

Logo LinX

TURTLE OUT OF BOUNDS:

Terrapins Off-Screen

by Judi Harris

Are there turtle fan(atic)s on your holiday shopping list? Do you find yourself receiving terrapin-related gifts from friends and family who know of your passion for Logo? You are not alone. It seems that a fondness for "pixelated" Logo turtles has engendered an attraction to the reptiles themselves for more than one Logo enthusiast. In this month's column, I'd like to share some non-electronic turtle resources.

Turtle Gifts

The Center for Marine Conservation (formerly the Center for Environmental Education) has worked to conserve marine habitats, prevent marine pollution, manage fisheries, and protect endangered marine species since 1972. It also publishes a delightful mail-order gift catalog that includes many sea turtle items, such as jewelry, toys, clothing, sculpture, and housewares. A catalog may be requested by writing to:

Whale Gifts 167-2 Elm Street P.O. Box 810 Old Saybrook, CT 06475

Credit card orders may be placed at any time by calling 1-800-227-1929 (in Connecticut, 1-388-4436).

More information about the conservation efforts of this organization may be requested by writing to:

Center for Marine Conservation
1725 DeSales Street, NW Washington, D.C. 20036

Turtle Books

An electronic search of R.R. Bowker's "Books in Print/Reviews Plus" CD ROM (copyright 1988, Online Computer Systems, Inc.) revealed the following list of children's books about turtles or tortoises.

Ancona, G. (1987). *Turtle watch*. New York: Macmillan. ISBN #0-02-700910-6 (46 pp., photographs)

Asch, F. (1980). *Turtle tale*. New York, NY: Dial Books for Young Readers. ISBN #0-8037-8785-5 (32 pp., illustrated)

Beverly, D.E. (1986). *The tale of the wise little sea turtle*. New York, NY: Vantage Press, Incorporated. ISBN #0-533-05506-7 (27 pp.)

Blotnick, E. (none). *Blue turtle moon queen*. Berkeley, CA: California Street. ISBN #0-915090-20-1 (120 pp., illustrated)

Cosgrove, S. (1978). *Tee-Tee*. Los Angeles, CA: Price/Stern/Sloan Publishers. ISBN #0-8431-1400-2 (28 pp., illustrated)

Craig, J. (1982). *Turtles*. Mahwah, NJ: Troll Associates. ISBN #0-89375-665-2 (32 pp., illustrated)

Cromie, W. J. (1970). *Steven & the green turtle*. New York, NY: Harper & Row Junior Books Group. ISBN #0-06-021374-4 (64 pp., illustrated)

Dodd, L. (1985). *The smallest turtle*. New York, NY: State Mutual & Book Periodical Service, Limited. ISBN #0-907349-35-8

Duff, M. (1981). *Dancing turtle*. New York, NY: Macmillan Publishing Company, Incorporated. ISBN #0-02-733010-9 (32 pp., illustrated)

Eager, E. (1986). *Magic by the lake*. San Diego, CA: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, Incorporated. ISBN #0-15-250443-5 (156 pp., illustrated)

Edler, T. J. (1977). *Maurice the snake & Gaston the near-sighted turtle: Tim Edler's tales from the Atchafalaya*. Baton Rouge, LA: Little Cajun Books. ISBN #0-931108-00-4 (36 pp., illustrated)

Fine, E. H. (1988). *The turtle & tortoise*. Mankato, MN: Crestwood House, Incorporated. ISBN #0-89686-392-1 (48 pp., illustrated)

Gault, C. (1974). *Norman plays second base*. New York, NY: Scholastic, Incorporated. ISBN #0-590-03197-X

Gault, F. (1975). *Norman joins the football team*. New York, NY: Scholastic, Incorporated. ISBN #0-590-09931-0

Goldsmith, H. (1980). *Toto the timid turtle*. New York, NY: Human Sciences Press, Incorporated. ISBN #0-87705-525-4 (32 pp., illustrated)

Hadithi, M. (1988). *Tricky tortoise*. New York: Little, Brown. ISBN #0-316-33724-2 (30 pp., illustrated)

Holling, H. C. (1951). *Minn of the Mississippi*. Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin Company. ISBN #0-395-17578-X

Jeffery, G. (1988). *Thomas the tortoise*. New York: Crown Books. ISBN #0-517-57043-2 (illustrated)

Johnson, S. A. (1976). *Penelope the tortoise*. Minneapolis, MN: Carolrhoda Books, Incorporated. ISBN #0-87614-072-X (24 pp., illustrated)

Lloyd, D. (1986). *Waldo the tortoise*. New York, NY: Scholastic, Incorporated. ISBN #0-590-33654-1 (32 pp., illustrated)

Oke, J. (1986). *The impatient turtle*. Elkhart, IN: Bethel Publishing Company. ISBN #0-934998-24-8 (110 pp., illustrated)

Oda, H. (1986). *The turtle*. Milwaukee, WI: Raintree Publishers, Incorporated. ISBN #0-8172-2572-232 (32 pp., illustrated)

O'Donnell, E. L. (1989). *I can't get my turtle to move*. New York: Morrow. ISBN #0-688-073239 (illustrated)

- Oneal, Z. (1979). *Turtle & snail*. New York, NY: Harper & Row Junior Books Group. ISBN #0-397-31829-4
- Reed, L. *Smiley the proud turtle*. Shreveport, LA: Archival Services, Incorporated. ISBN #0-910653-14-3 (64 pp., illustrated)
- Riedman, S. R. (1974). *Turtles: Extinction or survival?*. New York, NY: Harper & Row Junior Books Group. ISBN #0-200-00126-4 (160 pp., illustrated)
- Ross, D. (1986). *Tiny turtle's thanksgiving*. New York: Morrow. ISBN #0-688-06440-X (illustrated)
- Schlachter, R. (1986). *Winter fun*. Mahwah, NJ: Troll Associates. ISBN #0-8167-0585-2 (48 pp., illustrated)
- Serventy, V. (1987). *Turtle & tortoise*. New York, NY: Scholastic, Incorporated. ISBN #0-590-40228-5 (24 pp., illustrated)
- Dr. Seuss. (1958). *Yertle the turtle & other stories*. New York, NY: Random House, Incorporated. ISBN #0-394-80087-7
- Sisters of the Community of Jesus Staff. (none). *Myrtle the turtle*. Orleans, MA: Paraclete Press. ISBN #0-941478-84-X (32 pp., illustrated)
- Smith, W. (1977). *Timothy turtle learns about love*. Marina del Rey, CA: DeVorss & Company. ISBN #0-87516-244-4
- Stevens, G. (1985). *The smallest turtle*. New York: Goldstar. ISBN #0-918831-07-5 (illustrated)
- Stevenson, J. (1979). *Fast friends*. New York, NY: Greenwillow Books. ISBN #0-688-80197-8 (64 pp., illustrated)
- Troughton, J. (1986). *How rabbit stole the fire: A North American Indian folk tale*. New York: Harper. ISBN #0-87226-040-2 (illustrated)
- Troughton, J. (1986). *Tortoise's dream: an African folk tale*. New York: Harper. ISBN #0-87226-039-9 (illustrated)
- Valli, V. (1986). *Aristotle & I: Memoirs of a Greek tortoise*. New York, NY: Vantage Press, Incorporated. ISBN #0-533-06785-5 (88 pp.)
- Waters, J. F. (1972). *Green turtle mysteries*. New York, NY: Harper & Row Junior Books Group. ISBN #0-690-35994-2
- Waters, J. F. (none). *The hatchlings: A book about baby turtles*. New York, NY: Walker & Company. ISBN #0-8027-6362-6
- Weiss, E. (1983). *The angry book starring temper tantrum turtle*. New York, NY: Random House, Incorporated. ISBN #0-394-85541-8 (32 pp., illustrated)
- Williams, B. (1974). *Albert's toothache*. New York, NY: Dutton, E. P. ISBN #0-525-45037-8 (32 pp., illustrated)
- Williams, B. (1977). *El dolor de muelas de Alberto*. New York, NY: Dutton, E. P. ISBN #0-525-29168-7
- Ziefert, H. (1987). *Where's the turtle?* New York: Harper. ISBN #0-694-00183-X (illustrated)

Turtle Poems

Regional and city libraries often have literature indexes that can be consulted to find turtle folktales and poems. The following list of poems found in many popular poetry anthologies was collected in this way, and can be consulted to provide terrapin-related study for older students.

- H. Asquith, "The Tortoise."
 E. Dickinson, "Too Much Proof Affronts Belief."
 J. T. Fields, "Song of the Turtle and Flamingo."
 R. Frost, "The Egg and the Machine."
 A. A. Knipe, "A Discovery."
 D. H. Lawrence, "Tortoise Shout."
 V. Lindsay, "The Little Turtle."
 W. de la Mare, "Old Shellover."
 H. Wing, "Turtle Town."
 E. Wylie, "The Tortoise in Eternity."

My favorite turtle poem was written by Ogden Nash. In an amusing way, it expresses the wonder that I feel about the instructional fertility of such a seemingly simple notion as the turtle.

The turtle lives 'twixt plated decks
 Which probably conceal its sex.
 I think it clever of the turtle
 In such a fix to be so fertile
 (Ogden Nash, "The Turtle")

It seems that powerful ideas are expressed in many forms.

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