



Carolina's Story: Sea Turtles Get Sick Too!

**"...this will be a useful addition to the sea turtle shelf of many collections."
Booklist Review**

"A delightful introduction to one of nature's wondrous sea creatures."

Midwest Book Review

By Donna Rathmell

Photographs by Barbara Bergwerf

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"Children will be glued to the amazing and dramatic photographs of Carolina the loggerhead turtle's rehabilitation and cheer at her triumphant return to the sea. Carolina's Story is a delightful and educational book that will enthrall young readers and move them one step closer to understanding--and caring about--the gentle, endangered sea turtles.

*--Mary Alice Monroe, USA Today and New York Times best-selling author of *The Beach House**

"A moving and enjoyable story about a turtle in distress that illustrates the good humans can do to preserve the diversity of the planet as well as a wonderful learning experience for children."

--Dr. Robert D. Ballard, founder and President of the Institute For Exploration (IFE) at Mystic Aquarium, Explorer-in-Residence for the National Geographic Society and a Commissioner on the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy:

Carolina's Story: Sea Turtles Get Sick Too! is based on a sea turtle that was rescued and then nursed back to health at a Sea Turtle Hospital. The photographs (as opposed to illustrations) cause children truly to empathize with the turtle as she undergoes many of the same medical procedures as an ill or injured child. **ALL** children empathize with her as she tries to get away from a shot or splashes the worker in an effort to get away! Celebrate the happy day that Carolina swims back to her ocean home.

Who would be interested in this book:

- Any family (adults and children) interested in (endangered) sea turtles.
- Elementary educators of reptiles, ocean habitats, environmental and conservation issues
- Non-profit organizations wanting to bring an awareness of endangered sea turtles to children
- Ill or injured (hospitalized) children
- Children whose parents or loved ones may be hospitalized
- Pediatricians' offices and clinics for children to read while they wait

The "For Creative Minds" section includes:

- fun facts and conservation tidbits about endangered sea turtles
- turtle math games
- a make-your-own sea turtle craft.

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Donna Rathmell (German). Before she began writing children's books, Donna wrote fifteen highly successful cookbooks, including The Bread Machine Cookbook Series, which have sold more than 3 million copies. She has extensive media experience promoting her cookbooks, with appearances on such nationally respected programs as The Today Show, The 700 Club, Attitudes with Linda Dano, QVC, and a host of other radio and television programs.

As the mother of three daughters, Donna is passionate about her love of children's books. She is also passionate about marine animals and is an Exhibit Guide Volunteer through the Education Department of the South Carolina Aquarium (SCA). As part of her duties there, Donna teaches people about sea turtles and related environmental and conservation issues. When Donna was first introduced to the turtles undergoing rehabilitative care at the Sea Turtle Hospital of the SCA, she was immediately struck with the similarities of the medical treatment that the turtles were receiving and what an ill or injured child might confront if hospitalized. Donna recalled one of her own daughters being rushed to a trauma center years ago and immediately saw how children would be able to empathize with the lovable sea creatures and how the turtles might be able to help the children deal with their own fears and concerns about medical treatments. She worked with child life specialists from three different children's hospitals to ensure that the "emotions" which the turtle felt would equate to the emotions a child may feel.

Donna and her family live in the Charleston, SC area.

Barbara J. Bergwerf is a former Chicago Tribune Photographer – one of the first female photographers at the Tribune. She and her husband, dog and a very talkative parrot, left the cold, windy city of Chicago for the warm, sunny beach off Charleston, SC. Barbara's commitment to nature is evident in her wildlife photography business and her donation of time and her photographic skills to the South Carolina Aquarium, the South Carolina Center For Birds of Prey, and the Island Turtle Team on Isle of Palms. Barbara's photographs also grace the book jackets and internet site of best-selling novelist, Mary Alice Monroe.



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