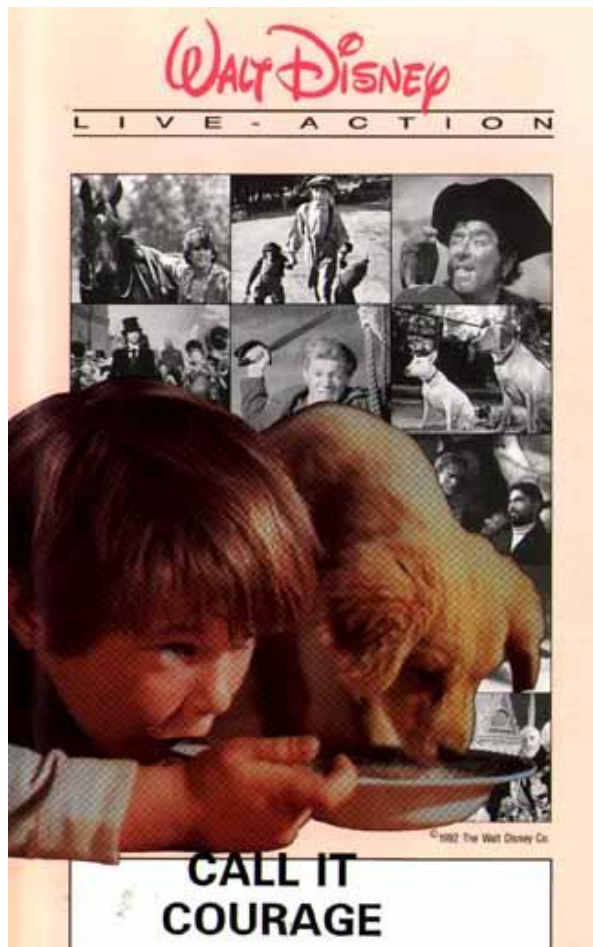


Call it Courage

US TV : 1973 : dir. : Disney : 24 min
 prod: : scr: : dir.ph.:
[Evan Temarii](#)
 MacMillan Armstrong Sperry

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Video packaging on the cheap – none of the stills on the sleeve are from the film inside it. Source: CVMC website

The Wonderful World of Disney Television – A Complete History review:

“The natives of the island of Hikueru tell the tale of the courage of a boy, Mafatu, and his dog, Tambu. Mafatu’s father had been lost in the shark-infested ocean, and ever since, the boy has suffered from nightmares. Realising that he

must confront his fears before he can be judged a man, Mafatu takes Tambu with him and sets sail in a small outrigger canoe. The many dangers of the sea prove to be all too real when a storm forces him ashore on an island claimed by a savage tribe.

"CALL IT COURAGE" was filmed on location on Bora Bora, which served as the cannibals' island, and on Tahiti. Filming took over 8 months. The name Mafatu means "stout heart". Airdates 4/01/73 and 3/06/77."

CVMC video retail/rental website review:

"A young teenage boy trying to face his fear of the sea winds up on a deserted island where he learns to develop courage. A rare Disney classic.

Rated NR: mild violence

Language: Hawaiian (with English narration subtitles)

Categories: Action/Adventure, Boy Films, Little to Preteen, Adolescent, Home Alone."

[no listing in "Halliwell's Film Guide", "Leonard Maltin's Movie and Video Guide 2001", "Speelfilm Encyclopedie", "The Critics' Film Guide", "The Disney Films (3rd Edition)", "The Good Film and Video Guide", "Movies on TV and Videocassette 1988-89", "Rating the Movies (1990)", "The Sunday Times Guide to Movies on Television", "The Time Out Film Guide", "TV Times Film & Video Guide 1995", "Variety Movie Guide 1993", "Video Movie Guide 1993" or "The Virgin Film Guide"]

No further information currently available. Not listed in Leonard Maltin's *"The Disney Films"*. The actual age of the hero – 13 or 18 – is critical to the film's interest from the archive's perspective, but this is the only title I've encountered made in the Hawaiian tongue, even if American dubbing overlays it. Nothing else is known of Evan Temarii. Most of the cinema's shipwrecked cabin boys and stowaways have been European, but see also "**TIKO AND THE SHARK**", probably the most comparable title in the archive. Another, but very different, Disney title with a Hawaiian backdrop was "**CASTAWAY COWBOY**", with James Garner and Eric Shea, while "**THE LAST FLIGHT OF NOAH'S ARK**" was also shot there.

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