

Plundered Hearts

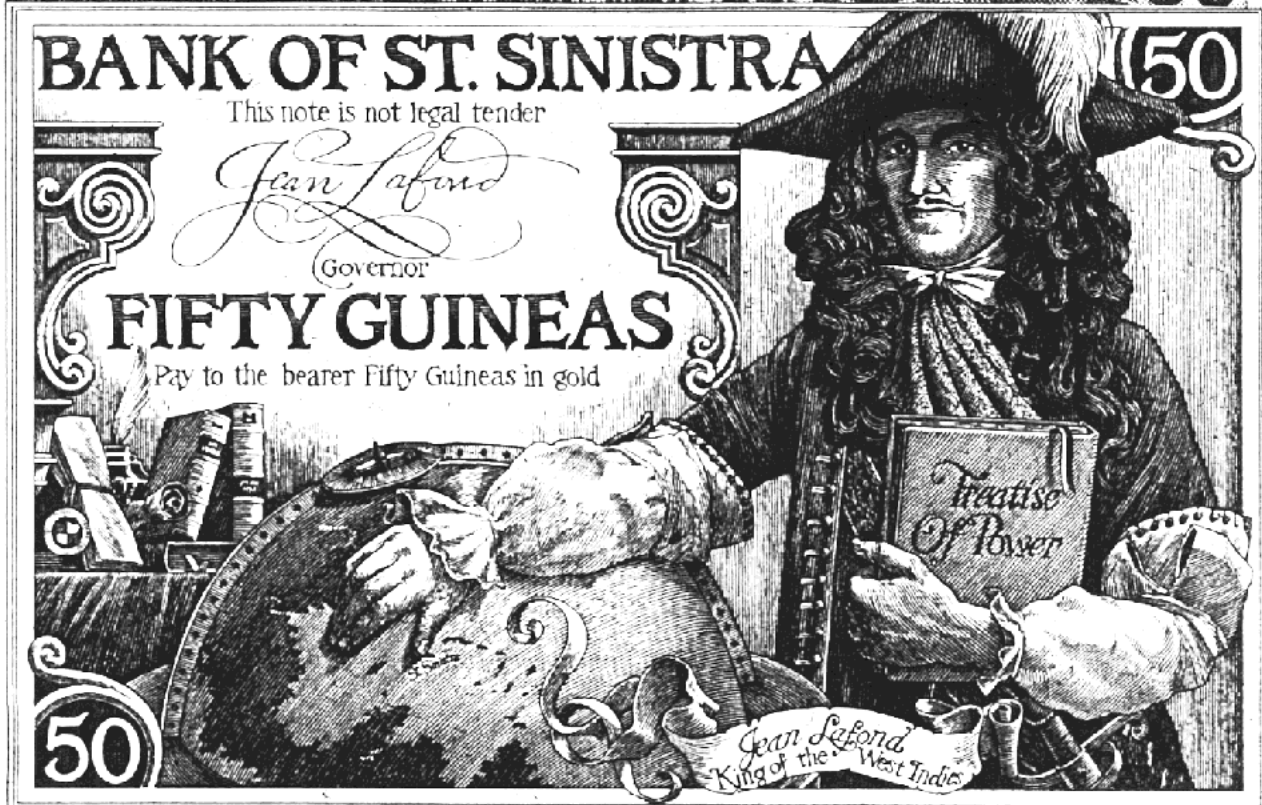
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Preface to the Story

Plundered Hearts is set in the late 1600s, where you are living the genteel life of a beautiful young Englishwoman. You have received news (the note included in your game package) that your dear father is ailing, and so you are travelling to the West Indies to care for him. As the story opens, the ship you are aboard is attacked by pirates, and you are carried off by the dashing pirate captain! But this does not dissuade you from your determination to find your father. Along the way, you shall encounter danger, adventure ... and more than a touch of romance.

About the Author

Amy Briggs was born a quarter of a century ago in a small town in western Minnesota. She graduated in 1984 from Macalester College, St. Paul, with a degree in English, specializing in British Literature. Strongly influenced by Jane Austin and Ian Fleming, she has often wondered what would have happened had Elizabeth Bennett met James Bond. Plundered Hearts is her first Infocom story.



St. Sinistra, 5 January

Dimsford House. London

Honored Lady,

It pleases Me that You have the Wit and
Gumption not to feel obliged to wait on your Father's
Permission to reply to my Letters. Of course He
could not refuse You The Opportunity of writing
to Myself, his new Friend and Governor.

While I customarily describe the Beauty of
my little Kingdom, this Time I have less than good
News to impart. Your Father has been taken ill of
a wasting tropical Disease. My own Surgeon has
reviewed his Condition and predicts that without loving
Encouragement, He may not survive more than a few Months.

Dimsford, too ill to write Himself, begged Me to
inform You, his only Daughter, of his Situation. With due
Respect, I suggest that You take ship to St. Sinistra
by the first Opportunity. I am convinced that the
Sight of your beloved Face will dissuade your Father
from his Melancholia.

I have instructed Capt. Bartholomew Davis,
of my Flagship *Lafond Dux*, to deliver You to my
grateful Charge; He should arrive in London directly
after You receive this Missive. Pray accept this
Banknote to defray the Cost of a new Wardrobe;
any Guest of Mine must be suitably dressed.
Trusting that your Voyage will be comfortable, I am,

Your most sovereign Lord,
Governor of St. Sinistra,

Jean Lafond