

## Turtle Splash Countdown At The Pond

In the Small, Small Pond is a 1994 Caldecott Honor Book.

One summer day, Buddy and his mother take a walk around a pond and observe the animals and insects that live there.

It's time for bed. But first, our little turtle needs to say goodnight to his animal friends. We follow him on a short adventure as he says goodnight, one-by-one, to his friend the sheep, bird, frog, dog, rabbit and lion. He brushes his teeth, gets a bedtime story of his own and drifts off to sleep. This rhyming story, with lovable, bright and vividly-colored animal friends, is sure to catch the attention of even the most wiggly children - and their parents.

A counting book that features an African-American family shopping for food, preparing dinner, and sitting down to eat. Lively read-aloud text paired with bright collage illustrations.

Who will help Mossy return home to Lilypad Pond? Mossy, an amazing turtle with a gorgeous garden growing on her shell, loses her freedom when Dr. Carolina, a biologist, takes her to live in her Edwardian museum. Visitors flock to see Mossy, but it is Dr. Carolina's niece, Tory, who notices how sad Mossy is living in a viewing pavilion. She misses the outdoors and her friend, Scoot. Dr. Carolina

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finds a way to keep the spirit of Mossy alive at the museum. She invites Flora and Fauna to paint Mossy's portrait. Then she and Tory take Mossy home, where Scoot is waiting for her. Jan Brett fans will pore over the colorful paintings of Lilypond and lush borders displaying wildflowers, ferns, butterflies and birds in contrast to elegant spreads of the museum filled with visitors in stylish Edwardian dress and exquisite borders of shells, rocks, crystals and birds' eggs. **MOSSY** gives readers a fascinating look at nature in the wild and on display in a natural history museum.

Follow the adventures of a wriggly tadpole as it grows up and encounters enormous fish, fluffy ducklings and shimmering dragonflies before turning into a fully grown frog.

Where's Nicky? is a delightful game of hide-and-seek.

Inspired by the stories Emma reads to him, Turtle digs out of his pen and sets off to see faraway places. The backyard grass is longer than his legs so he thinks he must be in the jungle. He spies a tree stump and believes it's an elephant's leg. Just when he begins to worry that he's lost, Emma rescues him—and he discovers that he never left home. Undeterred, Turtle is grateful to "have the whole world here in my backyard," and plans to escape again tomorrow, this time to China. A delightful tribute to turtles and turtle-watching, from a young child's perspective.

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What is it about turtles that fascinates us? Is it how they hide inside their patterned shells, their wizened faces, their slow determination? In *Turtle Pond*, a child and his parents visit their local public garden throughout the year, observing the turtles as they play, dive, feed, bask, climb, hide and doze. James Gladstone's lively prose poem reveals the pleasure and curiosity that come from spending time with the turtles. Karen Reczuch's stunningly beautiful illustrations accurately portray these extraordinary creatures, both in and out of the water, surrounded by lush plants and the changing seasons beyond the greenhouse windows. An author's note provides more information about turtles, including the Red-eared Slider featured in the book. Key Text Features scientific illustrations author's note further information Correlates to the Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts: CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.K.7 With prompting and support, describe the relationship between illustrations and the story in which they appear (e.g., what moment in a story an illustration depicts). CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.3.7 Explain how specific aspects of a text's illustrations contribute to what is conveyed by the words in a story (e.g., create mood, emphasize aspects of a character or setting)

Three tales from various sources explain how the turtle got its shell, and includes facts about turtles and their habits and appearance.

It's a peaceful day at the pond as ten timid turtles bask in the sun. But wait! A bullfrog leaps, a rabbit rustles, deer appear, a chickadee chirps, and ten nine eight seven six

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five four three two one by one the turtles dive into the water. Splash!

Presents an introduction to the world's turtle populations and the environmental issues that are threatening their survival, providing various examples that reveal how everyday actions can help protect endangered turtle species.

Photographs of cute, playful penguins and rhyming text help young readers learn how to count.

Children explore their five senses, learning what they can see, smell, hear, touch, and taste.

For fans of *Dragons Love Tacos* comes a fresh, funny story that deals with everyone's least favorite thing: a cold. Is your dragon sleepy? Does he have a runny nose? Does he keep sneezing fire? Unfortunately, it sounds like your dragon has a cold. But luckily, this guide will help anxious dragon owners through the challenges of caring for their sick dragon! Balancing tongue-in-cheek humor through Charles Santoso's illustrations with gentle reassurance, this story proves that laughter really is the best medicine and will appeal to anyone who has felt under the weather.

A tortoise realizes the need for a shell after several scary encounters.

As snow approaches and begins to fall, Moose, Bear, Fox, and other forest creatures prepare for winter.

In the course of a full day at Butternut Hollow Pond, readers will meet water striders, snapping turtles, herons, woodchucks, and other animals that live in the pond. As each one is

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introduced, readers will learn how that creature fits into the habitat's food chain, proving that a peaceful day at Butternut Hollow Pond is actually full of action and adventure For The many animals who live there.

In this lap-sized board book by the beloved illustrator, a tortoise takes off his shell so that he can move faster but finds that he misses the protection it offers.

Dragonflies zip zip zip and frogs croakity croak while bare feet splish splash in this board book all about the sounds of the river. Each spread features a touch and feel element that creates the sound described in the text. With beautiful illustrations, interesting textures and fun sounds, this highly interactive format is certain to tickle the senses.

Now in paperback, this award-winning story tells of a young African American boy who makes friends in school by letting his classmates help with his drawing of a bare winter tree.

This sweet story of two frogs who reside in the pond in Monet's garden, Giverny, is sure to enchant even the youngest reader.

While their neighbors in the pond . . . leap! lurch! scamper! and splash! six silent turtles sit still as stones. Will the turtles ever move? Read this book and find out. What are you waiting for? Scoot!

Simple rhymes ask the reader to do a variety of things, such as count to twenty, identify animals by the sounds they make, and find hidden pictures.

As the seasons go by, the mystery vine grows and grows and grows. Now, finally, it is autumn, and the mystery vine is no longer a mystery. Hello, pumpkins! This is the season for jack-o'-lanterns, pumpkin pie, pumpkin bread, and pumpkin

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seeds—ready for toasting and munching, and for saving and planting come spring. Baby Turtle hatches the day after the rest of his siblings and must get to the water and his family and makes new friends, who help him find his way. On board pages.

Two sworn enemies learn that they have more in common than meets the eye, and it's never too late to make a new friend—even if it takes decades! Ever since they were little hatchlings, Turtle and Tortoise decided that they'd forever be separated due to their different shells. As years and years go by, the two reptiles stay on opposites side of the pen and embark on their own adventures, while holding an everlasting grudge. Until one day, Turtle and Tortoise get into a bit of pickle and need each other's help! This hilarious and heartwarming picture book from Merry Un-Christmas author Mike Reiss and The Most Magnificent Thing creator Ashley Spires is perfect for fans of unlikely pairs such as Frog and Toad Are Friends by Arnold Lobel, Duck and Bear from Jory John's Goodnight Already!, and Boy + Bot by Ame Dyckman. Turtle has a smooth shell. Tortoise has a rough shell. Goodness gracious! How can they possibly be friends?! Nicky counts from one to three as he observes familiar objects in the world around him. On board pages.

An irresistibly cute story about finding the confidence to be yourself, starring a

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turtle in search of the perfect shell. Terrance the turtle was born without a shell, so he uses a cardboard box instead. Terrance loves his box. It keeps him dry on soggy days, safe from snooping strangers, and is big enough to cozy up with a friend. But when another turtle points out that Terrance's shell is, well, weird, he begins to wonder whether there might be a better shell out there... Eventually, and through much trial and error, Terrance learns that there's nothing wrong with being different--especially when it comes to being yourself.

A young dancer dances her way among geometric shapes.

"This is the turtle that slid into the pond and ate the snake that dropped from a branch and swallowed the fish that swam after the frog -- JUMP, FROG, JUMP!" This infectious cumulative tale will soon have the young frogs you know jumping and chanting with joy.

Turtle is so excited by the book about penguins that his dad reads him at bedtime that he decides he wants to be a penguin. So the next morning, he creates a penguin costume, grabs his book, and heads for the schoolbus. His kindergarten classmates are thrilled. They all want to be penguins too! Turtle shows his book to his teacher, and all day long he and his classmates do as the penguins do—they slide down the slide on their bellies during recess, form a waddling conga line at music time, and snack on goldfish crackers. It's a super-cool

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penguin day! This delightful picture book from Valeri Gorbachev is a perfect blueprint for teachers (and kids) to plan penguin days of their own.

Pond Babies is a book for very young children (2-5). It helps kids in their exploration of the natural world as they discover the creatures that live around the pond. Vibrant cut-paper collage in Cathryn Falwell's signature style, along with a humorous bit of self-discovery at the end, make this the perfect book to share with the very young. The simple, appealing story also makes it a great choice for early readers.

"A book about loggerhead sea turtles, and a girl's attempts to help save their babies from man-made light."--

Humans offer a helping hand. Sea turtles face many dangers as they grow, eat, travel, and breed. In this dramatization of one female turtle's challenges, acclaimed nature writer April Pulley Sayre highlights the role that humans have in helping this endangered species.

Previously published, this story has been re-illustrated by Annie Patterson. Information on sea turtle conservation efforts and the seven species of sea turtles is included.

Lumbering elephants, ears like fans, Rests in shade on grassy lands. Worker termites, small but strong, Build nests with roof mounds all day long.

"All the ways and places that wild exists in our world and where you can find it."--

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