

How The Turtle Got Its Shell

As a group of African animals hang out at the local watering hole, they share funny stories about how the zebra got its stripes. At the end of the book, fun facts explain why zebras really have stripes. For any child intrigued by zebras, this colorful, informative book is a must!

Long ago when Turtle was just a little green creature, he had to hide from everyone because he had no shell. Then one day when Nanabosho wasn't having much luck fishing, Turtle helped out by telling Nanabosho where all the fish were. Nanabosho was so grateful that, as a reward, he fashioned a shell from a round stone to protect Turtle from any harm.

Delightful retellings of turtle tales from around the world, plus fun facts about turtles, are sure to please all turtle fans.

The story of an ancient sea turtle and what its survival says about our future, from the award-winning writer and naturalist Though nature is indifferent to the struggles of her creatures, the human effect on them is often premeditated. The distressing decline of sea turtles in Pacific waters and their surprising recovery in the Atlantic illuminate what can go both wrong and right from our interventions, and teach us the lessons that can be applied to restore health to the world's oceans and its creatures. As Voyage of the Turtle, Carl Safina's compelling natural history adventure makes clear, the fate of the astonishing leatherback turtle, whose ancestry can be traced back 125 million years, is in our hands. Writing with verve and color, Safina describes how he and his colleagues track giant pelagic turtles across the world's oceans and onto remote beaches of every continent. As scientists apply lessons learned in the Atlantic and Caribbean to other endangered seas, Safina follows leatherback migrations, including a

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thrilling journey from Monterey, California, to nesting grounds on the most remote beaches of Papua, New Guinea. The only surviving species of its genus, family, and suborder, the leatherback is an evolutionary marvel: a "reptile" that behaves like a warm-blooded dinosaur, an ocean animal able to withstand colder water than most fishes and dive deeper than any whale. In his peerless prose, Safina captures the delicate interaction between these gentle giants and the humans who are finally playing a significant role in their survival. "Magnificent . . . A joyful, hopeful book. Safina gives us ample reasons to be enthralled by this astonishing ancient animal—and ample reasons to care." -- The Los Angeles Times

A Native American version of the big race between the turtle and the hare shows that it was not being slow and steady that won turtle the big race.

SUMMARY: An African tale tells the traditional Swahili tale of how the turtle tricked the fierce leopard into giving a large and powerful drum to the sky god. The Swahili words are explained at the beginning of the story, and the animals' emotions are excellently conveyed in the telling. African chants and background music give the tale a sense of place and power.

A collection of folktales from America, ancient Greece, China and other countries which attempt to explain the origin of the turtle's shell.

This accessible, exquisite novel shines with gentle humor and explores themes of moving, family, nature, and immigration. It tells the story of Aref Al-Amri, who must say good-bye to everything and everyone he loves in his hometown of Muscat, Oman, as his family prepares to move to Ann Arbor, Michigan. This is acclaimed poet and National Book Award Finalist Naomi Shihab Nye's first novel set in the Middle East

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since her acclaimed Habibi. Aref Al-Amri does not want to leave Oman. He does not want to leave his elementary school, his friends, or his beloved grandfather, Siddi. He does not want to live in Ann Arbor, Michigan, where his parents will go to graduate school. His mother is desperate for him to pack his suitcase, but he refuses. Finally, she calls Siddi for help. But rather than pack, Aref and Siddi go on a series of adventures. They visit the camp of a thousand stars deep in the desert, they sleep on Siddi's roof, they fish in the Gulf of Oman and dream about going to India, and they travel to the nature reserve to watch the sea turtles. At each stop, Siddi finds a small stone that he later slips into Aref's suitcase—mementos of home. Naomi Shihab Nye's warmth, attention to detail, and belief in the power of empathy and connection shines from every page. Features black-and-white spot art and decorations by Betsy Peterschmidt.

From a two-time Newbery Honor author. In 1935, when her mother gets a job housekeeping for a woman who does not like children, 11-year-old Turtle is sent to stay with relatives she has never met in far away Key West, Florida.

Avocado is not a normal turtle. She is rejected by the other turtles for being too friendly. One day, they decide she should no longer be welcomed in their turtle group, and she is sent away. Upset at first, she eventually meets new friends and starts to understand it doesn't matter what people want her to be. Join Avocado on her journey to find her true self.

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Dr. Seuss presents three modern fables in the rhyming favorite *Yertle the Turtle and Other Stories*. The collection features tales about greed (“Yertle the Turtle”), vanity (“Gertrude McFuzz”), and pride (“The Big Brag”). In no other book does a small burp have such political importance! Yet again, Dr. Seuss proves that he and classic picture books go hand in hand.

Using a simple language and creative images, this book in Philippine folklore explains how living things and heavenly bodies were formed; and why storms, dust and wind exist. Apart from the rich moral that is delivered in the story, its length is great for introductory readers. While it enhances the imagination, it also introduces the appreciation of folklore from other cultures.

Clear-eyed and spirited, Taylor Greer grew up poor in rural Kentucky with the goals of avoiding pregnancy and getting away. But when she heads west with high hopes and a barely functional car, she meets the human condition head-on. By the time Taylor arrives in Tucson, Arizona, she has acquired a completely unexpected child, a three-year-old American Indian girl named Turtle, and must somehow come to terms with both motherhood and the necessity for putting down roots. Hers is a story about love and friendship, abandonment and belonging, and the discovery of surprising resources in apparently empty places. Available for the first time in mass-market, this edition of Barbara Kingsolver's bestselling novel, *The Bean Trees*, will be in stores everywhere in September. With two different but equally handsome covers, this book is a fine addition

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to your Kingsolver library.

An irresistibly cute story about finding the confidence to be yourself, starring a turtle in search of the perfect shell. Terrance the turtle was born without a shell, so he uses a cardboard box instead. Terrance loves his box. It keeps him dry on soggy days, safe from snooping strangers, and is big enough to cozy up with a friend. But when another turtle points out that Terrance's shell is, well, weird, he begins to wonder whether there might be a better shell out there... Eventually, and through much trial and error, Terrance learns that there's nothing wrong with being different--especially when it comes to being yourself.

“We're going to raise traders just like they raise turtles in Singapore.” So trading guru Richard Dennis reportedly said to his long-time friend William Eckhardt nearly 25 years ago. What started as a bet about whether great traders were born or made became a legendary trading experiment that, until now, has never been told in its entirety. *Way of the Turtle* reveals, for the first time, the reasons for the success of the secretive trading system used by the group known as the “Turtles.” Top-earning Turtle Curtis Faith lays bare the entire experiment, explaining how it was possible for Dennis and Eckhardt to recruit 23 ordinary people from all walks of life and train them to be extraordinary traders in just two weeks. Only nineteen years old at the time-the youngest Turtle by far-Faith traded the largest account, making more than \$30 million in just over four years. He takes you behind the scenes of the Turtle selection process and behind closed doors where the Turtles learned the lucrative trading strategies that enabled them to earn an average return of over 80 percent per year and profits of more than \$100

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million. You'll discover How the Turtles made money-the principles that guided their trading and the step-by-step methods they followed Why, even though they used the same approach, some Turtles were more successful than others How to look beyond the rules as the Turtles implemented them to find core strategies that work for any tradable market How to apply the Turtle Way to your own trades-and in your own life Ways to diversify your trading and limit your exposure to risk Offering his unique perspective on the experience, Faith explains why the Turtle Way works in modern markets, and shares hard-earned wisdom on taking risks, choosing your own path, and learning from your mistakes.

Lang's fairy books were childhood favorites of Tolkien.

Turtle's shell is cracked when the wolves plot to stop his boastful ways.

Life in a city can be atomizing, isolating. And it certainly is for William G. and Neaera H., the strangers at the center of Russell Hoban's surprisingly heartwarming novel *Turtle Diary*.

William, a clerk at a used-book store, lives in a rooming house after a divorce that has left him without home or family. Neaera is a successful writer of children's books, who, in her own estimation, "looks like the sort of spinster who doesn't keep cats and is not a vegetarian. Looks...like a man's woman who hasn't got a man." Entirely unknown to each other, they are both drawn to the turtle tank at the London zoo with "minds full of turtle thoughts," wondering how the turtles might be freed. And then comes the day when Neaera walks into William's bookstore, and together they form an unlikely partnership to make what seemed a crazy dream become a reality.

This new series of picture books provide a great introduction to discussing emotions for preschoolers. Each book in this series is perfect for talking about emotions, boosting self-

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esteem, and reinforcing good behavior for preschoolers. This vibrant set with illustrated animals is designed for sharing in a classroom, or at home, with key discussion words that pop in bold type.

Greedy Monkey makes every effort to cheat Turtle out of the bananas that rightfully belong to her.

Seventh-grader Will's Bar Mitzvah community service project, visiting an incurably ill older boy in the hospital, leads to a friendship that is life-changing for both them and those around them. Little turtle was lost. Free from his egg, he climbed out into big, new world. Lost and alone, he wondered where did he really belong? He needed help, but where could he turn? Includes "For Creative Minds" educational section.

Humans offer a helping hand. Sea turtles face many dangers as they grow, eat, travel, and breed. In this dramatization of one female turtle's challenges, acclaimed nature writer April Pulley Sayre highlights the role that humans have in helping this endangered species.

Previously published, this story has been re-illustrated by Annie Patterson. Information on sea turtle conservation efforts and the seven species of sea turtles is included.

This is Thomas King's first literary novel in 15 years and follows on the success of the award-winning and bestselling *The Inconvenient Indian* and his beloved *Green Grass, Running Water* and *Truth and Bright Water*, both of which continue to be taught in Canadian schools and universities. *Green Grass, Running Water* is widely considered a contemporary Canadian classic. In *The Back of the Turtle*, Gabriel returns to Smoke River, the reserve where his mother grew up and to which she returned with Gabriel's sister. The reserve is deserted after an environmental disaster killed the population, including Gabriel's family, and the wildlife.

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Gabriel, a brilliant scientist working for DowSanto, created GreenSweep, and indirectly led to the crisis. Now he has come to see the damage and to kill himself in the sea. But as he prepares to let the water take him, he sees a young girl in the waves. Plunging in, he saves her, and soon is saving others. Who are these people with their long black hair and almond eyes who have fallen from the sky? Filled with brilliant characters, trademark wit, wordplay and a thorough knowledge of native myth and story-telling, this novel is a masterpiece by one of our most important writers.

In a time before tortoises have shells, Thomas the Tortoise's king is sick! Thomas is told that in order to heal the king, he needs to have some gigantic nuts crushed. So it's up to him and his friends Victor the Vulture and Wilma the Warthog to save his majesty. However, the nuts are so big, and none of the animals are strong enough to crush them. They have to somehow convince grumpy old Edward the Elephant to help them on their important mission. When Edward refuses to help, it's Thomas's turn to spring into action and show how clever he really is. With time working against them, Thomas hatches a brilliant plan to get Edward to unknowingly help save the king. As a reward for his service, he is given a very special gift that will protect him and all tortoises to come. *How the Tortoise Got His Shell* is a delightful new African folk-tale by Brigitta E. Schwulst that reads like a perfect bedtime story for young children. Illustrated in a unique fashion that elicits a distinct African style, the images serve as a great companion to Thomas's entertaining journey. This lighthearted and amusing bedtime story teaches young readers the importance of using their brains. While some children may be bigger than others, everyone can be clever in their own way. Thomas's adventure shows children how to come up with solutions in the face of adversity, and that even when others

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don't believe in you, it's important to believe in yourself. Using exotic animals and a playful tone, *How the Tortoise Got His Shell* engages children into Thomas's adventure from the very beginning. With a wittiness that has universal appeal, it will be a story that children will love and parents will enjoy reading. Furthermore, the story educates children and parents on the importance of supporting endangered species by donating part of the proceeds from the book to organizations specific to the cause. In the end, Thomas's tale is a fantastic story about using your brain and believing in yourself that is great for all young children. Filled with colorful characters and a positive message, Thomas's exciting adventure is truly a treat for the whole family.

Now in paperback. How did turtle get his shell? Why do young koalas cling to their mothers' backs? How was the mighty Murray River created? Ten witty retellings of legends, some of them from the Yorta Yorta people, to delight readers of all ages.

Relates how Honu, a daring Hawaiian sea turtle, becomes the first turtle to have a shell. The take-charge kids from John Fardell's *The 7 Professors of the Far North* face a summer packed with danger, excitement and suspense—flying airplanes, scuba diving, cracking codes and even taking a spin in the world's first antigravity backpack as they plunge into this fast-paced, high-flying adventure. Ben, Zara, Sam and Marcia begin their summer vacation by helping Professor Ampersand build the Silver Turtle, a high-tech airplane. This is thrilling enough, but things take an even wilder turn when a strange woman steals the airplane with the kids inside. She's trying to evade members of Noctarma, an international criminal organization that thinks the airplane is carrying a secret antigravity device that could be the key to world domination. They've got the wrong Silver Turtle, but they've also captured Professor

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Ampersand—and the kids will have to pull out all the stops to find the real Silver Turtle device before Noctarma does.

When a young, pirate-playing turtle named Roger becomes lost, a small, bug-eating dragon named Padraig helps him find his way home. Includes a Bible verse about friendship.

Bilingual Edition in English and Caddo Language Tsa Chayah/How The Turtle Got Its Squares is a traditional Caddo Indian story that reaches back through countless generations into the Caddo past in what is now Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas and Oklahoma. In those days much of the entertainment and education of Caddos took the form of stories and songs that were passed from generation to generation in the Caddo language. They explained the natural world, history, and moral lessons. In the late 1950s linguist Wallace Chafe met storyteller Sadie Bedoka Weller, recorded this story and transcribed it in an alphabet customized to the sounds of Caddo. In recent generations the Caddo language has fallen almost completely out of use; stories like Tsa Chayah have rested silently in archives and scholarly books. Now the Kiwat Hasinay Foundation has brought the story to life again, with original illustrations by Caddo artist Robin Michelle Montoya. The text is written in Chafes alphabet, and the actual voice of Sadie Bedoka can be heard on a CD that is available to accompany the book. Tsa Chayah, with its bilingual format and CD, helps children read and write English, read and write Caddo, understand and even speak a sample of spoken Caddo.

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Above all, it brings the wisdom and culture of the past once again into the present and future of the Caddo people. --Alice Anderton, Intertribal Wordpath Society Retold for the first time in print with Caddo language and English text and delightful illustrations, this charming book introduces a story told by generations of Caddo Indian Nation storytellers to capture the imaginations of their children. The story of How The Turtle Got Its Squares will fascinate and entertain new storytellers and their young listeners alike. --Cecile Elkins Carter, Caddo Historian and Storyteller, Author of Caddo Indians: Where We Come From

Who is God? Is He a wind that is never still? Is He a rock that never moves? Is He high above or here among us? Venerable Old Turtle answers quietly: God is all of these things. Old Turtle first burst upon the publishing scene in 1992, and it was instantly recognized as a classic fable about ecology, peace, and the interconnectedness of all beings. Simple yet profound, it has since brought hope and inspiration to children and adults around the world.

Nia loves Alfie, her pet turtle. But he's not very soft, he doesn't do tricks, and he's pretty quiet. Sometimes she forgets he's even there! That is until the night before Nia's seventh birthday, when Alfie disappears! Then, in an innovative switch in point of view, we hear Alfie's side of the story. He didn't leave Nia—he's actually searching for the perfect birthday present for his dear friend. Can he find a gift and make it back in time for the big birthday party? From the author-illustrator of Fraidy Zoo and The Bear

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Report comes a warm and funny ode to friendship—even when the friends see the relationship, and the world, very differently.

Help Archer find his missing turtle hiding in the pages of this picture book! How Many Times Have I Told You to Pick Up This Room? Archer's pet turtle is missing! Mom is sure he's somewhere in Archer's messy bedroom...or the back yard... or somewhere in the house. Archer looks everywhere inside and out but can't find his turtle until he learns to think like one! However, sharp-eyed young readers will easily find the missing pet hiding throughout the messy pages of this book. Here is an imaginative and interactive story with the added bonus of showing why it's a good idea to pick up your toys.

A spare and laugh-out-loud-funny picture book about seeing only half the full picture . . . and admitting when you're not quite all the way right. A greyhound swears there's a turtle in the tree. A bulldog says it's a squirrel. After all, a turtle in a tree? Who's ever heard of such a thing? But their argument leads to a most surprising discovery . . . that maybe neither one of them is all the way wrong, or all the way right, and friendship is all about listening to someone else's perspective.

Two sworn enemies learn that they have more in common than meets the eye, and it's never too late to make a new friend—even if it takes decades! Ever since they were little hatchlings, Turtle and Tortoise decided that they'd forever be separated due to their different shells. As years and years go by, the two reptiles stay on opposites side of the

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pen and embark on their own adventures, while holding an everlasting grudge. Until one day, Turtle and Tortoise get into a bit of pickle and need each other's help! This hilarious and heartwarming picture book from Merry Un-Christmas author Mike Reiss and The Most Magnificent Thing creator Ashley Spires is perfect for fans of unlikely pairs such as Frog and Toad Are Friends by Arnold Lobel, Duck and Bear from Jory John's Goodnight Already!, and Boy + Bot by Ame Dyckman. Turtle has a smooth shell. Tortoise has a rough shell. Goodness gracious! How can they possibly be friends?!

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