



Turtle Summer: A Journal for my Daughter

By Mary Alice Monroe

Photography by Barbara J. Bergwerf

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2007 ASPCA Henry Bergh Children's Book Award Winner

2008 IRA-CBC Children's Choices Selection

The Green Earth Book Award "Recommended Reading" Selection

Science Books & Films Excellent Science Book Prize finalist

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2008 Florida Recommended Summer Reading List



"For young readers, the book is a resource for studying and identifying life on the coast, while teachers will find the book an excellent resource for writing lessons and other activities." - *Jean B. Worsley, Retired Biology Teacher*

"The pictures and the manner in which the author provides details in short descriptions are an exceptional way to draw learners from various reading levels to this book. This title would be an excellent addition to a collection for readers with an interest in endangered species." - *Georgia Library Quarterly*

"A touching tribute to her daughter and the South Carolina beach where she lives, author Monroe enlightens children about the endangered Loggerhead sea turtles that make a visit each year. Actual photos of the sea turtles and wildlife on the beach make this a fascinating book to read and look at." - *Wee Ones Magazine*



"Are the turtles out there....?"

This is a companion book to Mary Alice Monroe's *Swimming Lessons*, the sequel to her *New York Times* bestselling adult novel, *The Beach House*. In the new novel, readers witness a young mother writing a journal for her daughter. ***Turtle Summer: A Journal for my Daughter*** is the heartwarming journal she writes! Using original photographs, this scrapbook-journal explains the nesting cycle of loggerhead sea turtles and the natural life along the southeastern coast, including local shore birds, shells, and a sea turtle hospital. Adults and children will enjoy the images, information, and journal with or without reading the novel.

Turtle Summer: A Journal for my Daughter was vetted for scientific accuracy by Barbara Schroeder of NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Protected Resources. In addition, staff at the South Carolina Aquarium identified the shells, birds, and plants found throughout the book. Children, parents and teachers will love the **"For Creative Minds"** educational section, including:

- Endangered Loggerhead Sea Turtle Fun Facts
- Matching Crafts
 - Items needed by turtle teams
 - Shell identification
 - Make-your-own Nature Scrapbook

There are also **"Related Websites"** and **"Teaching Activities"** on Sylvan Dell Publishing's website to help parents and educators expand the learning possibilities!

About the Author and Photographer

Mary Alice Monroe is the *New York Times* best-selling author of ten adult novels, including *The Beach House*, *Sweetgrass* and *Skyward*. *Turtle Summer: A Journal for my Daughter* is Mary Alice's first children's book. She draws themes for her books from nature and then parallels with human nature. In addition to her writing, Mary Alice is actively involved with several environmental groups and is on the board of the South Carolina Aquarium, which is the home of the SC Sea Turtle Hospital. Her experiences with wildlife provide the inspiration for her novels and children's book.



What do you want your readers to gain from your books?

I want my readers to become inspired by my books to support efforts to protect various endangered species. Hopefully they will then understand the dangers that some of these animals face and how it's up to us to help them!



Barbara J. Bergwerf collaborated with friend and turtle-team partner Mary Alice Monroe on *Turtle Summer: A Journal for my Daughter* after publishing her first photographic journal about loggerhead sea turtles, *Carolina's Story: Sea Turtles Get Sick Too!* *Carolina's Story* was awarded the Florida Publisher's Association's Best Children's Nonfiction Book for 2006 and was a finalist for the 2006 SIBA Best Children's Book of the Year. Both books stem from Barbara's volunteer involvement at the South Carolina Aquarium's Sea Turtle Hospital and the Island Turtle Team on Isle of Palms and Sullivan's Island.



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