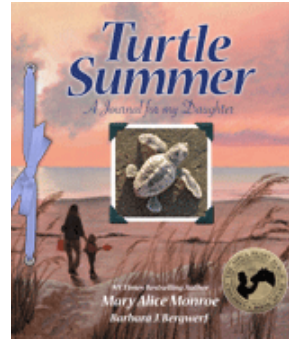


Schedule a School Visit with Award-winning South Carolina Children’s Author Mary Alice Monroe!



Turtle Summer: A Journal for My Daughter, photographed by Barbara J. Bergwerf, is Mary Alice’s photographic journal of her summer with her daughter helping endangered sea turtles on South Carolina’s scenic coast. It is the companion to her NY Times Bestselling novel *Swimming Lessons*. Any child ever held captive by the grandeur and mystery of the ocean and marine life will enjoy learning about the sea turtle rescues, the process of hatching, and the adventure of returning the turtles to the sea. *Turtle Summer* received the 2008 ASPCA Henry Bergh Award, was a Children’s Book Council winner, a Science Books & Films 2008 Excellent Science Book Prize finalist, a shortlist finalist for The Green Earth Book Award, and Kiawah Resort’s KIAWAH READS summer selection. Most recently, Mary Alice was selected for the 2008 South Carolina Center for the Book Award for Writing.



Mary Alice Monroe has written stories for as long as she can remember and is a best-selling author of ten adult novels. As a child she could always be found curled up with a book or writing. She draws themes for her books from nature and then parallels them with human nature. And, she hopes that by bringing to life the beauty and mystery of South Carolina’s fabulously varied Lowcountry ecosystem and various endangered species, readers will perhaps be inspired to support efforts to protect them.

How did you know that you wanted to be an author?

“As a child, you could always find me curled up with a book or writing. One of my strongest memories is visiting the public library for the first time—I couldn’t believe that all of those books were there for me to read! I began my writing career by writing plays and musicals that my brothers and sisters performed. I later went on to freelance as a non-fiction journalist and co-authored or authored several non-fiction titles. Then, I was finally given the opportunity to write the novel I had always dreamed of writing. I was confined to my bed for the final months of my pregnancy, so I chose to write. I ended up giving birth to a baby and a book, and I’ve been writing books ever since!”



Not only is Mary Alice's book fun, it's educational, too!

The back of each Sylvan Dell book features a "[For Creative Minds](#)" section:

Turtle Summer

- Loggerhead Nesting Fun Facts
- Shell Identification
- Make Your Own Nature Scrapbook

Additional Online Resources include: Cross-curricular [Teaching Activities](#), [English/Spanish eBooks](#), [Audiobooks](#), child-friendly [Related Websites](#), Comprehension & Math [Quizzes](#). Aligned to [national and state curriculum Standards](#) and AR & Reading Counts Quizzes.



Visit Details:

- For program and visit details, please contact maryalice@maryalicemonroe.com

Rates:

- \$1000 for a day visit
- Travel and hotel expenses must be covered if required

How To Schedule:

1. Coordinate with other classes (or schools or libraries), and decide what day works best.
2. Contact author directly to schedule date, time and details.
Mary Alice Monroe, maryalice@maryalicemonroe.com
3. Send letter home to parents announcing the author visit and offering them the opportunity to order autographed books for their children. (Form letter enclosed!)
4. Preorder books and coordinate book sales with author.

Dear Parents,

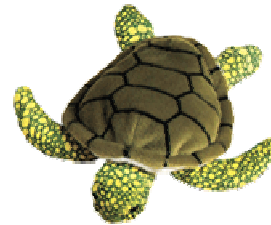
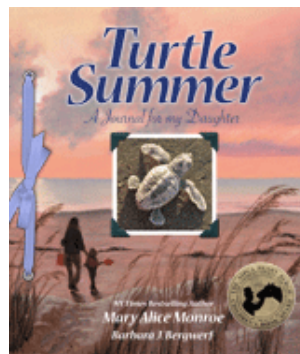
We are excited to announce that award-winning author Mary Alice Monroe (*Turtle Summer: A Journal For My Daughter*) will be visiting our school on _____ to meet our students, talk about her book and lead the classroom(s) in fun, educational discussions and activities! To purchase a copy of her book so that your child can receive an autograph and remember this special day, please fill out and return the attached order form by _____.

Best wishes,

**Yes! I would like to help my child remember
Mary Alice's school visit!**

Name of Child: _____ Name of Teacher: _____

Grade: _____ Personalize Autograph To: _____



Title		Retail Price	School Fair Price	Quantity	Total
<i>Turtle Summer</i>	Hardcover	\$15.95			
	Paperback	\$8.95			
Plush 12" Loggerhead		\$21.75			
Plush 8" Green Sea Turtle		\$7.95			

Please make checks payable to (if applicable):

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Parent Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____