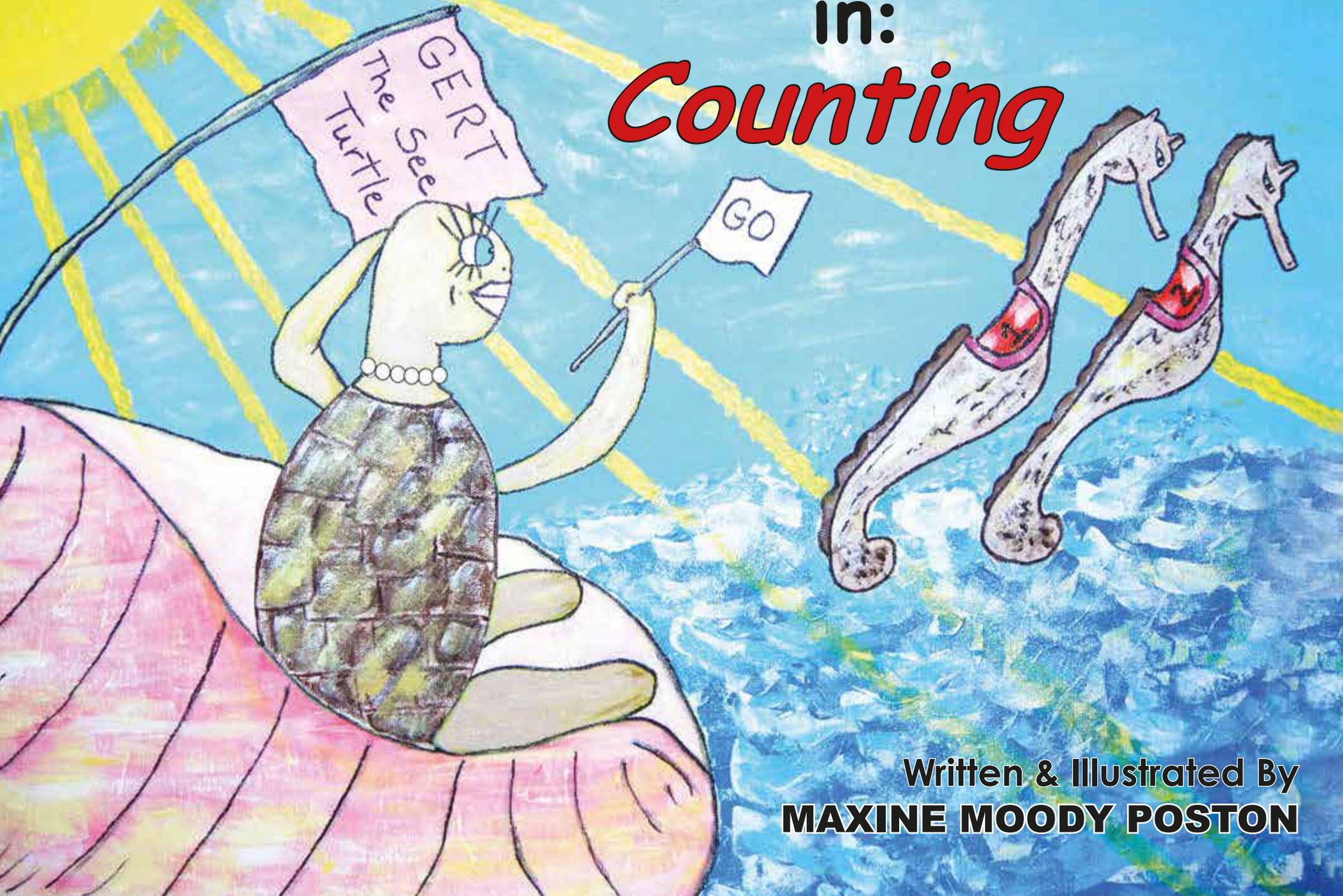


Gert the SEE Turtle in:

Counting



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Gert is a SEE turtle from the sea. Gert was born on Seegrove Lane in Mild Dunes, SC to a family of loggerhead sea turtles. Instead of joining her brothers and sisters as they were swimming out to sea, she decided to follow her dream to stay on the beach and learn all she can while living on the coast. Gert's mother gave her a "pearls of wisdom" necklace to wear as a reminder to make wise choices as she explores her new world.

This is the first book of the "**Gert the SEE Turtle**" series.

GERT'S SONG



Gert is a little turtle from the sea
Doing things her own way
Jumps into her conch shell and sails all around
Exploring throughout the day
She's a SEE turtle, from the sea turtle
Learning everything within her reach
She's a SEE turtle, from the sea turtle
Exploring all around the beach

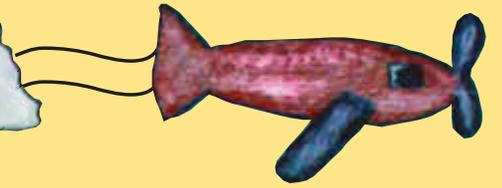
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and to my nephews:

Mitchell Reed, Philip Reed

and Hugh Shirley

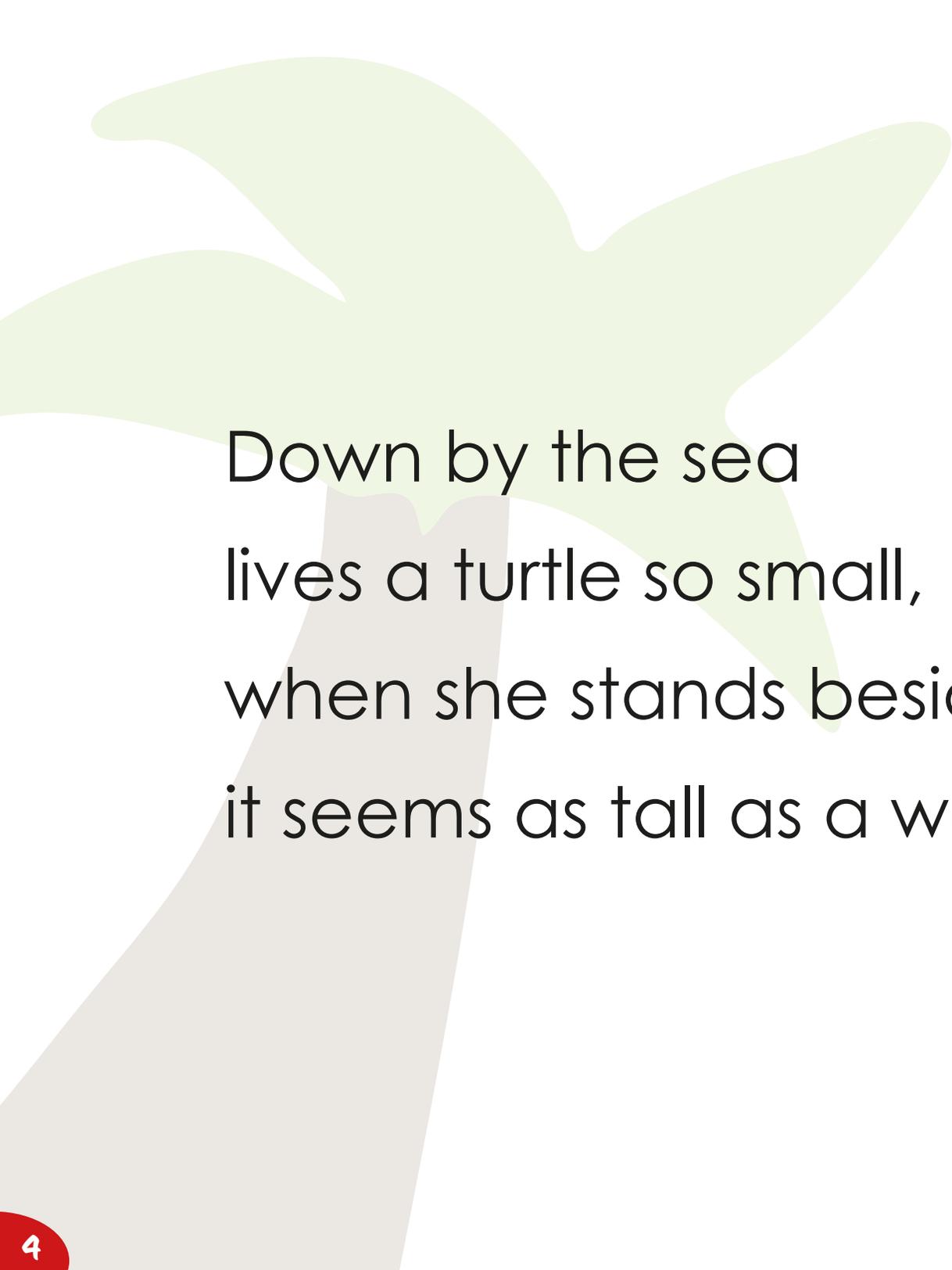
and to my husband

Hal

for their love and encouragement.

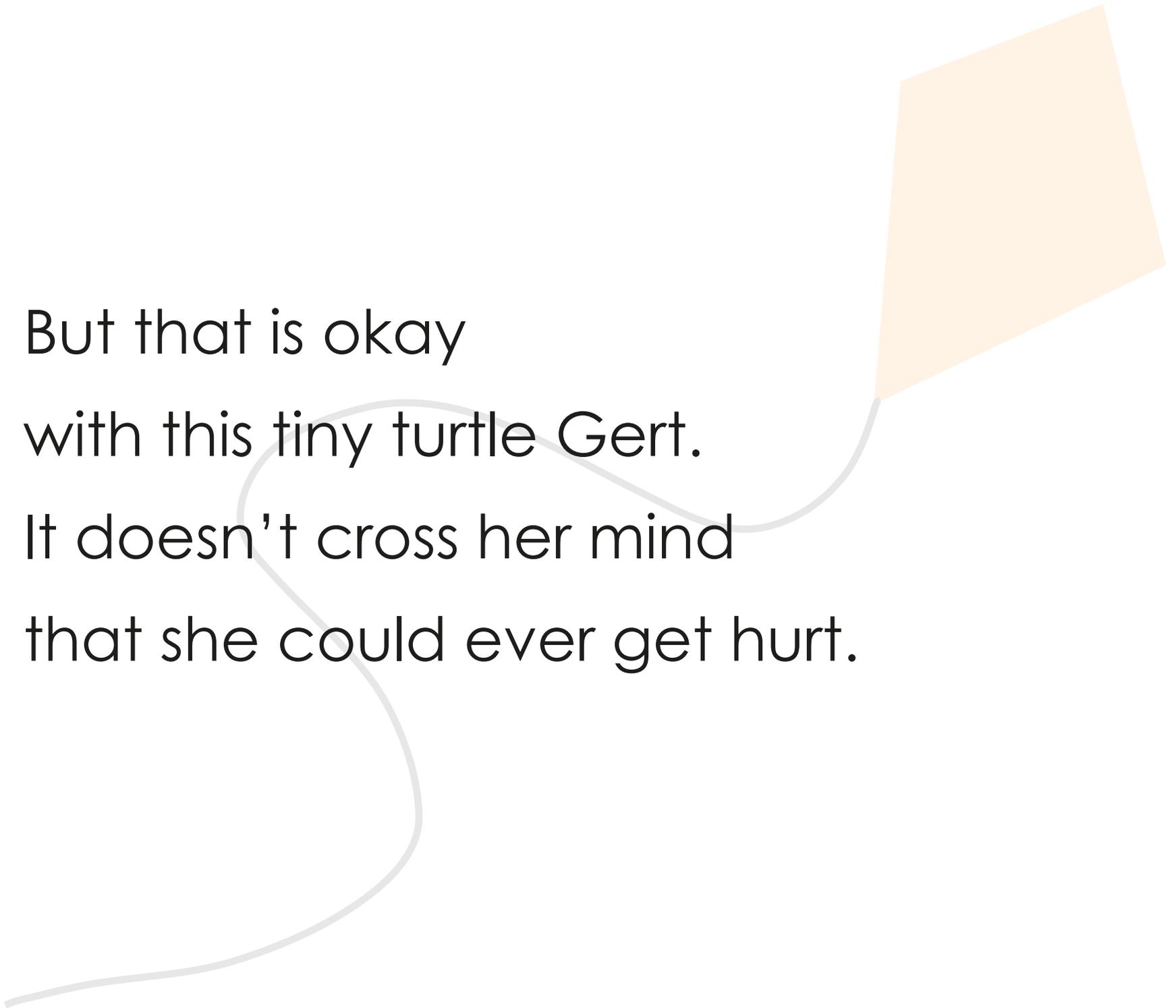
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the lives of
children
and sea
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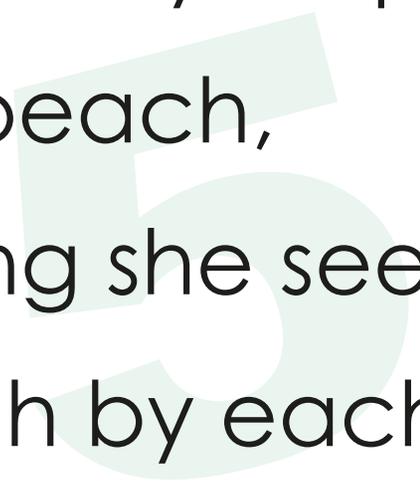
Down by the sea
lives a turtle so small,
when she stands beside driftwood
it seems as tall as a wall.





But that is okay
with this tiny turtle Gert.
It doesn't cross her mind
that she could ever get hurt.





Gert spends her days exploring
all around the beach,
where everything she sees
is counted, each by each.

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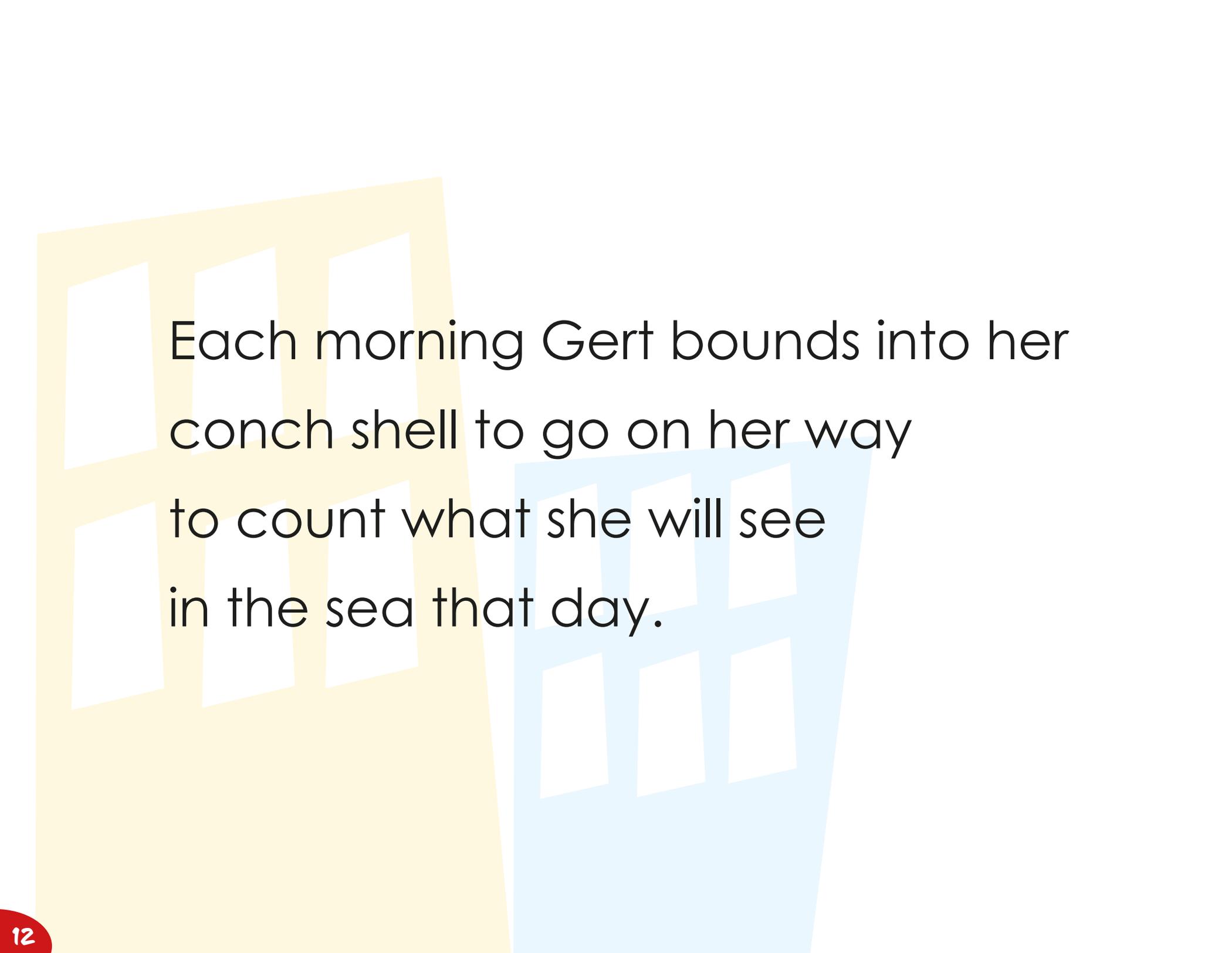


Now numbers, you will see,
are Gert's claim to fame.
Counting everything is
this "SEE turtle's" game.



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GERT
The See
Turtle



Each morning Gert bounds into her conch shell to go on her way to count what she will see in the sea that day.



So today she sets her sail and
heads out with no fear.

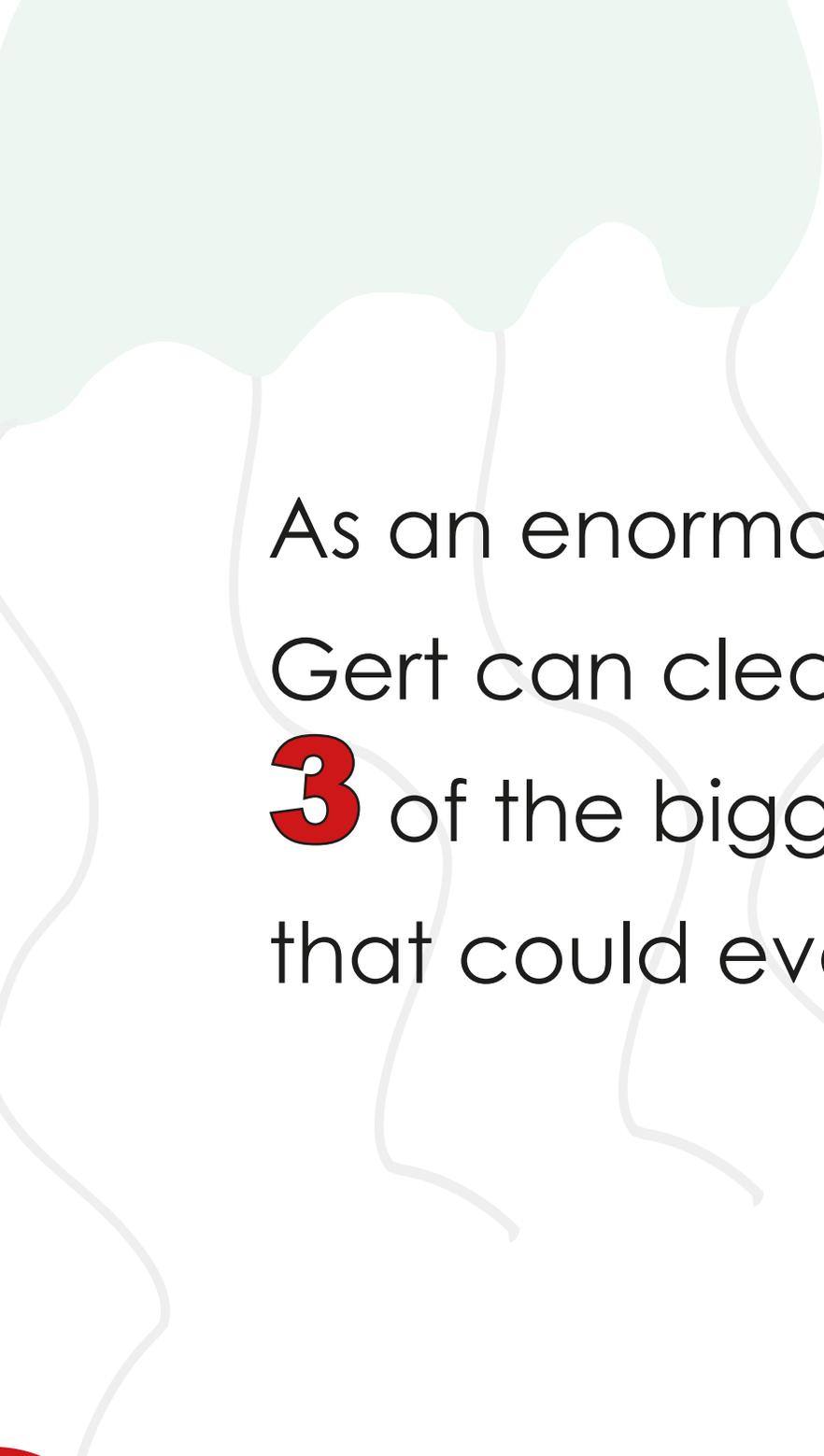
The first thing Gert spots
is **1** purple pier.



Along she keeps floating,
then she glances to her right;
2 sea horses are racing
with all of their might.

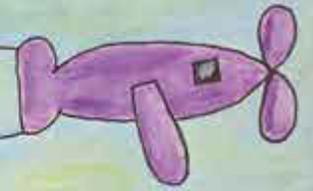
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As an enormous wave approaches,
Gert can clearly see
3 of the biggest jelly fish
that could ever be.

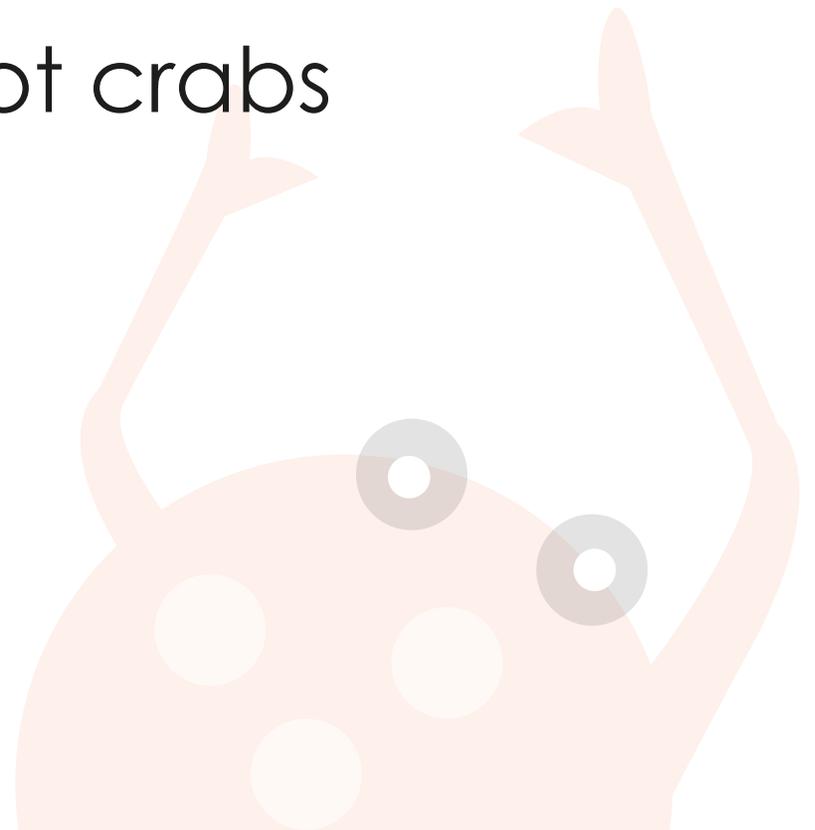
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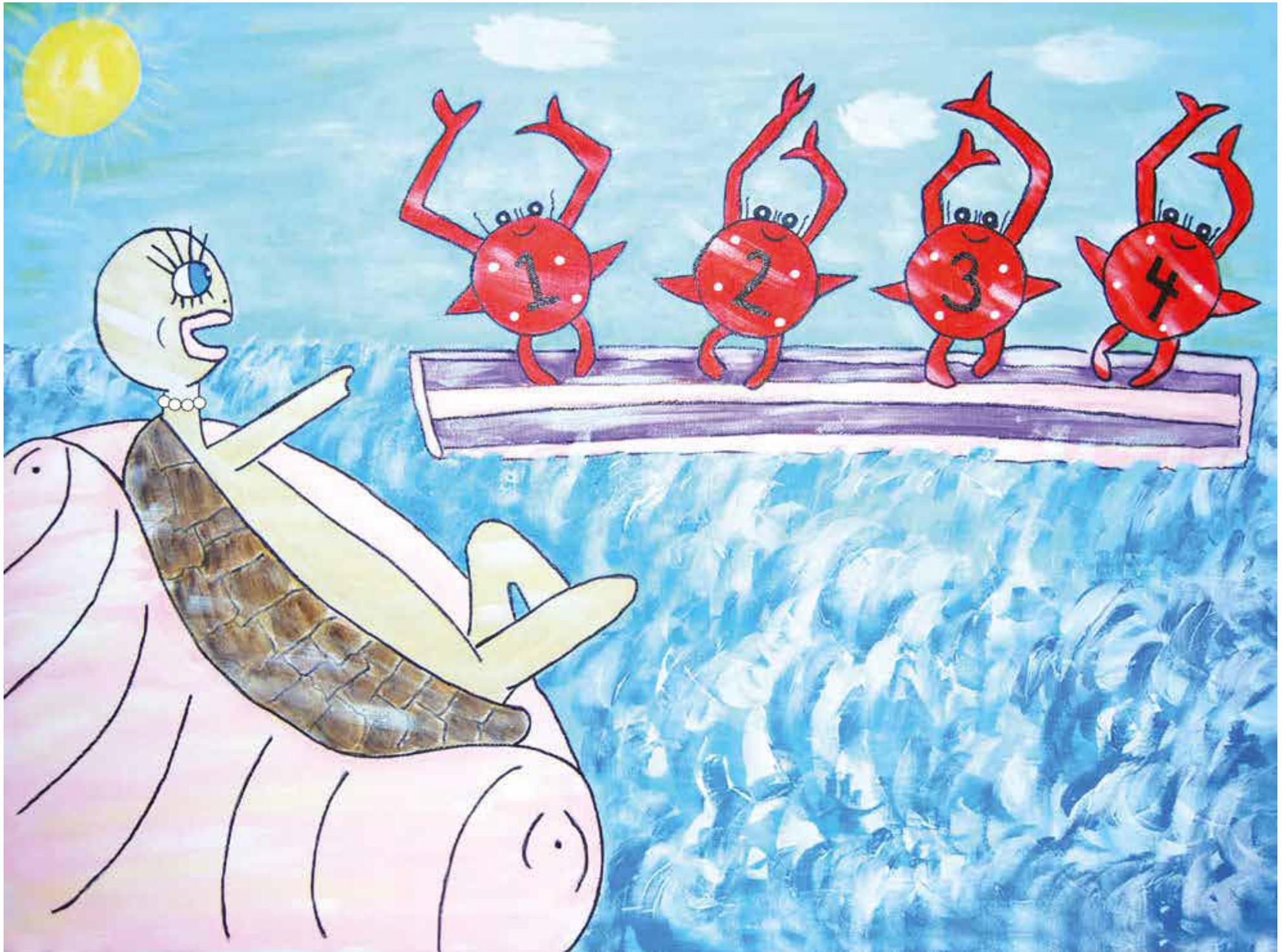


As Gert breaks through the waves
she holds on mighty tight.
When she comes up for air
there in view is a sight.



A very silly sight which
makes Gert start to laugh.
There are **4** polka-dot crabs
dancing on a raft.





Suddenly, the wind blows so hard
whirling Gert right on by...

OOPS! She bumps into **5**

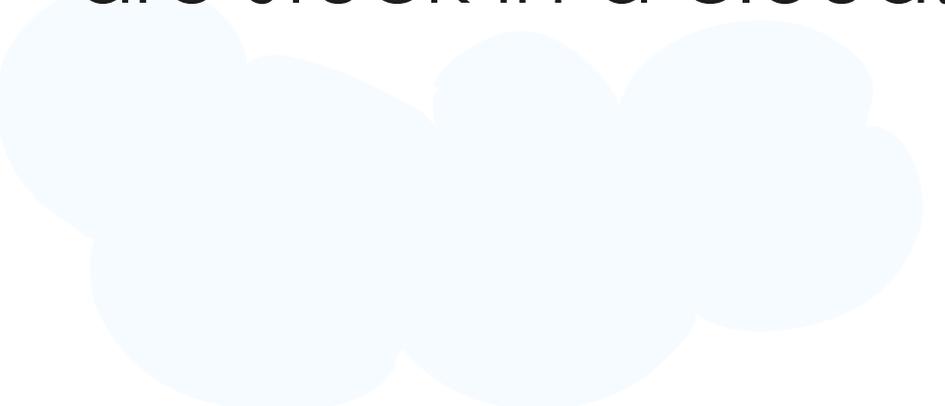
beach balls stacked to the sky.







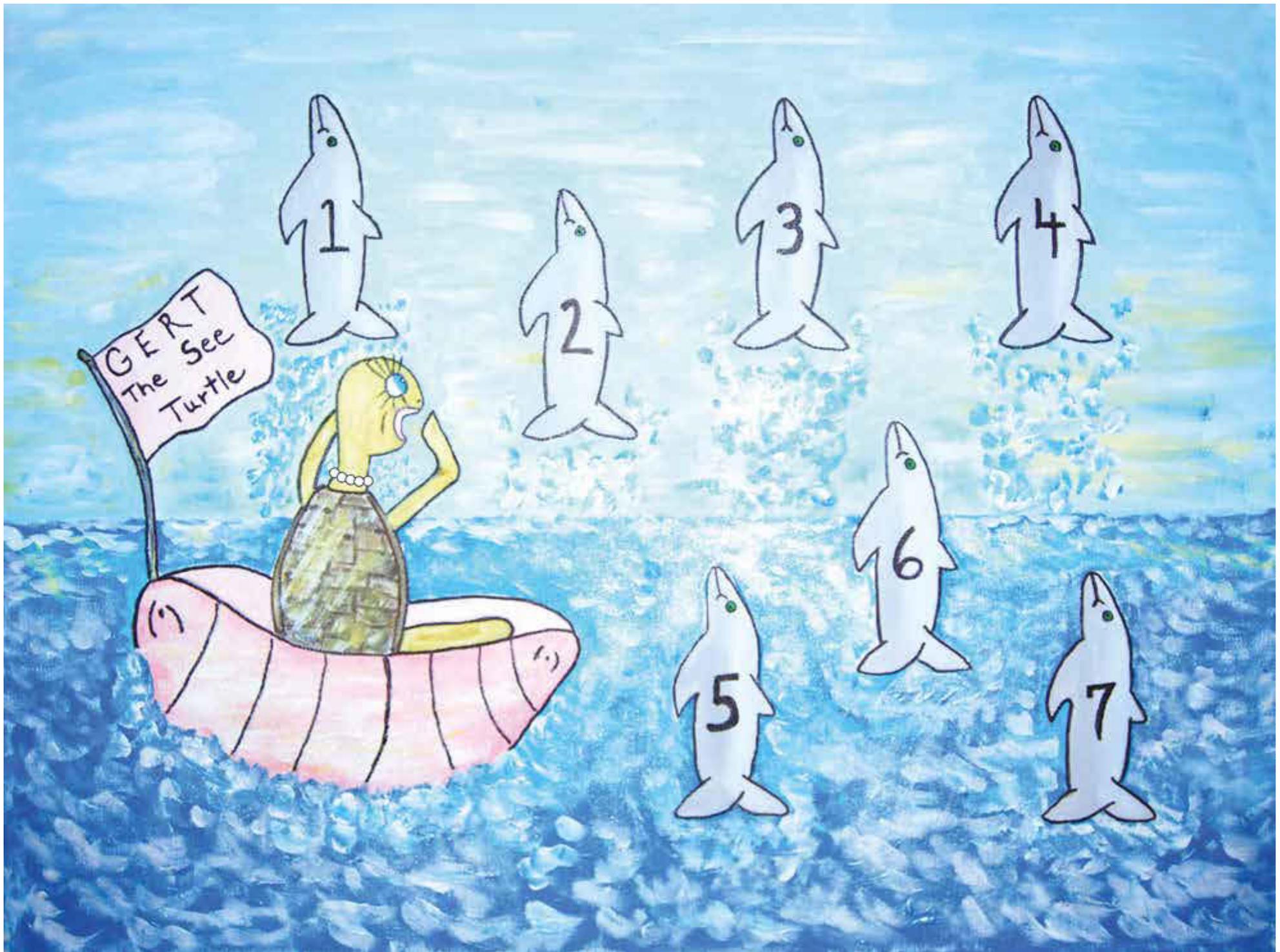
In the distance there are children
who are crying out loud
because **6** of their fish kites
are stuck in a cloud.





As her journey continues,
she searches here and there.
Look! **7** frisky dolphins
leaping high into the air.

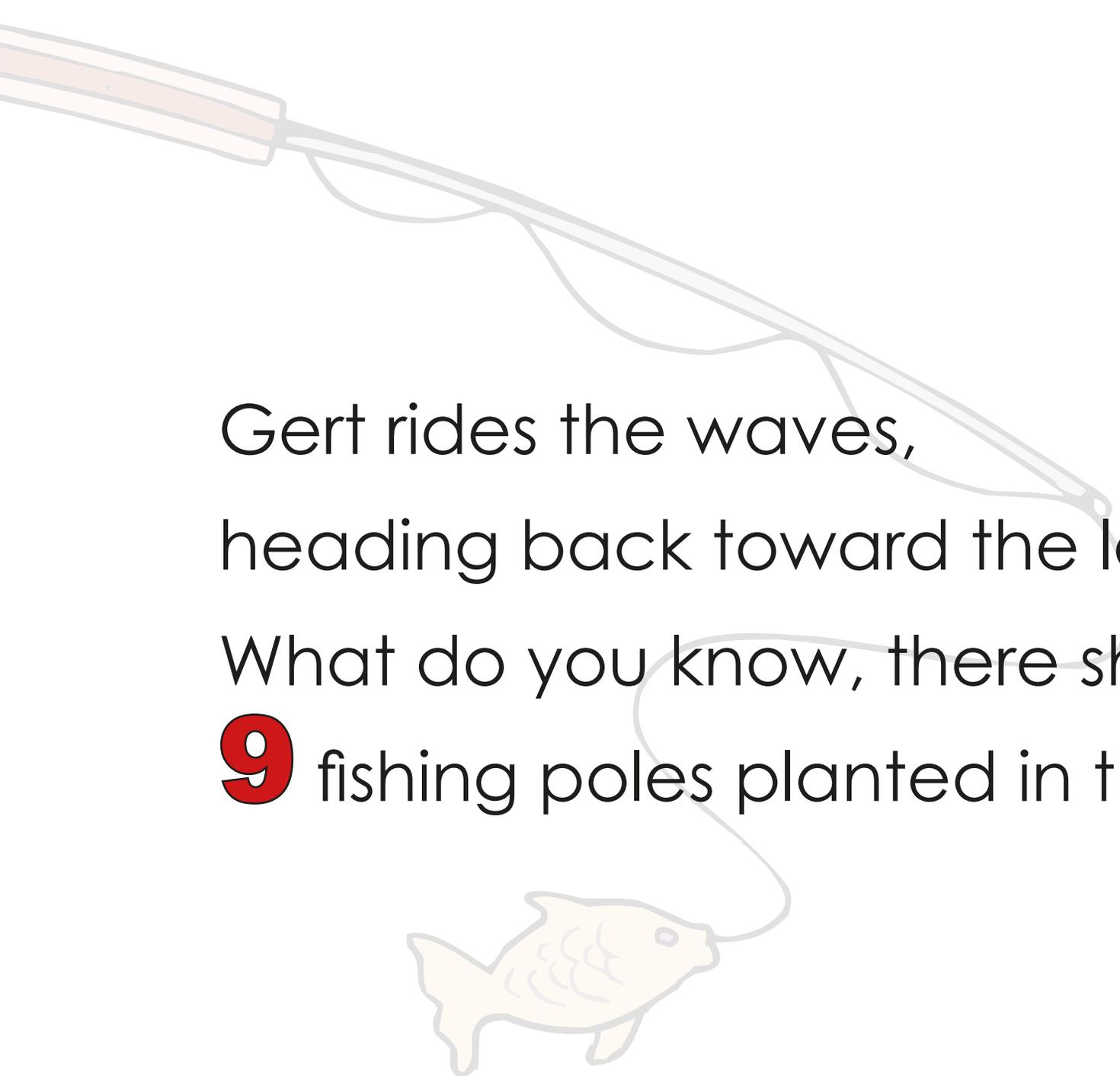






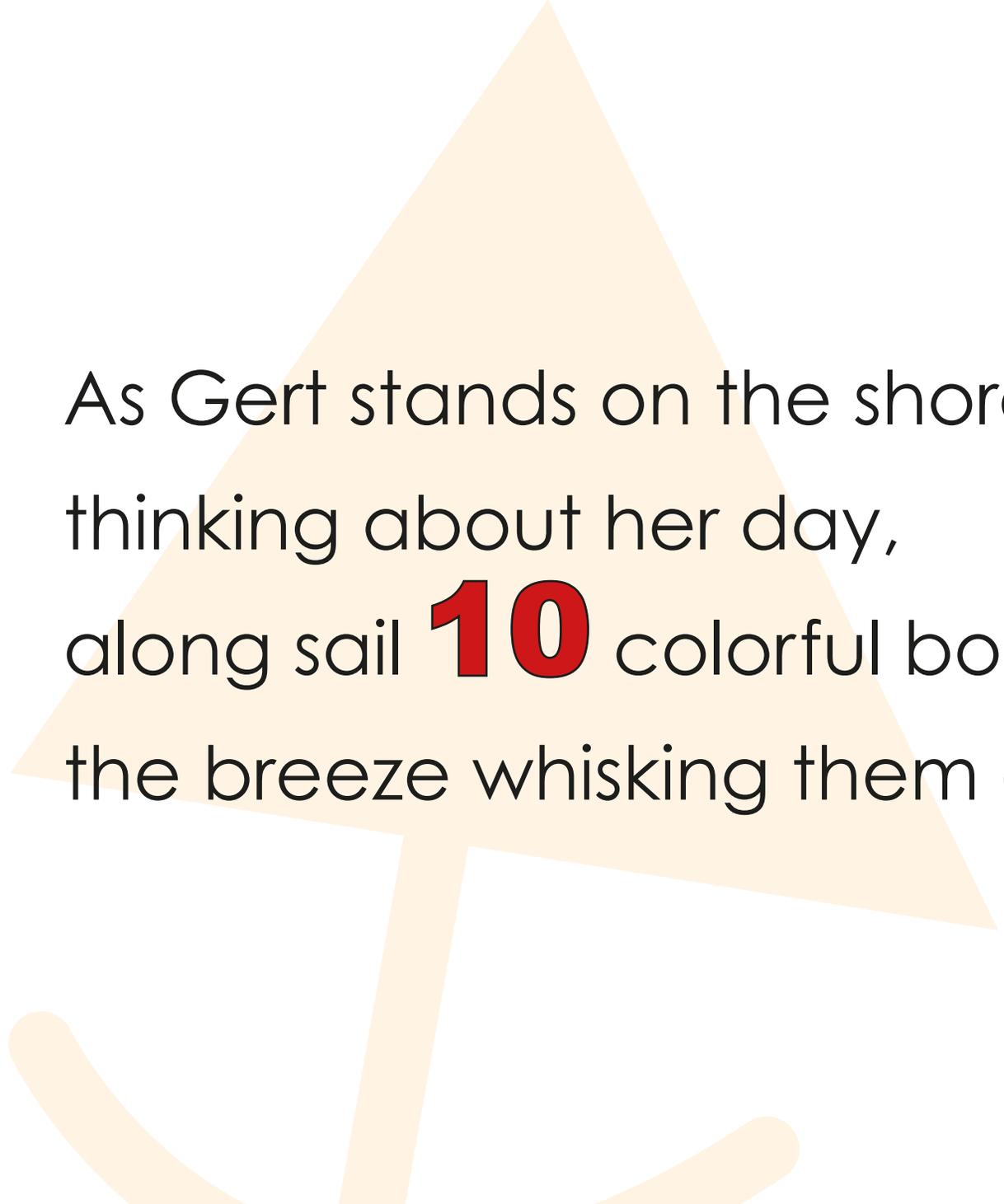
As quick as a shot, through the
salty water sprang
an **8** legged octopus
who sang and Sang and SANG!



A light-colored fishing rod is shown in the upper left corner, extending diagonally across the page. A fishing line is attached to the end of the rod and loops down towards the center. At the end of the line is a simple, light-colored fish. The background is plain white.

Gert rides the waves,
heading back toward the land.
What do you know, there she counts
9 fishing poles planted in the sand.





As Gert stands on the shore
thinking about her day,
along sail **10** colorful boats—
the breeze whisking them away.





She continues with her counting
as the day comes to an end.
Gert will return tomorrow
to explore her world again.



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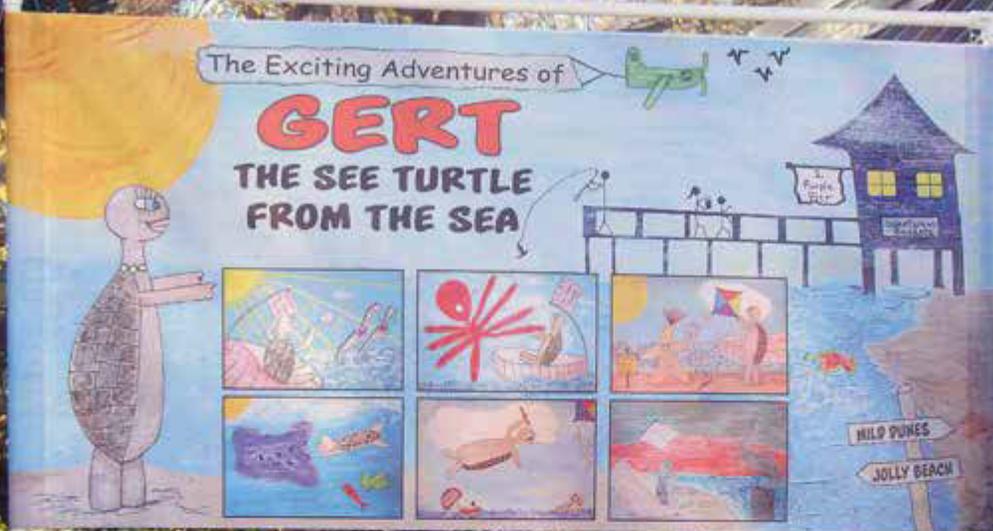
Maxine Moody Poston

Though I grew up an army brat, I lived a large part of my childhood in my father's hometown of Lake City, SC, while he did tours of duty in Korea and Vietnam. I married my high school sweetheart, Hal, on July 4, 1976. We have 3 grown children: Elizabeth, Eric, and Lane. My husband and I now reside in Flat Rock, NC. In 1991, when my sons were 1 and 4, I created the "Gert the SEE Turtle" books to help my sons learn to read, count numbers, know their colors, understand emotions, etc. My then twelve-year-old daughter was the inspiration for Gert (an acronym for General Education with Respect to Turtles).

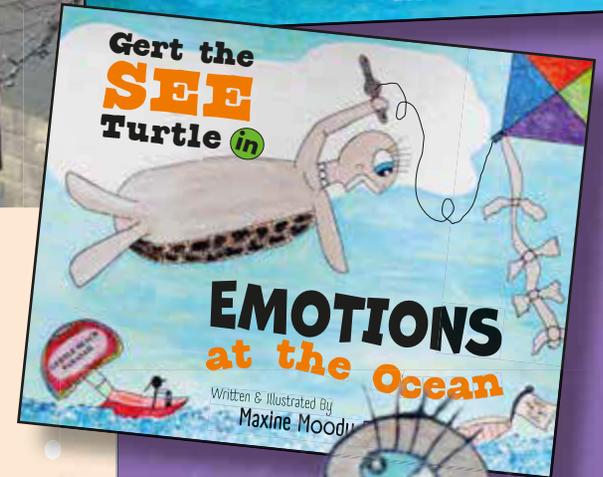
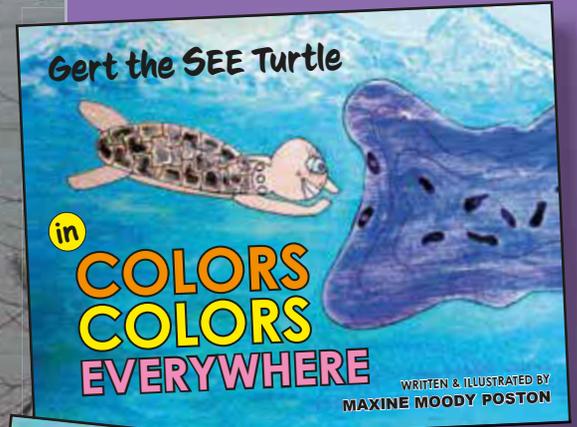
Gert wants to encourage children to enjoy observing and learning about their world every day. After all, Gert's first love is learning and she wants all young people to want, and be able, to learn as much as she does.

*A visit to
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MAKE SURE TO PICK UP ALL OF GERT'S ADVENTURES!



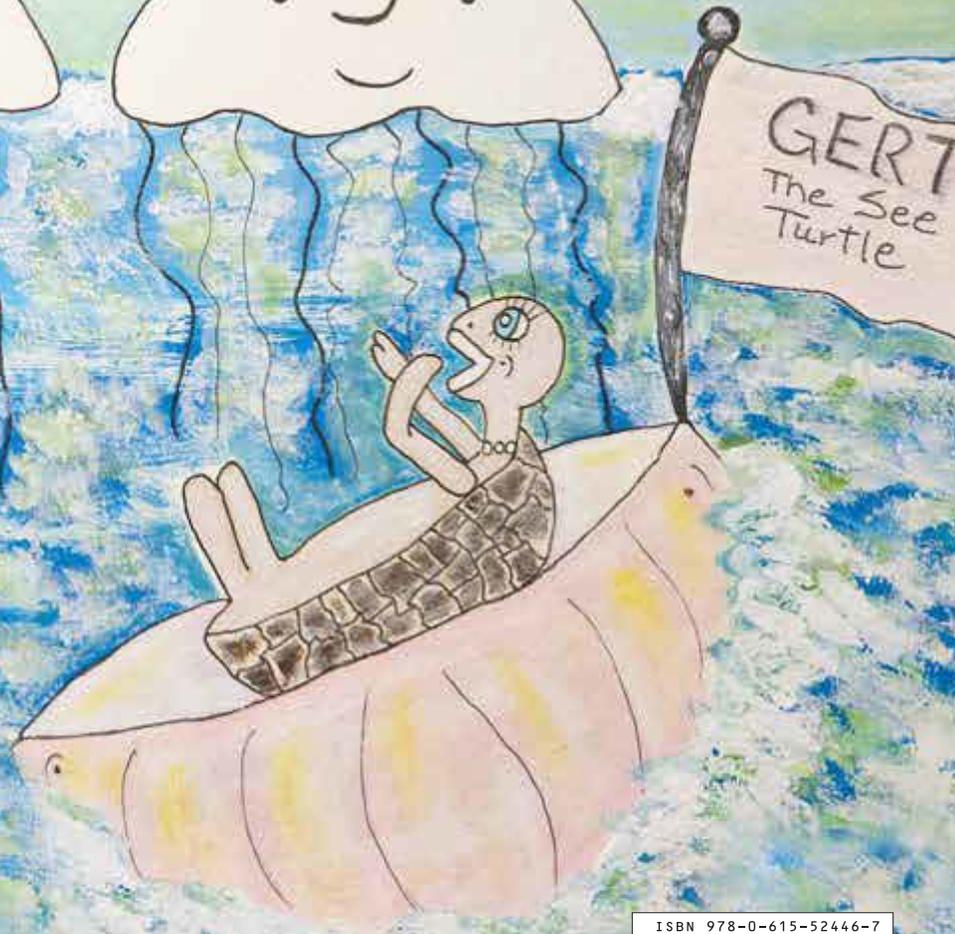
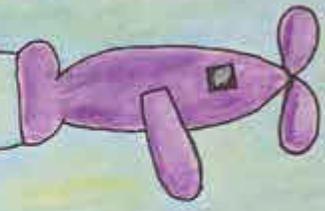
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"Thank you, my friend, for bringing your artistic giftedness, laughter, and fun to our work sessions in putting the Gert books together. Thank you, especially, for making a dream of mine come true"

With love, Maxine



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