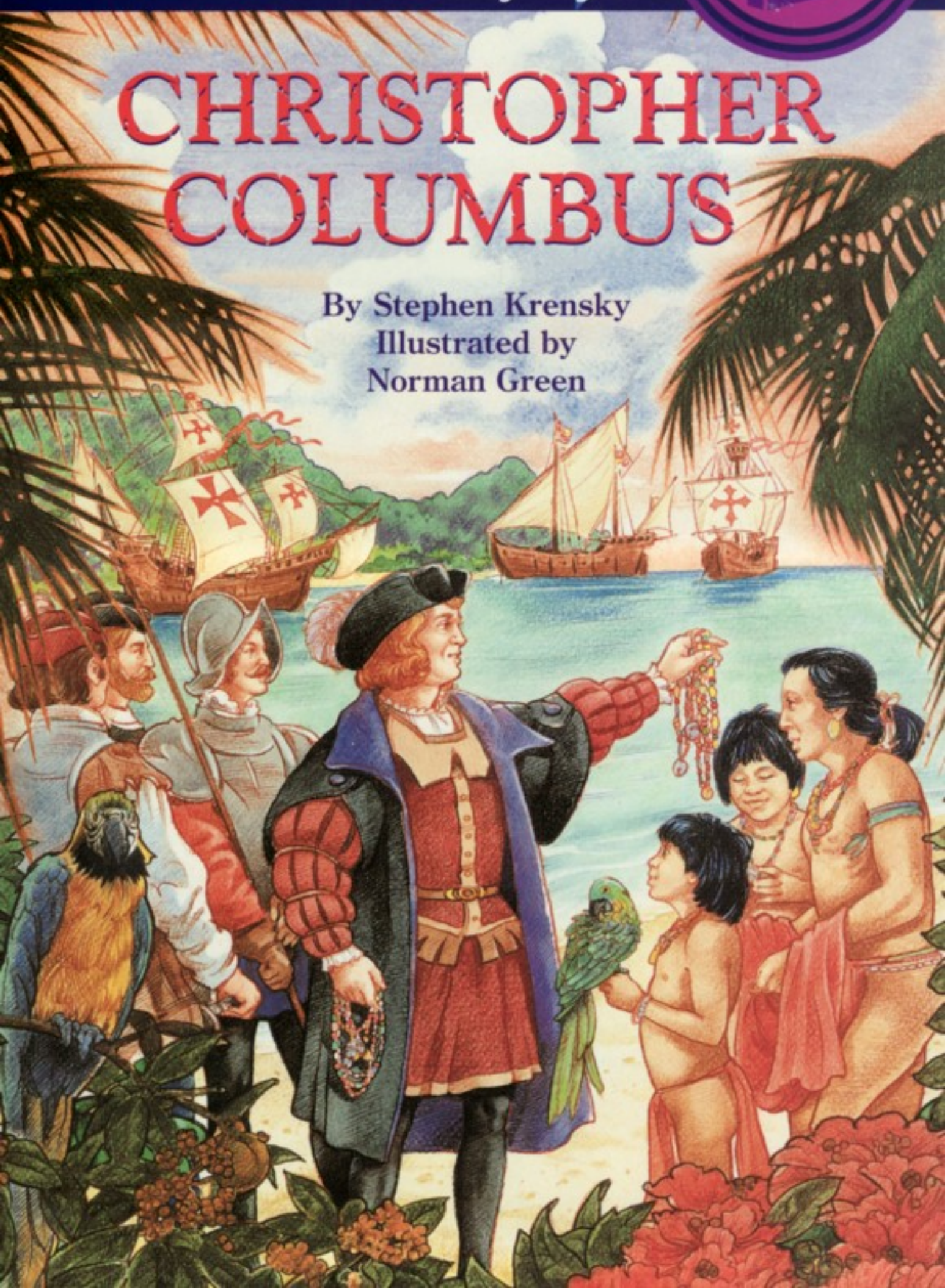
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CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS

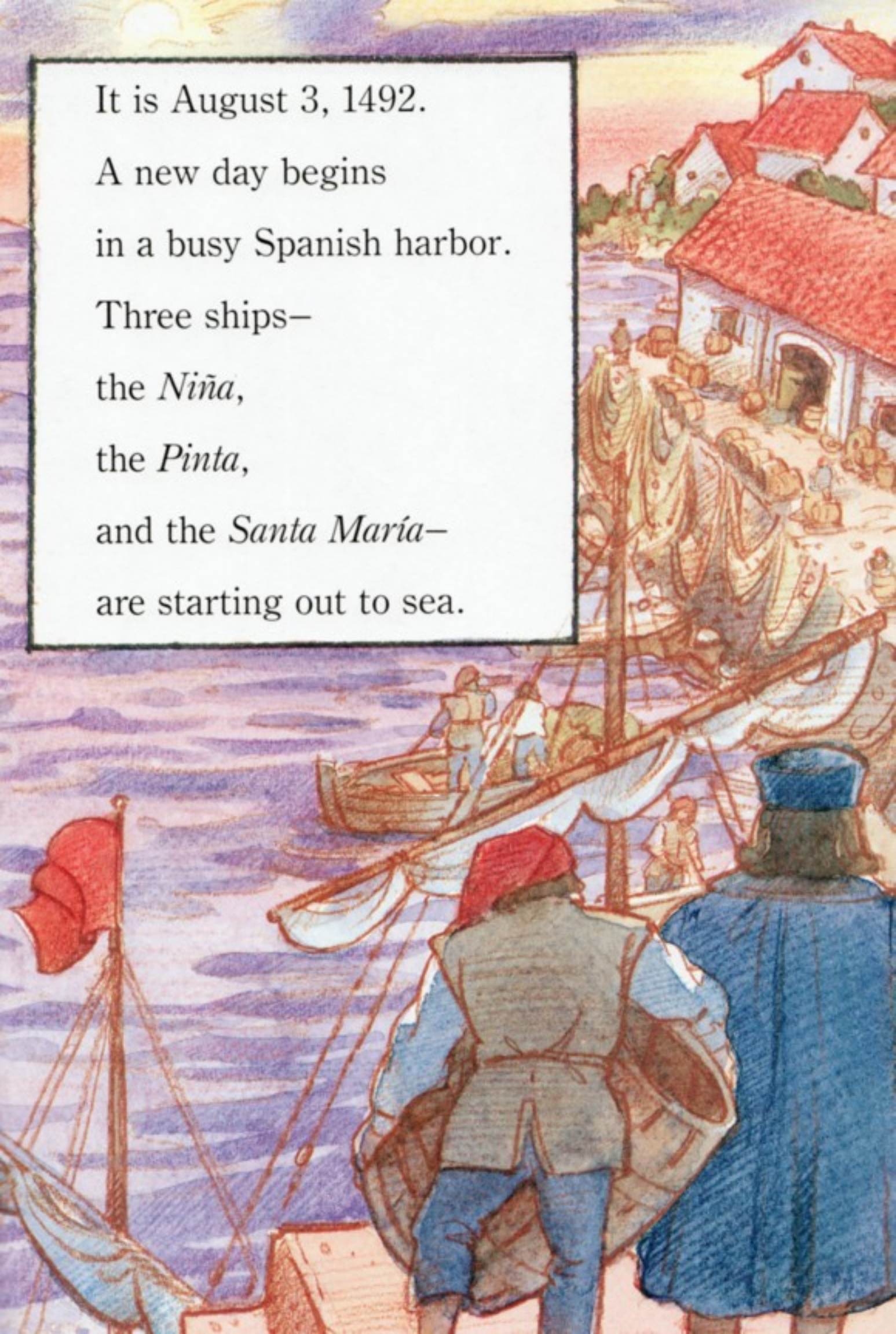
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It is August 3, 1492.

A new day begins
in a busy Spanish harbor.

Three ships—
the *Niña*,
the *Pinta*,
and the *Santa María*—
are starting out to sea.





Columbus knows the world is round.

Why not travel to the Far East
by sailing west?

But the world is bigger
than Columbus thinks.

They have been at sea
for almost two whole months.
Where is the land Columbus promised?
Columbus points to the birds
flying overhead.
He points to the leafy branches
floating in the water.
Land must be nearby!



reading on your own

It's time for YOU!
Pick your favorite
spot to read.
This is going to be
a great book!

What this book is about . . .

Christopher Columbus

Three small ships. A huge, unknown sea.
Travel with Christopher Columbus and his
crew on their brave voyage of discovery.



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