



A Place for Turtles

by Melissa Stewart

About the Book

Turtles make our world a better place. But sometimes we do things that harm them. Stunning illustrations and simple, gentle language introduce young readers to some of the ways human action and inaction can affect turtle populations, opening readers' minds to a wide range of environmental issues.

Maps on the endpapers show where each turtle lives. The book includes specific conservation projects at sites throughout North America.

Read Aloud Tip

A Place for Turtles includes two levels of text. When sharing the book to young children, read the large text at the top. Then you can fill in details from the sidebars as seems appropriate. You could also share just a few of the spreads in their entirety. For example, you could choose fish that live in your area or that you think will be especially interesting to your students. The information about a turtle's classification and lifecycle at the beginning of the book and the food chain discussion at the end are part of most school curricula, so you may want to highlight them.

Before You Read

Ask children to share some facts about turtles and listen to their answers. Do they know:

- what turtles eat
- where turtles live
- how turtles care for their young
- how we can help turtles survive

As You Read

Ask children to look carefully at the inset images on each double page spread. Ask them what is being shown and why it is important.

After You Read

- Discuss all the different kinds of foods that turtles eat.
- Discuss all the different places where turtles live.
- Ask children to list places where they might find frogs in your town or city.
- Ask children if they can think of ways to help turtles in your community.

Follow-up Activities

If time permits, students may want to do some of the Turtle Activity Pages available on the author's website: www.melissa-stewart.com.