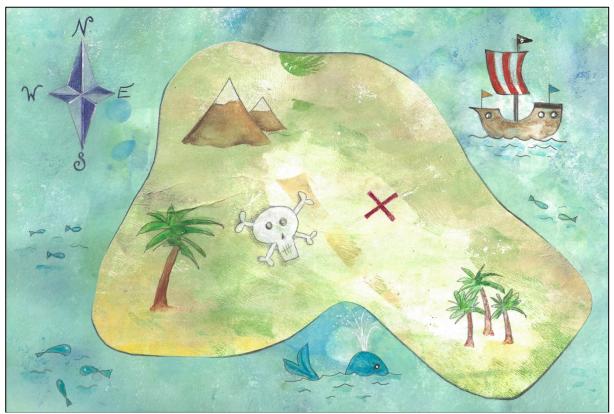
'HIDDEN ROMAN TREASURE' PUZZLE

What is represented in the ten sentences that make up the story below? Can *you* find a number of secrets within the words?



Mixed media artwork by Rebecca – it's nothing to do with the puzzle, just decoration!

HIDDEN ROMAN TREASURE

I love a treasure map. The finding of something – the challenge of working out which path to take – has always fascinated me. There are irritations to overcome, though. The steps to investigate the inner workings of a pirate's mind shouldn't be taken lightly in pursuit of plundering his hidden fortune. To conquer – no, to vanquish – doubts is half the battle. Terrain might be deadly: a vintage map hides many secrets. And what if the bounty stays invisible? Unshared, its precious value remains in jealous indivisibility. Heck, with my sense of direction, getting any fix on its location is unlikely! But we all know, don't we, that a big 'X' will always mark the spot?

Found the solution? Please tell me in an e-mail to rebeccaholden@substack.com by noon UK time on Friday 16th June, and comment on the original post of 10th June with 'I've found the treasure!' Correct entries will be entered into a prize draw to win a brand-new copy of my favourite book, 'Three Men in a Boat' by Jerome K. Jerome.