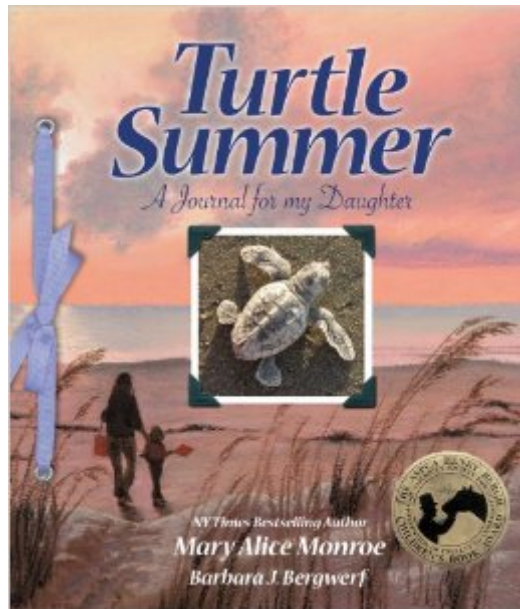


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# Turtle Summer: A Journal For My Daughter



## Synopsis

This heart-warming journal shares the joys of a mother and daughter's special bond and their summer together as Turtle Team volunteers. Photographs blend with art and prose to bring to life this loving story of their time together protecting endangered loggerhead sea turtles. Join mother and daughter as they patrol the beaches searching for sea turtle nests, and then stand with them under starry skies as they protect the eggs and young hatchlings. Turtle Summer is the journal described in *Swimming Lessons*, the sequel to Mary Alice Monroe's New York Times bestselling novel, *The Beach House*. ASPCA Henry Bergh Children's Book Award Bank Street 2008 Best Children's Books of the Year 2008 and 2009 Florida Recommended Summer Reading List IRA CBC Children's Choices Selection for 2008 '08 Science Books & Films Prize Finalist '07 Green Earth Award Finalist. 5-pg For Creative Minds educational section in the back 62-pg cross-curricular Teaching Activities and 3 Interactive Quizzes available free on the book's homepage. Books with Auto-Flip, Auto-Read and selectable English and Spanish text and audio. Aligned to State Standards / Lexile, Guided Reading, AR, Reading Counts, and Fountas & Pinnell

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## Customer Reviews

**Turtle Summer, a Journal for my Daughter** This book presents a charming idea for a parent and child: to keep a nature scrapbook. Mary Alice Monroe has written and illustrated this enchanting journal of a mother and daughter's summer surveillance for loggerhead sea turtles on their beach.

While watching the turtle nests, they observe and sketch nature's other offerings at the seashore. Like a family photo album, it is an intimate book. Photographer Barbara J. Bergwerf teamed with Mary Alice Monroe to add exceptional and informative photos, including one of Carolina from the previous Sylvan Dell book, *Carolina's Story: Sea Turtle's Get Sick Too!* This is a splendid mixture of photos, drawing, and text. Children, ages 4 - 9 will relate to this book and its activities, hopefully clamoring to create a similar journal with their siblings and parents.

(If possible, read *Swimming Lessons* first) *Turtle Summer* is based on the journal that Toy was writing for Lovie in *Swimming Lessons*. This children's book shows how Toy and Lovie spent the summer taking care of loggerhead sea turtles. From May to August, Lovie and her mom are part of the Island Turtle Team. They wait for loggerhead sea turtles to return to lay their eggs. They mark the nests with orange signs so that the public will be careful not to disturb the nest. When the eggs hatch, they make sure that the hatchlings head back to the ocean. This book has a mix of color photographs and drawings. It's a celebration both the mother-daughter relationship and the nesting and hatchling phase of sea turtles. I couldn't help oohing and ahing when I saw the pictures of the hatchlings--they are too cute! *Turtle Summer* will be enjoyed by readers of all ages. It's a great way to teach children about conservation and endangered species. A section at the end of the back has activities that readers can do in the classroom or at home. Mary Alice Monroe is a New York Times Bestselling author of ten novels. This is her first children's book. Barbara J. Bergwerf is a nature photographer whose photographs perfectly capture the beach environment. While the sea turtles are the stars of this book, readers will also enjoy the vivid photos of the birds and seashells. *Turtle Summer* is a delightful book. The text and photos really capture the reader's interest. I think this book will easily become a family favorite. *Armchair Interviews* says: Highly recommended!

The reason I got this book was to show our grandchildren about the habits of sea turtles. I have read Mary Alice Monroe's three books that involve stories about people who care for sea turtles. Being a "walker" for the sea turtle watch on our beach during turtle season, I wanted our kids to know what this meant. This charming little book has nice photos, and basic information about the nesting habits of sea turtles and their hatchlings. It is done as a personal scrapbook by one of the characters in *"Swimming Lessons"* for her daughter, but still is a very useful introduction to these creatures for children and adults.

I bought this for my beach lover, wildlife lover granddaughter. I adore Mary Alice Monroe and read

everything she publishes. I live in the area she writes about, raised my children on the very beach where the Turtle team labors to protect endangered loggerhead turtles. In fact, the other night my husband and I got to see a nest hatch and helped guide the babies to the sea. This book has beautiful pictures and fascinating information about these amazing sea turtles. It is a treasure.

Turtle Summer is an outstanding book which can be enjoyed by all ages, even though it is geared for children. The text is very accurate having been written by bestselling author Mary Alice Monroe and the pictures are something to behold. Barb Bergwerf is a superb photographer. Turtle Summer will be a book you will treasure and one you will want to give to all your friends who are interested in nature and our environment. It is a wonderful learning tool for children, too!

This is a great book for a kid but DO NOT purchase it on your kindle. They scanned in two pages at a time in order to show complete photographs and it DID NOT WORK. The photos and writing are SO SMALL you can't read it. A TOTAL waste of money.

The perfect "nature awareness" book! The format of appearing like a scrapbook is captivating. I used this in my 4th grade classroom... much to my students' delight. They loved it! If you plan on going to the beach this summer, especially in the southeast, it is a must! Ms. Monroe also has some adult novels that are terrific! *The Beach House*

I truly loved this book and the second one to follow it. I wanted so much for the story to continue into a 3rd book. I loved the development of the characters the depth the secrets that only women can share and their group of turtle herders. There was laughter, tears, octogenarian health concerns and depletion of characters as they faded with age. Such a warm and loving book throughout. The mystery of it was almost second billing, I lived near the ocean when young and this just made me miss it now that I live in the sonoran desert! A good read for a rainy day, or a day on the beach during vacation. Mystery intertwined throughout this lovely remembrance of Summer.

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