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By Mary Maden

A Sea Turtle Story

Information Sheet



A Sea Turtle Story is written by award-winning author, Mary Maden, and illustrated by . The serial story can be published in 6 chapters and is designed to run in weekly installments or more frequently.

Story Description:

Plunge into the exciting world of a sea turtle in this heart-warming serial based on a true story. Join Pancake, a loggerhead sea turtle, on an amazing adventure. One day, Pancake is peacefully swimming in the ocean when tragedy strikes — she is hit by a boat! The injured sea turtle struggles for days in the heavy surf, trying desperately to stay afloat.

Finally, Pancake is spotted by a family of beach-goers. The concerned people call the authorities and rescuers rush to the exhausted turtle’s aid. Not a moment too soon, Pancake is rescued and taken to a very special place — a hospital just for sea turtles!

Working at the sea turtle hospital is a young girl named Lolly. Lolly helps take care of Pancake. The girl and the injured sea turtle form a special bond. With Lolly’s help, Pancake recovers. Eventually, the sea turtle is well enough to be released back to the sea.

Lolly never forgets her sea turtle friend. And miraculously Pancake and Lolly meet again! Pancake returns to the beach to make a nest and lay her eggs. Once more, Lolly is there to help. But this time it isn’t Pancake that needs Lolly’s help — it’s her babies!

Lolly helps Pancake by watching over her nest until the eggs hatch. Day after day, Lolly patrols the beach and checks on the sea turtle nest, waiting for the baby hatchlings to “boil” out of the nest and find their way out to sea.

Finally the big day arrives! The nest begins to boil and the tiny sea turtles emerge. Lolly is there to guide and protect them on the treacherous trip over the sandy beach and out to sea. As the baby sea turtles race toward the surf, Lolly wishes them luck on their journey. She knows that many of them won’t make it. But the females that do survive will grow up and come back to this same beach to nest. Lolly knows that when those sea turtles return, that she (and one day her children) will always be there to help!

Story Specifics:

- Suggested reading level: 2nd — 5th. Read aloud for all ages.
 - Length of chapters: 800 words precisely. No more, no less!
 - Includes one piece of logo art and one piece of art per chapter — 6 illustrations. Art comes in black and white or color in tiff or jpeg files.
 - Teaching Aids included **FREE** with your serial story are: A Teacher’s Guide, a Teacher Announcement letter and a Sea Turtle Tracks and Facts page.
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