

Schedule a School Visit with Award-Winning Rhode Island Children's Author



Susan Ring!



New Release! Spring 2009

Where Should Turtle Be?

Little turtle was lost! Free from his egg, he climbed out into a big, beautiful new world. Lost and alone, he wondered—where did he really belong? The bear told him to live in the woods; the frog said, “The swamp!” But turtle just didn’t feel at home. He needed help, but where could he turn? Author Susan Ring helps turtle in this whimsical story of self-exploration and nature, *Where Should Turtle Be?* Detailed illustrations by Laurie Allen Klein give these friendly animals personality, and in the end, an unexpected tickle and tumble help turtle find his place in his new world.

What was your incentive to write this particular book?

I became aware of the plight of many sea turtles – that they have such a hard time getting back to the ocean because the surrounding lights



confuse them. It was also a time when I was really fed up with trying out many different jobs and was becoming increasingly frustrated that I was trying to force myself to take jobs or stay in situations that I wasn’t interested in or comfortable with. I think that many people struggle over doing what the voices of others say they “should” do and what their



inner voice says that they really “need” to do. Over the years, no matter how hard I tried, I couldn’t stick to doing something that really wasn’t true to my nature. It has been a challenge to stay true to my true nature and goals—yet I haven’t given up!



Not only is Susan’s book fun, but it’s educational, too!

Where Should Turtle Be? features a “For Creative Minds” section (see below), Cross-curricular “Teaching Activities,” English/Spanish eBooks and audio, child-friendly “Related Websites,” and Comprehension & Math quizzes, all available at www.SylvanDellPublishing.com.

“For Creative Minds”

- Turtle Fun Facts
- Match the Turtle Adaptations
- Match the Turtle to its Habitat

A School Visit with Susan...

Elementary Schools

One Day Writing Workshops:

Personal experiences in publishing
Writing process including samples of manuscripts with notes
Overview of non-fiction features
Research techniques
Question & Answer

Workshop Series:

Topics to enhance curriculum
Individual attention from concept to finished product
Important techniques for writing in your own words instead of copying source
Creating interesting non-fiction features such as graphs, diagrams, timelines, captions etc.
Key elements in choosing art
Complete non-fiction book

For details on these visits, email Susan at sring2@cox.net or visit her company website, at <http://www.monkey-says.com/>.

About Susan Ring...

Susan Ring is an Emmy-award winner and prolific writer, who specializes in writing for children, and through her creative services company, Monkey-Says, she writes for all types of media. Her experience in television and video includes creating characters and writing songs. Her song "Where's My Nose?" won third place in the 2006 International Songwriting Competition, competing against thousands of other songwriters worldwide. Although *Where Should Turtle Be?* is Susan's first Sylvan Dell book, she has over 135 books to her name.



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.**
 - Susan Ring, sring2@cox.net
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.**
 - Coordinate book sales with author.

Dear Parents,

We are excited to announce that award-winning children's author Susan Ring (*Where Should Turtle Be?*) 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,

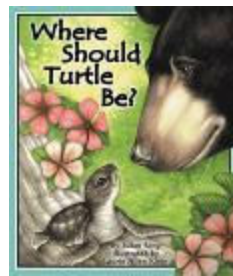
Yes! I would like to help my child remember Susan's school visit!

Name of Child: _____

Grade: _____

Name of Teacher: _____

Personalize Autograph To: _____



Title	Retail Price	School Fair Price	Quantity	Total
<i>Where Should Turtle Be?</i> Hardcover	\$16.95			
	Paperback \$8.95			
Plush 8" Green Sea Turtle	\$7.95			
Plush 12" Black Bear	\$21.75			
Please make checks payable to (if applicable):			SUBTOTAL	
			SALES TAX _____%	
			TOTAL	

Parent Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____

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