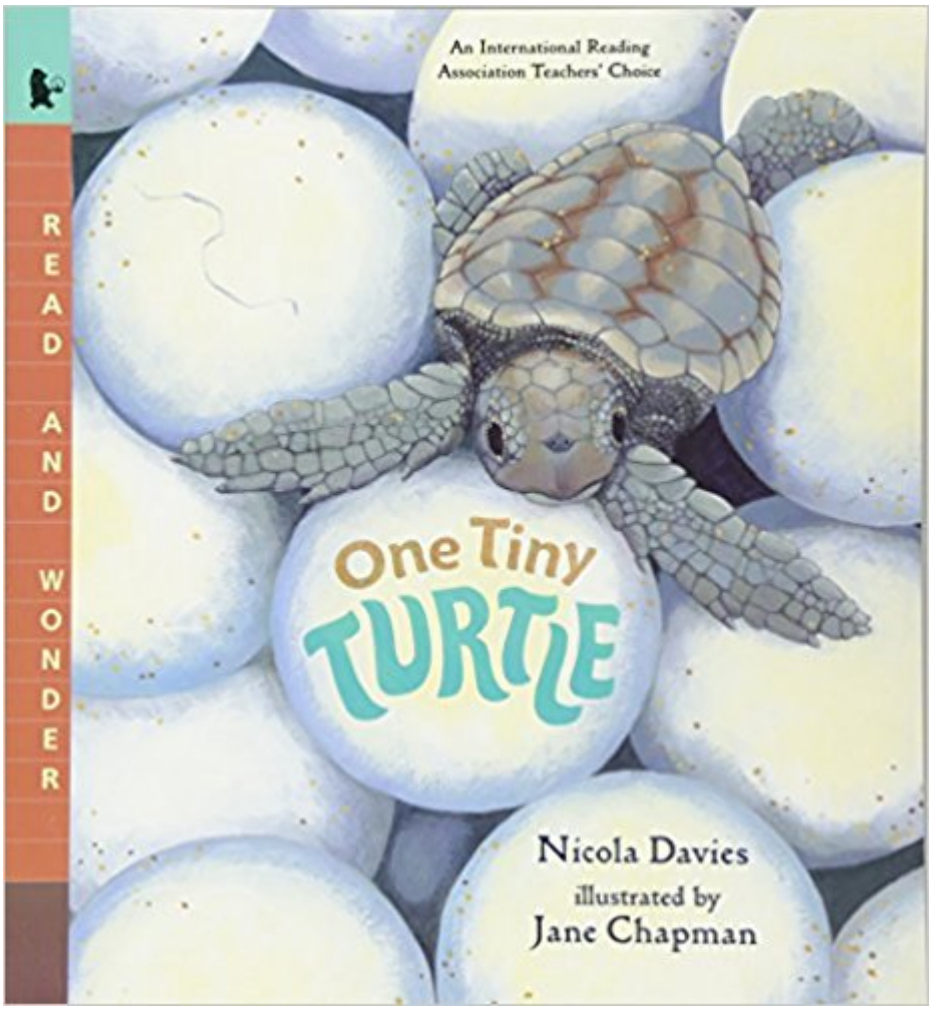
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Synopsis

"Simple, lyrical words and bright, acrylic doublepage pictures convey the astonishing facts about the loggerhead sea turtle. . . . A powerful nature story for a young audience." Ã¢â ¬â •BOOKLISTFar, far out at sea lives one of the world's most mysterious creatures, the loggerhead turtle. For thirty years she swims the oceans, wandering thousands of miles as she searches for food. Then, one summer night, she lands on a beach to lay her eggs Ã¢â ¬â • the very same beach where she herself was born. Nicola Davies's lyrical text offers fascinating information about the journey of the tiny, endangered loggerhead, while charming paintings by Jane Chapman vividly illustrate one turtle's odyssey.

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Customer Reviews

Davies's (Bat Loves the Night) dramatic rendering of the life cycle of the Loggerhead turtle draws readers into the mysteries of this reclusive deep-sea creature, while Chapman's (The Emperor's Egg) aqua-tinted full-spread illustrations bring the ocean world to life in all its majestic beauty. Loggerhead swims alone in the vastness of the water, munches on crabs, floats over coral reefs and crawls with slow, heavy steps across the beach to lay her eggs. The text addresses readers

directly, while seamlessly weaving facts into the story: "For thirty years you might not find her./ Then one summer night she arrives,/ on the beach where she was born." Additional details deliberately placed outside the story in a smaller font and wavy typeset may confuse youngsters at first, but overall, the informative text flows with poetic grace: "Just beneath the surface/ is a tangle of weed and driftwood/ where tiny creatures cling./ This is the nursery of a sea turtle." Aspiring scientists may also wonder how the newborn turtles find their way from the shore to these "nurseries," but the author gives them much to mull over. By the time Loggerhead's hatchlings race for their lives across the beach, under threat of attack, readers will be emotionally invested in their plight--a sure sign of the accomplished storytelling. Ages 5-8. Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

K-Gr 2-This nicely developed picture-book introduction to the loggerhead turtle sketches the life experiences of a typical female through text and broad acrylic views. The author exhibits a flair for alliteration and imagery in her descriptive narrative about this sea animal: "Just beneath the surface is a tangle of weed and driftwood where tiny creatures cling. This is the nursery of a sea turtle." Several pages follow the creature's early period and departure for the larger sea, and then the years of growth and travel are skimmed until her eventual return to the beach of her birth to lay her own eggs. On many pages curving lines of smaller type add bits of explanation, augmenting the story line. The double-spread paintings, occasionally alternating with smaller pictures set on aqua pages, focus on the turtle, with a few water plants suggesting underwater detail. A fine bed of blue crabs on which the turtle feasts is the only view of other animals sharing the ocean habitat until a concluding beach scenario where gulls and crabs threaten the newly hatched turtles who are starting the cycle anew. A very brief introduction identifies this turtle as a loggerhead. Gail Gibbons's Sea Turtles (Holiday, 1995) and Brenda Guiberson's Into the Sea (Holt, l995) offer young readers more information on this interesting animal. Broadly sketched in good language and pictures for read-aloud sharing, Davies's title will be enjoyed as a glimpse into the ways of the remarkable giant sea turtles.Margaret Bush, Simmons College, BostonCopyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

Working with struggling third grade readers is a constant challenge. I look for interesting, easy books to teach reading skills. This is a favorite book to use to teach Text Features and Sequential Order. I show a video clip of turtles hatching and going to the sea at the end. Reading and writing take on new meaning with this lovely and informative book. Students in fifth grade still fondly

remember reading and studying this gem.

Adorable story! I read it to my Kindergarten students and they loved it! Very easy to follow along and engaging text.

It is a cute book. We love turtles.

My first graders loved this book.

I specifically looked for this book to go along with a fuzzy clip that I had bought as a souvenir for a two year old from a trip that I made to Florida. I had this book for my youngest daughter who is now twenty but has always had a great love for animals. We used to thoroughly enjoy it so I knew it would be both educational and fun for my little friend.

We live near the beach and took our 4 year old daughter to a turtle excavation on the beach. She was fascinated with turtles and asked so many questions that we could not answer. This book is PERFECT for educating young children (and adults as well!!) about turtle life. The story is sweet and the illustrations are great. My daughter asks us to read this OVER and OVER again and we enjoy it as much as she does!

The illustrations are gorgeous and the students enjoy lively discussions after hearing the text. We will pull a week of activities using this book!

I bought this book as a part of a homeschool curriculum (organic homeschooling) and was so pleased when it arrived. The illustrations are exquisite, the language is lyrical and flowing, and the information contained is so wonderfully interesting. My 2-10yo sat transfixed as I read it to them. Then they went off to draw turtles and lament about all the nasty birds eating the babies :) I'll definitely be buying more book from this series.

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