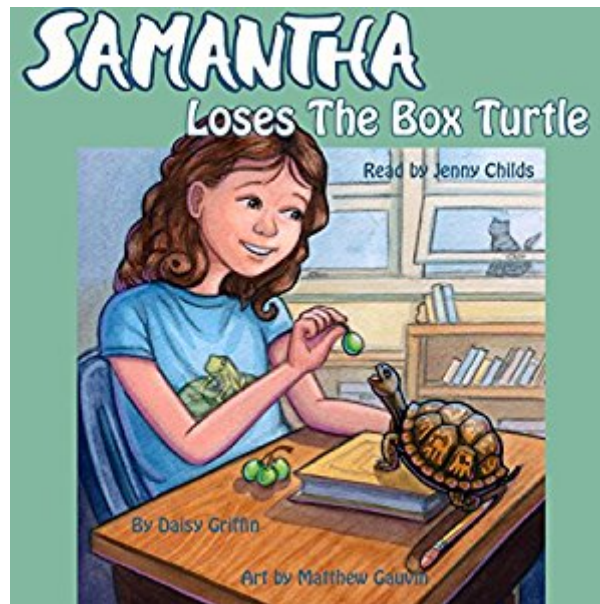


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# Samantha Loses The Box Turtle: Samantha Series Of Chapter Books, Book 1



## Synopsis

Samantha Loses the Box Turtle is a children's chapter book filled with fun and adventure while teaching about the lovable critter, the Eastern Box Turtle. When Samantha's grandfather finds a box turtle on a busy street the only thing to do is bring him home. Sam's mom says that he has to be let go, but not before some zany drama ensues. You'll have to read to find out how Samantha Loses the Box Turtle! Book #1 of the Samantha Series.

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## Customer Reviews

I love a good turtle story. Always have.samantha loses the box turtle is an engaging story that introduces the ideas of how to care for turtles in a non condescending fashion. It also teaches children that found wild animals are not to be kept as pets but should be allowed to live in a safe environment. Many turtles found in the wild are captured and held in a box that is not a suitable environment and i was thrilled to see that the turtle was returned to the semi wild in the form of a sanctuary.Thank you for the story.

Growing up with a younger sister who loved animals, we had a few turtles ... or more like lots of turtles. Four of these turtles were box turtles, and three of those came from the wild. I really enjoyed this book, as it brought back so many memories from those days. The story starts with them finding the turtle on the way home from a trip to town one day. They bring it home in a plastic sack because they found it in an unsafe location, and when they get home, their mother tells them they could not

keep the turtle as it was wild and would not survive properly in captivity, something I can attest to because we had to release all three of the box turtles we got from the wild rather soon after my sister acquired them. They decide to take the turtle to the local nature preserve. Samantha is also studying the Food Chain in school and, with permission from both her mother and teacher, brings the turtle to show her fellow students. While at school, the turtle gets out and they have to re-find him again, and after school they take the turtle to the Nature Preserve. It was a good story, and flowed pretty seamlessly. There were plenty of turtle facts peppered throughout, but they were never annoying. To my surprise, there was no mention of evolution. All facts were the hands-on type that you can prove. The pictures were naturally black and white, so that should not be an issue on the black and white Kindle. Samantha did not get along with her sister as well as I would have liked her to, and I found the baby's speech a tad bit unrealistic, but not much. All in all, this is a good book, one I'm sure my younger sister would have devoured back during her turtle days, and one I'm sure my younger brother will enjoy reading.

Daisy has done a terrific job at weaving a story which kids will connect with immediately. The premise is about a box turtle which Samantha brings home and how her mother supports her interest in caring for this creature. The mother's understanding of Samantha's desire to keep the turtle and chooses to educate her daughter about what is best for the turtle. This responsibility and maturity is conveyed seamlessly. My children could not wait to read the daily chapter to see what happens next, sad that the book was over and wondered what happened in the future. We (the parents) learned a few interesting facts along the way as well. It is a fun book and one which is within the realm of first grade readers. We really enjoyed this book, and are just starting the next in the series - Samantha Hatches the Chicken Egg. Daisy, thank you for writing intelligent books for kids (and their parents).

As a young kid growing up in Virginia, I spent countless Saturday mornings with my brothers & friends looking for gentle box turtles, and I remember pulling over on numerous occasions to rescue them in the middle of the road, so this book brought back some wonderful memories for me. But... would it capture the interest of my younger kids (8, 7, and 5) who didn't have nostalgia to kick-start their interest in such a book? I'm delighted to say, "Yes!" The book is a hit with my kids, and I love reading it to them as much as they love hearing it. The story is well-written and age appropriate, and the illustrations are terrific. The author does a masterful job of educating without sacrificing a great story. And I give the book huge praise for adding some excellent questions at the back to test kids'

comprehension. I'd love to see more books like this. Highly recommended.

This is a beautifully written children's story that also teaches a valuable lesson. The story is complex enough to keep an older child entertained, but also, because of the wonderful illustrations, is exciting enough to keep a younger child happy. Samantha is a sympathetic and compassionate character that I think kids will easily relate to. I loved the way the author taught a lesson about caring for an animal at the same time that she told a story that was both entertaining and exciting. If you are looking for a really good book for young readers, this is the one to choose.

My first Kindle download for very young readers, *Samantha Loses the Box Turtle*, seems a bit long for ages 4-8 as it was advertised with more complex sentence structure than I would have expected. The story itself was enjoyable, about an animal-loving family who learns all about the habits and habitat of a box turtle. Clearly, the author draws on her personal experience in an animal preserve to bring in lots of great facts, but she also does a great job fitting them in to the context of a real story rather than "this is an educational book about turtles." The illustrations were quite good and helped the book feel a bit more like a children's book. I'd pick up more in this series.

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