



 Peter Christopher, the director of the City of Adelaide Clipper Ship project, with the children's activities book he has written about the ship. Picture: AAP/Brenton Edwards

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New City of Adelaide clipper ship children's book opens maritime history to new audience

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SEAFARING adventures are swept off the page in a new children's activity book about the clipper ship *City of Adelaide*.

The ship's restoration project director, Peter Christopher, and Meredith Reardon — a descendant of its captain — have teamed up to create *Clipper Ship City of Adelaide Facts and Figures*.

More than a quarter of a million Australians can trace their ancestry through passengers and crew who sailed on the *City of Adelaide*, which made 23 return voyages from English ports between 1864 and 1887.

Mr Christopher said the 40-page book had been specifically written for children — a deliberate move as most of the material available about the historic ship was geared towards adults.

“It's written as an activity book and it leads the reader through the activities,” Mr Christopher said.

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They included crafting origami, making a compass, plotting the ship's voyage on a map and learning about the food on-board.

Mr Christopher said the idea was to give children an understanding of what it was like to take the long voyage from the Mother Country.

He and Ms Reardon, a teacher, first had the idea for the book two years ago but it wasn't until they received a grant from an anonymous donor that they were able to publish it.

Clipper Ship City of Adelaide Facts and Figures is now on sale for \$10 at the ship at Dock One.

It will soon also be available in selected newsagents and book stores.