

# Carolina's Story:

## Sea Turtles Get Sick Too!

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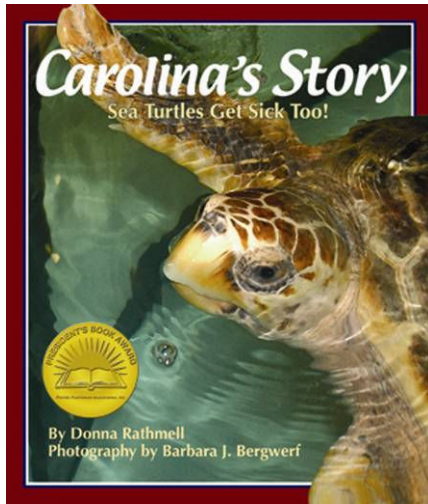
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## Carolina's Story: Sea Turtles Get Sick Too!

is the photographic journal of Carolina, a critically ill loggerhead sea turtle, as she is cared for and nursed back to health at the Sea Turtle Hospital at the South Carolina Aquarium. Just like hospitalized children, Carolina goes through a variety of emotions and procedures during her care and recovery process. When she first arrives at the hospital, she is too sick, weak, and confused to understand what is happening. She has blood drawn, x-rays taken, receives shots, and is hydrated through an IV—just as ill children may be! Join her as she interacts with her many caregivers and her sick or injured roommate turtles. Then celebrate the happy day Carolina is released into the ocean as a happy and healthy turtle.



*Carolina's Story* was vetted for scientific accuracy by the South Carolina Aquarium and the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources. Children, parents, and teachers will love the "For Creative Minds" educational section that includes:

- Fun facts about endangered sea turtles
- Conservation tidbits
- Turtle math games
- A "Make-Your-Own Sea Turtle" craft

There are also "Related Websites" and "Teaching Activities" on Sylvan Dell Publishing's website, [www.SylvanDellPublishing.com](http://www.SylvanDellPublishing.com), to help parents and educators expand the learning possibilities!

## About the Author and Photographer



Barbara and Donna

**Donna Rathmell** is the author of 16 cookbooks, four of which were *New York Times* best-sellers. As a volunteer exhibit guide at the South Carolina Aquarium, Donna was introduced to the world of sea turtle rescue and rehabilitation. Recalling an accident suffered by one of her daughters, the ambulance ride to the trauma center, and the transfer to a Children's Hospital for emergency surgery, Donna equates the Carolina's care to what hospitalized children go through.

**Barbara Bergwerf** is a former *Chicago Tribune* photographer. She and her husband, dog and very talkative parrot left the cold, windy city of Chicago for the warm, sunny beaches of Charleston, SC. Barbara's commitment to nature is evident in her wildlife photography business and her donation of time and photographic skills to the Island Turtle Team on Isle of Palms, the South Carolina Aquarium and the South Carolina Center for Birds of Prey. Her photographs also grace the book jackets and internet site of *New York Times* best-selling novelist, Mary Alice Monroe and were published in Mary Alice's children's book, *Turtle Summer: A Journal for my Daughter*, which was released in April 2007 by Sylvan Dell Publishing.



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