



## Turtle, Turtle, Watch Out!

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On a Florida beach one night, a baby turtle begins her life as an egg, buried in the sand. Thanks to her own instincts and the help of multiple young hands, she successfully hatches, makes it to the water, grows up, and comes back to lay her own eggs, twenty years later. The refrain, "Turtle, Turtle, watch out!" warns readers when the turtle is about to encounter danger, and highlights the actions young human hands can take to help turtles survive. Gorgeous illustrations of evening and underwater scenes make the turtle's life look magical, and appendices list all seven sea turtle species and worldwide efforts to help prevent their extinction. Actions can be as simple as cleaning trash off beaches and out of the water, or shutting off house lights near the beach so young turtles won't crawl away from the water and toward the houses. For ages four to ten.

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