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The Great Manatee Rescue

Information Sheet



You don't have to be in Florida to run this great new story!

This exciting, educational story has it all...drama, suspense, warmth, and great characters. And that's not all—this unique story is very “newspaper friendly.” It even has the main character reading the newspaper in the classroom as part of the plot! This serial story is perfect for teaching character education and science as well as language arts. *The Great Manatee Rescue* story was inspired by award winning author, Mary Maden's trip with the Sea World team to release a mother manatee. The serial story has 12 chapters. Illustrations are by popular artist, Vicki Wallace.

Story Description:

When eleven-year old Ali moves to Florida, she has a difficult time making friends at her new school and adjusting to a different environment. That is until she meets some unique inhabitants of her neighborhood—a mother manatee and her baby! Ali finds a “secret place”—a nearby canal that is home to these very special creatures. There, Ali discovers a whole new world. The lonely girl considers the manatees her best friends. She even gives them names, Mandy and Wrinkles.

After reading a newspaper story on manatees, Ali decides to share the article with her class. Even though she is afraid to speak up, Ali reads the article to her classmates. The news article is such a big hit, that Ali's teacher has the whole class learn more about manatees by writing an essay.

Ali also overcomes prejudice and peer pressure to become friends with the class outcast, Einstein. With Einstein's help, Ali does research for her essay.

Then something terrible happens to shatter Ali's secret world! While Ali and Einstein are “visiting” their manatee friends, a boat hits the mother. Ali acts quickly and calls for help. Rescuers reach the injured manatee in time. Both mother and baby are taken to a marine facility. There, doctors help the injured manatee. Thanks to all of the caring people, Mandy will be fine.

Soon the big day arrives—Mandy and Wrinkles are to be released! Ali, Einstein, their teacher, and the whole class come to watch. The group observes quietly from a distance, as the manatees are set free. Suddenly, Ali and Einstein are heroes! Now everyone wants to be their friend. Ali watches the manatees swimming peacefully in the canal. They seem happy to be home. Ali smiles. She is happy to be home too!

Story Specifics:

- Suggested reading level: 3rd — 6th. Read aloud for all ages.
- Length of chapters: 800 words precisely. No more, no less!
- Includes color and black & white logo art. 12 pieces of black & white chapter art.
- Teacher's Guide included **FREE** with your serial story!