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REVIEW: Turtle Summer: A Journal for My Daughter

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leaves of the rainforest, rhyming words encouraging story hour participation — “and the rainforest grew all around, all around; the rainforest grew all around” — this picture book is a winner! A toucan, jaguar, emerald tree boa, bat, sloth, butterflies, leafcutter ants, moths, poison dart frogs and other creatures make their appearances. A kapok tree, bromeliads, lianas and other plant life are also woven into the verse and illustrations. Children will delight in locating tiny creatures, such as the caterpillar near the jaguar’s tail. The book ends with *For Creative Minds*, a brief section about adaptation, also available at www.SylvanDellPublishing.com, and a Rainforest Cookies recipe emphasizing ingredients from the rainforest. Connie McLennan’s watercolor and acrylic illustrations embellish this cumulative tale. Highly recommended. ►►

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Turtle Summer: A Journal for My Daughter by Mary Alice Monroe, with photographs by Barbara J. Bergwerf (Sylvan Dell, 2007 (ISBN 978-0-9777423-5-6, \$15.95).



This book is a journal of a summer’s adventures on an island and the birth of loggerhead sea turtles. The author uses the 55 to 65 days from the time the female turtles lay eggs on the beach, until the time that the hatchlings scramble to the sea, to explore all the wonders of the island. The various shells, flowers, the loggerhead turtle and her egg droppings, beautiful sunrises and sunsets and sea birds are pictured throughout the book. The pictures and the manner in which the author provides details in short descriptions are an exceptional way to draw learners from various reading levels to this book. This title would be an excellent addition to a collection for readers with an interest in endangered species. It is highly recommended for the hesitant reader because of the pictures and the friendly format. ►►

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