

A *Steve Parish*™ **KIDS** Story Book

# Turtle Tricks



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*It had taken a long  
time to push her way  
out of her egg.*



Eight weeks ago,  
her mother made  
a long journey  
up the beach  
to lay eggs.





She dug a deep hole  
in the sand and carefully  
laid fifty beautiful  
round eggs.





Now it was time for the eggs to hatch  
and for the baby turtles  
to make their way  
to the sea.





The little turtle hatchling blinked  
at the light of the moon.





She knew what she had  
to do. She would use its light  
to find her way to the sea.



But first she  
needed to rest.  
She looked around...  
she was the first  
egg to hatch.








*She knew other turtle hatchlings would join her soon. She would not leave until they were ready.*





As the sun began to rise,  
the little turtles could see  
the dangers ahead of them.



*There was a hungry  
dingo a little further  
down the beach.*



There were goannas  
looking for eggs in  
the sand.





Noisy seagulls  
began to gather  
at the water's edge.



The little turtle had an idea.  
She knew that the turtles  
must stay together.  
She whispered her plan  
to the others.









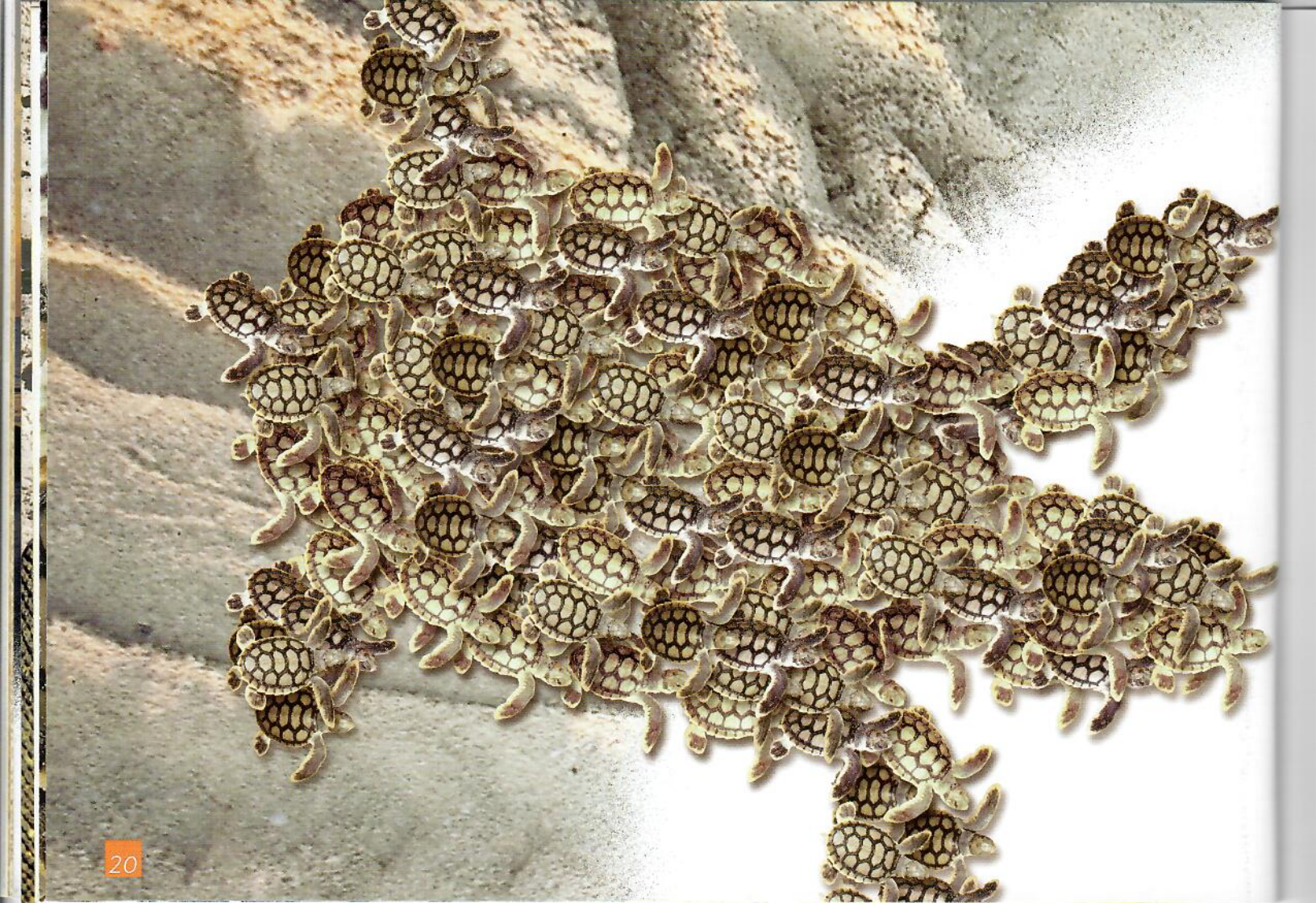






When they were ready  
she squealed "Go!"  
and they were off,  
racing as fast as  
they could.









The greedy hunters  
jumped back in fright.  
It was the biggest turtle  
they had ever seen.

The very clever little turtle  
was the first to reach  
the cool water,





and begin her life in the sea.







Rebecca Johnson, a Brisbane author and part-time teacher, has written more than 28 Steve Parish Story Books featuring Australian animals. Her books have become favourites with children all over the world.

#### 著者について

Rebecca Johnson はブリスベン在住の作家兼教師で、これまでにオーストラリアの動物をテーマとした 28 作の本が Steve Parish Story Books から出版されています。彼女の本は世界中の子供達のお気に入りとなっています。

#### Über die Autorin

Die in Brisbane geborene Autorin Rebecca Johnson, die auch als Teilzeitlehrerin arbeitet, hat mehr als 28 Bücher für den Verlag von Steve Parish verfasst, in denen Australische Tiere die Hauptrolle spielen. Ihre Bücher gehören weltweit zu den Lieblingsbüchern von Kindern.

*Turtle Tricks* tells the tale of a clever little turtle who devises a plan to escape ever-present predators. The heroine is a Flatback Turtle that lives with her relatives in coastal waters of northern Australia. Adult Flatback Turtles are olive grey in colour, grow to about 1 metre long and weigh about 80 kilograms. Females return to the beach where they hatched to lay their own eggs.

*亀の策略 (Turtle Tricks)* は、絶えず存在する捕食者から逃れるための計画を考え出した賢い小亀の話です。主役は、北オーストラリアの沿岸に身内と一緒に暮らしているヒラタウミガメ (Flatback Turtle) です。ヒラタウミガメの成体は薄緑がかった灰色をしており、体長約 1メートル、体重約 80kg にまで成長します。雌は、海岸に戻って卵を産み、孵化させます。

*Turtle Tricks* erzählt die Geschichte einer cleveren kleinen Schildkröte, die einen Plan entwirft um den stets wachsamen Feinden zu entkommen. Die Heldin ist eine Wallriffschildkröte (Flatback Turtle), die mit ihren Verwandten in den Küstengewässern Nordaustraliens lebt. Erwachsene Wallriffschildkröten haben eine olivgrüne Farbe, werden bis zu 1m lang und wiegen ca. 80 kg. Wenn die Weibchen bereit sind Eier zu legen, kehren sie an den Strand zurück.