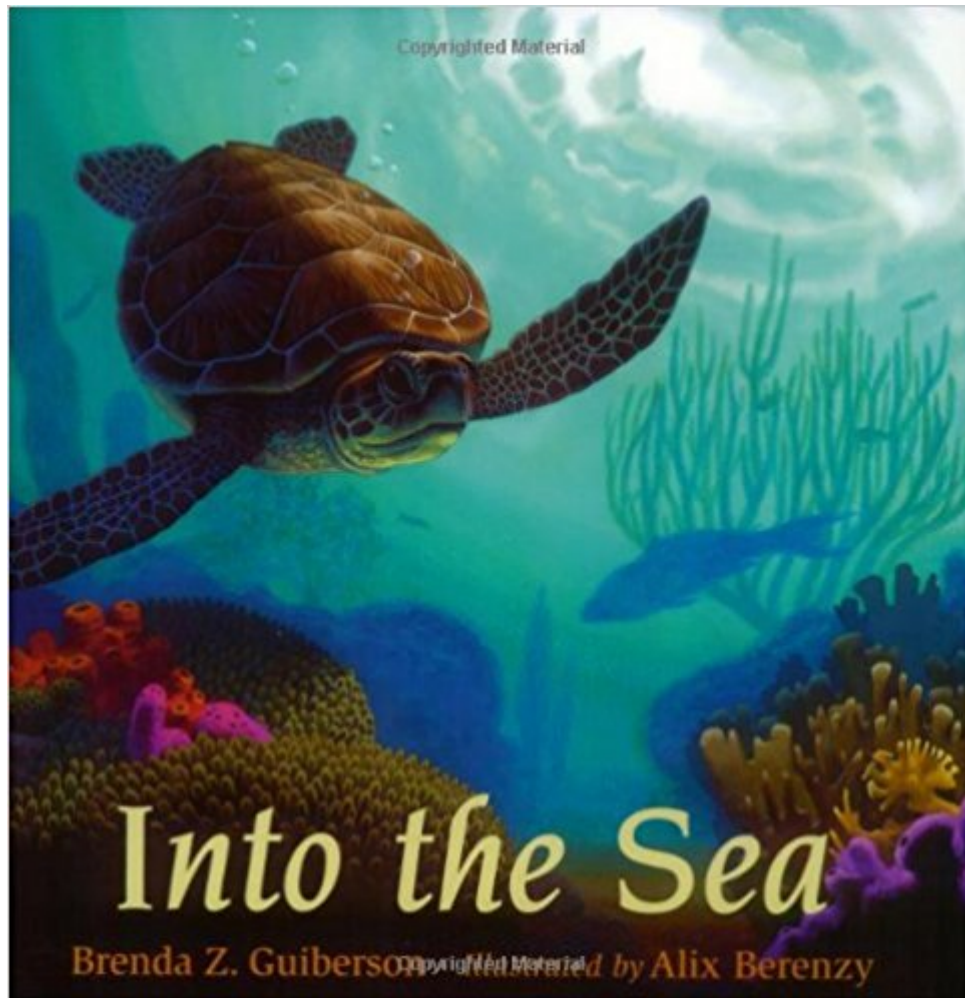




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# Into The Sea



## Synopsis

A beautiful, compelling book about the fragile life cycle of the endangered sea turtle.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

Grade 1-3?Experience the life of a female sea turtle as she breaks from her shell, splashes into the sea, and navigates for survival, eventually returning to the place of her birth to lay eggs. This tale of her life cycle is written in prose that gives immediacy to the events as the turtle encounters other sea animals during her long journey. Guiberson uses italicized sound words such as tap, tap, and scritch to draw readers into the story. Berenzy captures the essence of the text with her colored-pencil and gouache illustrations that alternate from dark to light, reflecting the various habitats. Both backgrounds and featured animals are realistic in appearance, but the overall effect lends a sense of drama to the text, especially the striking moonlit beach scenes. The author's concluding statements emphasize the diminishing number of sea turtles and the ways in which people are trying to protect them. For basic facts, turn also to Gail Gibbons's *Sea Turtles* (Holiday, 1995), but let *Into the Sea* touch young readers with a sense of place and sensitivity for this gentle creature of the sea.?Diane Nunn, Richard E. Byrd Elementary School, Glen Rock, NJCopyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of

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Gr. 2<sup>^</sup>-4, younger for reading aloud. Guiberson recounts the life of a sea turtle from its days as a hatchling on a sandy beach through its return to the same island as an egg-laying adult many years later. Using vivid prose, the author describes the creature's initial journey into the sea, its growth and travels throughout the ocean, and its narrow escape from a fishing net. The reptile's survival adventures provide readers with ample real-life drama, making anthropomorphism unnecessary. Berenzy's bright colored-pencil-and-gouache paintings help to elucidate the text and will give young listeners many details to ponder. In particular, the illustration of the tropical coral reef will attract many viewers, both for its scientific detail and for its intriguing composition. A perfect choice for primary oceanography or endangered species units, this has a strong-enough story to use as a read-aloud as well. Kay Weisman --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Excellent condition and fast delivery!My granddaughter loves it.Very educational too.Good investment for a birthday or Christmas.(If you require longer reviews, no wonder people don't do them!)

Beautiful illustrations.

Very timely shipment and the book was in condition as stated. I will definitely be buying from this person again. Thank you

I bought the book for a five year old girl and she thoroughly loved it. The illustrations are worth the price.

Into the Sea traces the life of one sea turtle, from her hatching at dawn, through her perilous journey toward a dangerous life in the sea, until she returns to the beach where she was hatched to lay her own eggs. Guiberson's sympathetic descriptive text explains many of the habits of sea turtles, allowing the young reader/listener to understand the experience of this interesting animal. Alix Berenzy's vivid illustrations enhance the reading experience by accentuating the beauty of the turtle and her undersea environment. After drawing the reader into sympathy with the turtle, the author gently introduces the concept of endangerment by mentioning that "If nothing destroys the [100]

eggs... perhaps one or two [hatchlings] will get past the crabs and the sea birds, the fish and the fishing nets, and like their mother, will return to lay eggs on the same sandy beach before making their way back into the sea." For older readers, a brief author's note gives more information about sea turtle endangerment. This well-written, beautifully illustrated story is ideal for introducing young readers to the characteristics of sea turtles. The story format makes it a good transition from storybooks to scientific literature, and the beautiful pictures will draw younger readers in. It's a great read-aloud or read-alone.

*Into The Sea* completes my collection of children's books on sea turtles. Some of these have been so anthropomorphic that the reader will learn nothing of sea turtles. Others have been excellent summaries of a species' complicated life history and a good introduction to sea turtle conservation concerns. This book, written by Brenda Guiberson and illustrated by Alix Berenzy, fits the latter category. The last tiny green sea turtle in nest escapes the beach and nearshore predators, and grows to an adult size. She experiences, of course, the famous "lost years." At one time, she is captured by a shrimp trawler, but escapes because of the TED (turtle excluder device). Finally, she returns to the beach of her hatching, to lay her own clutch of eggs in the sand. My only critical comment would be the note that Guiberson has the sea turtle thinking, as she returns to that natal beach to lay her own eggs, "The turtle seems to know that she has come back to the same island where she was born" (p. 22). Obviously, there is no evidence that a sea turtle has ever "known" that she returns to the same beach where she hatched. The debate over the contribution of learned and genetic cues is still ongoing. However, when Guiberson has the tiny turtle "smelling the sand" (p. 3), this could be that cue that permits the adult to make that determination. Overall, a magnificent children's book. I plan to obtain additional copies to share with K-3 teachers. The last page details a number of additional conservation issues. I hope people pay attention...

*Into the Sea* has bright, beautiful pictures. The text is accurate nature science and provides many details about the sea turtle's life. The climax of the book ends with the sea turtle returning to the beach where she herself was hatched to lay eggs after 20 years. It gently introduces the idea of the food web and that only 2 out of an entire brood of hatchlings will survive to lay eggs. A nice nature and science book with an introduction to environmental and conservation for children up to grade 3.

My grandson, Cameron Howard, has checked this book out from the library on numerous occasions. Despite his generally responsible attitude toward returning books in a timely manner, he

just can't get this book back when it's due. Why? Because he is busy reading and re-reading the book. He is captivated by the pictures. He is infatuated with the text and dazzled by the illustrations. He called me up to see if I could get him this book. This seven year old made sure I knew the exact spelling of the author's name and the illustrator's name! It's a hit among the 7 year old crowd!

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