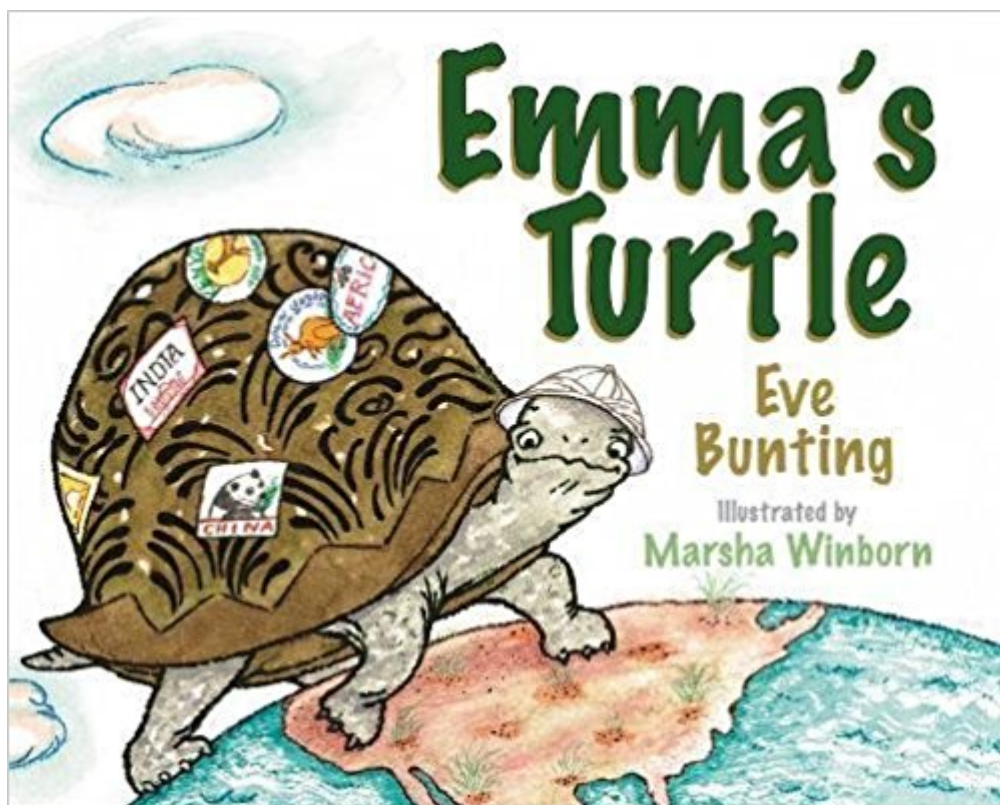


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# Emma's Turtle



## Synopsis

Emma's turtle has a good life, but he often dreams of faraway places. Emma's turtle lives in a backyard pen. He enjoys snacks that Emma feeds him. He also loves to listen to Emma as she tells him about faraway places such as Africa, Australia, and China. One day he decides to stop dreaming of those places and see the world beyond his pen. What will he discover? Eve Bunting's adorable story of an adventurous turtle is delightfully illustrated by Marsha Winborn.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 7 - 9 years

Grade Level: 2 - 4

## Customer Reviews

PreSchool-Grade 1  
A girl reads about faraway lands to her pet turtle. The turtle then decides to do a bit of exploring, digging a hole to get under the wire of his pen. He makes immediate discoveries, such as, "My legs are short and the grass is long. I think this must be the jungle." He sees a tree stump and thinks it must be an elephant leg in Africa. He mistakes a frog at first for a kangaroo leaping in Australia, and fears that the cat from next door is an Indian tiger. Just when the turtle begins to worry that he might be lost, Emma finds him and takes him home. Children will immediately get the joke that despite the turtle's impressions, he never leaves the yard. The nice twist is that he is not disappointed with his adventure. He reflects, "It is exciting to have the whole world here in my backyard." The whimsical watercolor illustrations match the tone of the story well. The turtle's face shows many emotions as he travels and discovers. The pictures are drawn on

scale with the small creature himself, echoing a childlike perspective and interpretation of size in a personal world. Humorous, warm, and ultimately reassuring, this story will be appreciated by individual readers but it's also a good choice for group read-alouds. --Lucinda Snyder Whitehurst, St. Christopher's School, Richmond, VA Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

"Young readers should relate to an odyssey close to home." --Kirkus Reviews  
"Humorous, warm, and ultimately reassuring, this story will be appreciated by individual readers but it's also a good choice for group read-alouds." --School Library Journal

We bought this book for our daughter Emma because we thought it was cute that the book had her name in it... but it ended up being one of our favorite books for her. We got it for her when she was three and she still enjoys it now at age five as a good bedtime story. I recently purchased a second copy of this book we liked it so much! The story is from the perspective of the turtle and is about an imaginative journey he takes out of his pen in his backyard. I always explain to my daughter that because he is a turtle he moves so slow and thinks he has gone much further than he has... so he thinks he ends up in far away places like Africa and India and sees all kinds of strange things. I read it to her Kindergarten class on a sharing day and the entire class was wide-eyed and interested throughout. The teacher also noted it was a good story to talk about setting because the story actually takes place in one setting. There are a lot of things that happen that can prompt good questions throughout for a group. The illustrations are so soft and beautifully done that it really keeps the attention of kids too. Great classic story that I am sure she will continue to enjoy for years!

I work for the Cleveland children's museum and this is my absolute favorite children's book I made sure to buy it to read to any child that walk through my front door

A gift for my great niece. I hope she liked it.

I volunteer at our local Zoo and do the story time all summer long. I'm always looking for books appropriate for preschool children, not too short and not so long that I lose their attention, with a cute story and nice illustrations. Emma's Turtle and Hedgie's Surprise certainly meet this criteria. It's also nice when we have some of these animals that we use in our education programs. I have purchased many children's books from and they have always arrived in a timely fashion and if

used, in the condition they have stated.

Very cute book. My daughter loves having a book with the main character sharing her name.

This is a really cute book. My Preschoolers learned a few things about Turtles.

What a cute book! I teach 3 and 4 year olds and they love it too! We read it all the time!

Purchased this book for my niece's 3rd birthday, she is currently obsessed with turtles. It is a very sweet story and has very nice illustrations. She loved it!

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