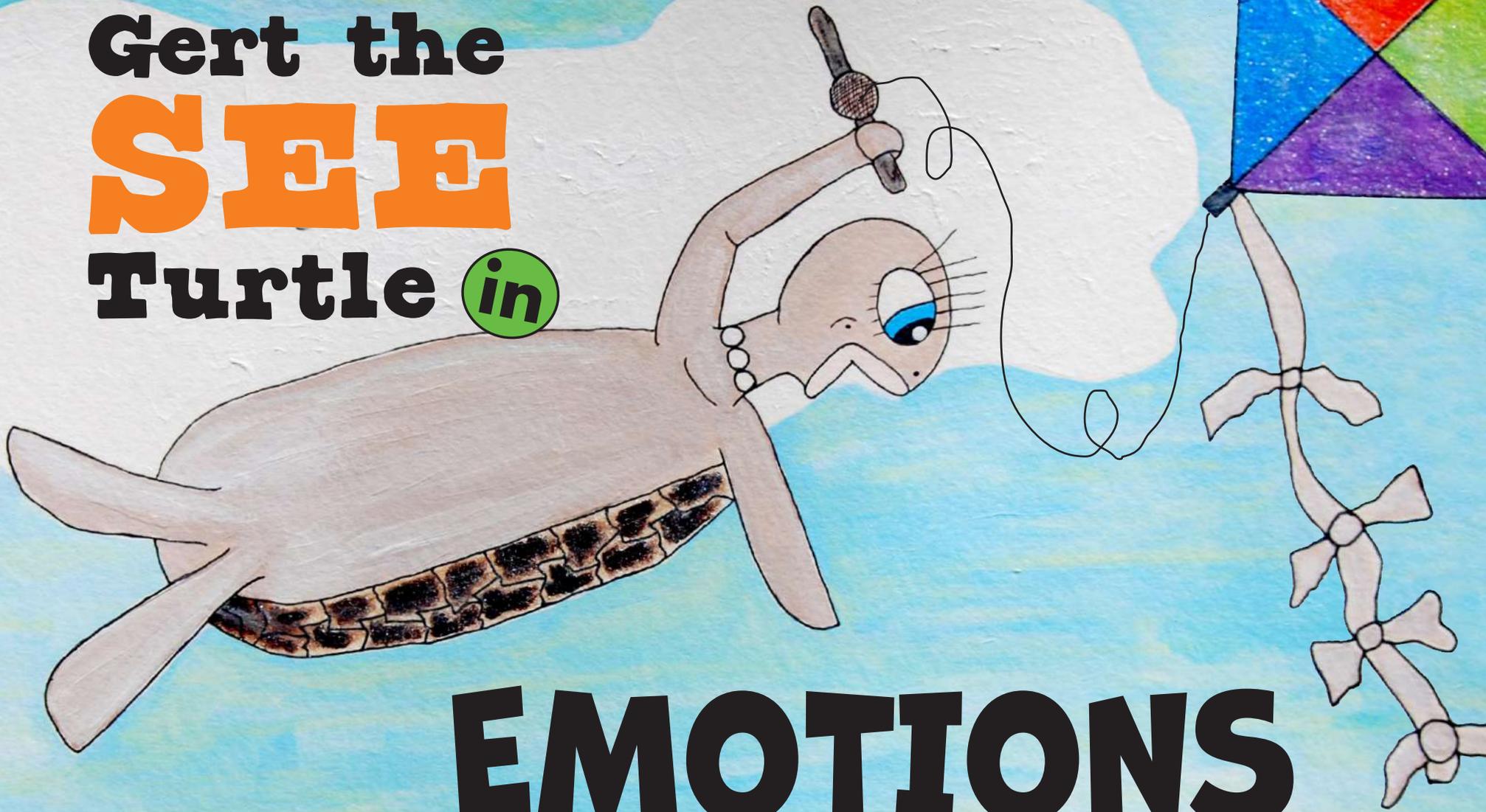


Gert the  
**SEE**  
Turtle **in**



**EMOTIONS**  
at the Ocean

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Gert is a SEE turtle from the sea. Gert hatched 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 decides 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.



# 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

This is the third book of the  
“Gert the SEE Turtle” series.

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# GENERAL EDUCATION WITH RESPECT TO TURTLES



**MAKE SURE TO SHARE YOUR FEELINGS  
WITH SOMEONE THAT YOU LOVE**

*Thank you to my  
beautiful children:*

Elizabeth Jean  
Eric Chalmers  
Lane Strom

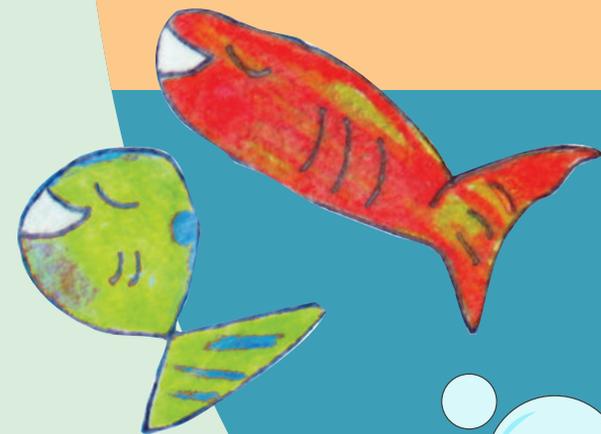
*and my nephews:*

Mitchell Reed  
Philip Reed  
Hugh Shirley

*and to my husband*

Hal

*for their love and  
encouragement.*



Gert prepares for an adventure  
to discover the emotions  
we all feel from time to time  
on the land and at the ocean.





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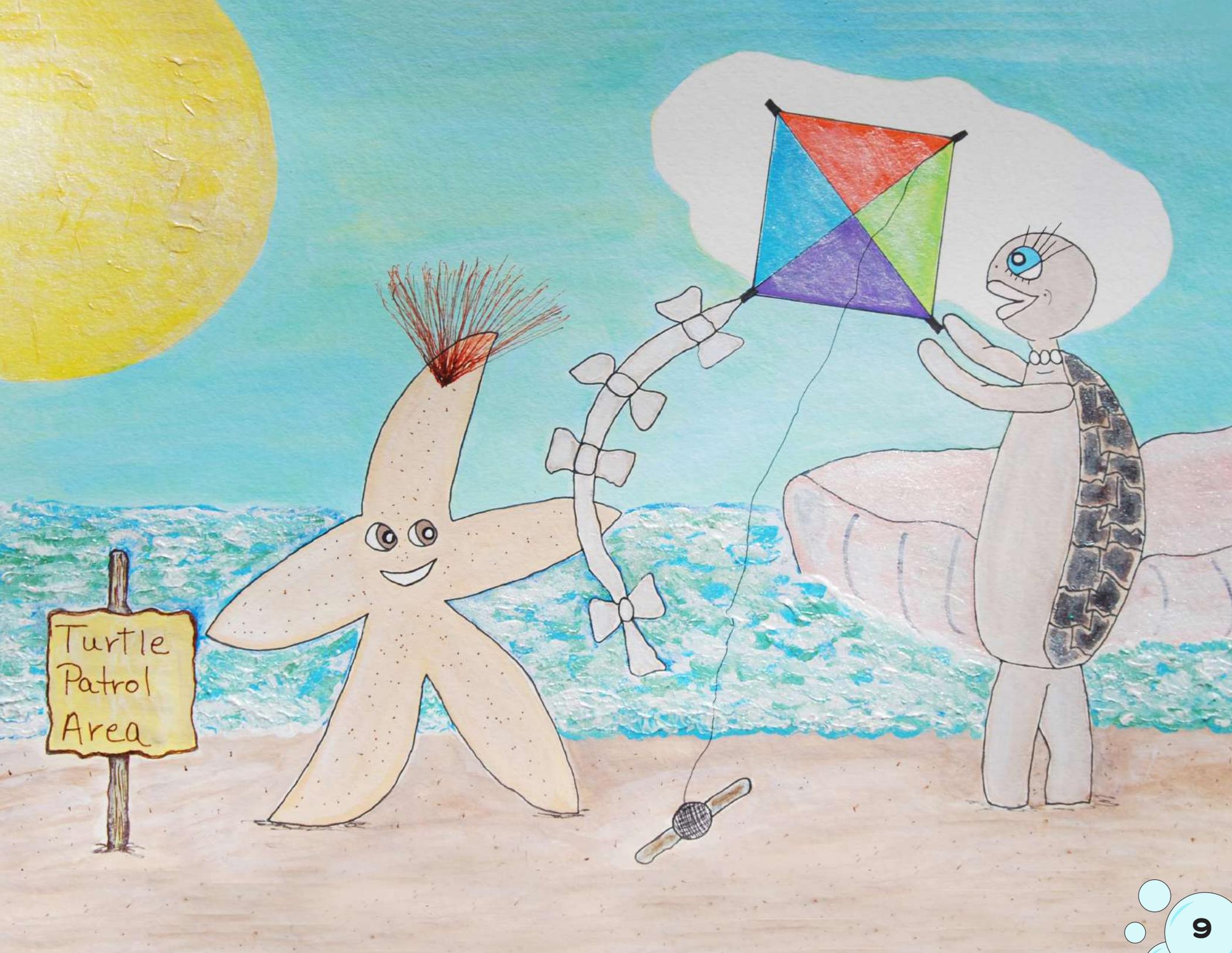
Gert begins her day feeling  
great **ANTICIPATION**.

She drags her conch shell to the sea  
to begin her exploration.





Before she can set sail,  
Cecil starfish walks right by.  
“Hey Gert, I have a colorful kite  
for you to try to fly.”



Turtle  
Patrol  
Area



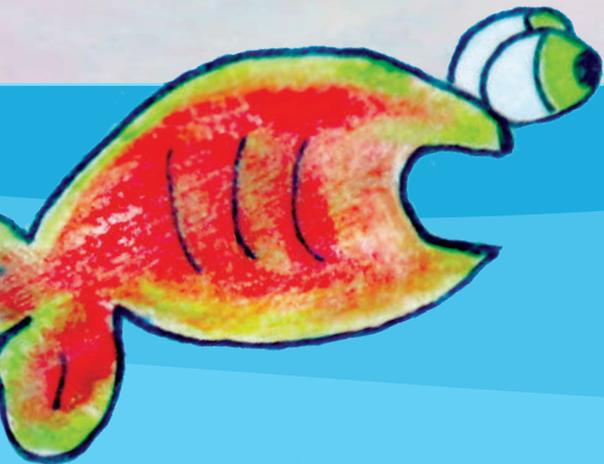
Gert is **HAPPY** for the gift.  
She received it with a smile.  
“Thank you, Cecil. I will fly  
the kite in just a little while.”

Isle of Songs Gift Shop



Gert packs the kite inside her shell  
before sailing toward the pier.

She tosses up the kite into the  
clouds and soon feels **FEAR**





Seagrass  
Baskets

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Purple  
Pier

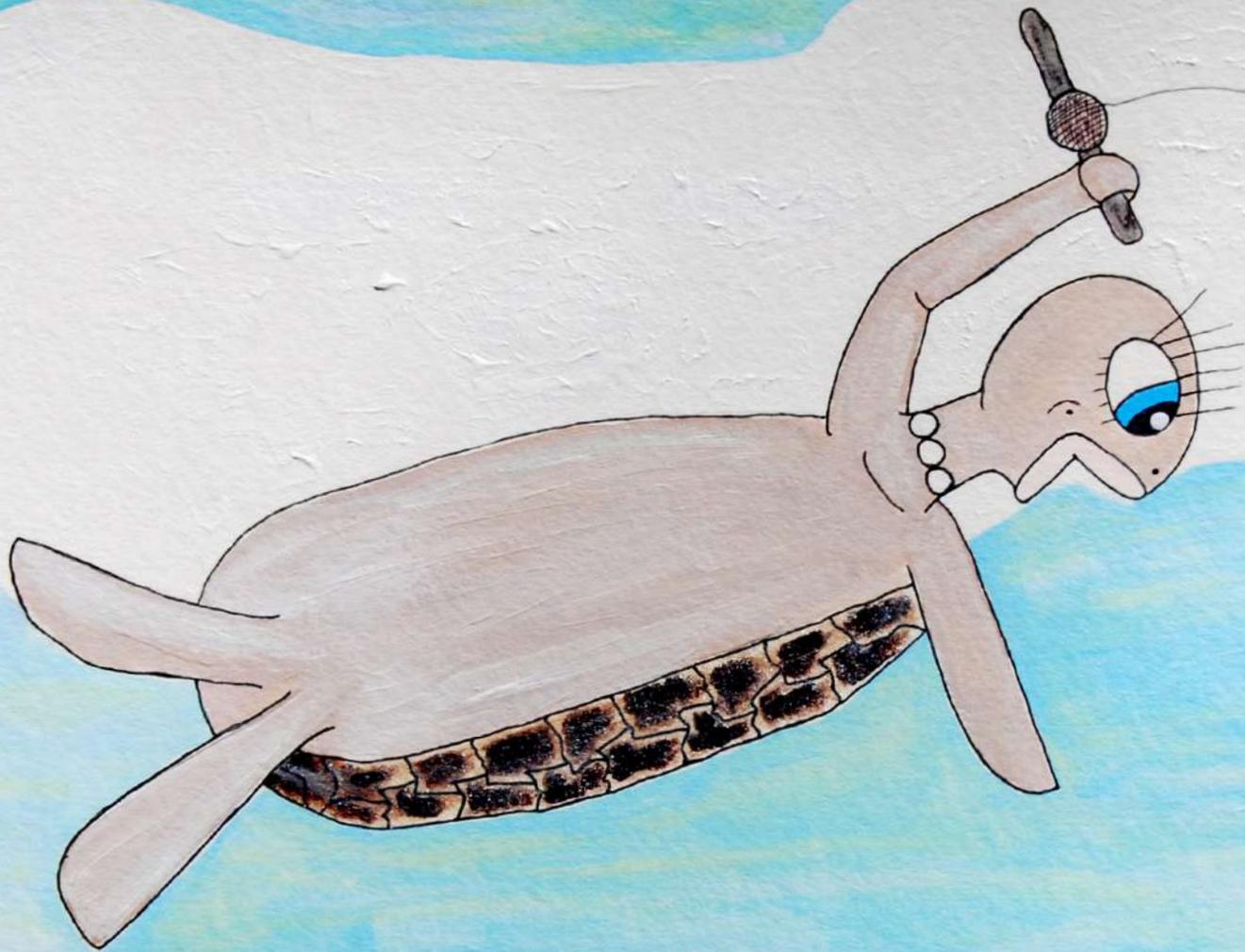


The kite pulls Gert out of her shell.

She soars up into the sky....Whoosh!

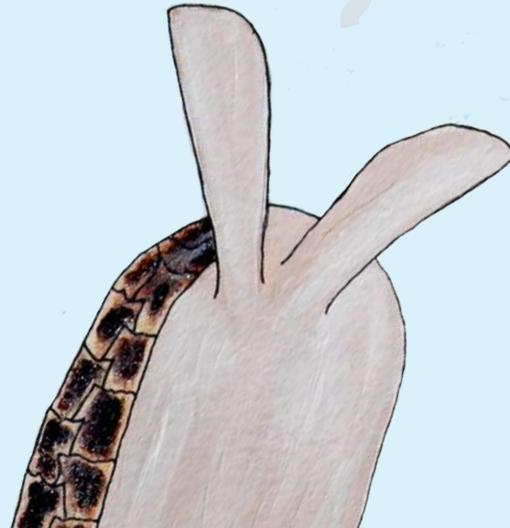
Her eyes are huge with **SURPRISE**

while she is shaking all inside....oh my!



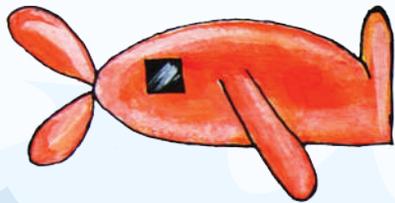
About this time, Pico Pelican flies by,  
paying no attention at all.

He tears a hole in Gert's new kite,  
which causes her to fall...fall...fall!





Gert lands on her friend, Jelly Bean,  
which takes the sting out of the crash.  
She swims over to her conch shell,  
**ANGRY** — now her kite is trash.





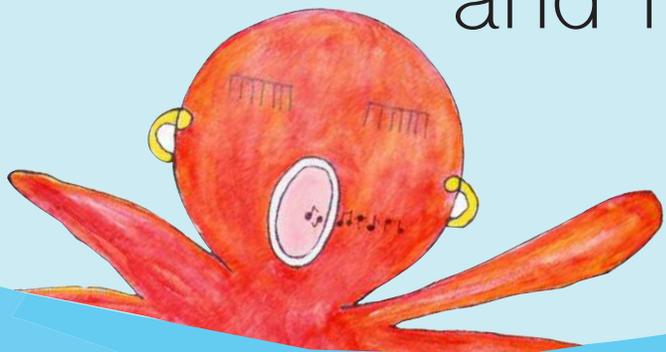


When Pico sees what he has done,  
he feels **SORRY** and his head aches.  
“Oh no, I’ve broken Gert’s new kite!  
I must fix my big mistake.”



Pico searches far and wide for help  
from Opal Octopus.

She loves to sing and fix all things  
and never, ever makes a fuss.





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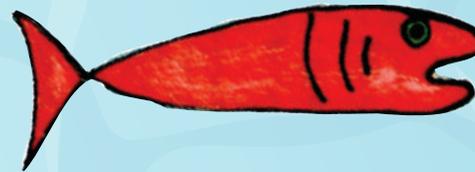


Opal shoots up through the salty waves,  
her voice singing to new heights.  
“Please, will you help me, Opal?”  
I feel **SAD**. I’ve torn Gert’s kite.”



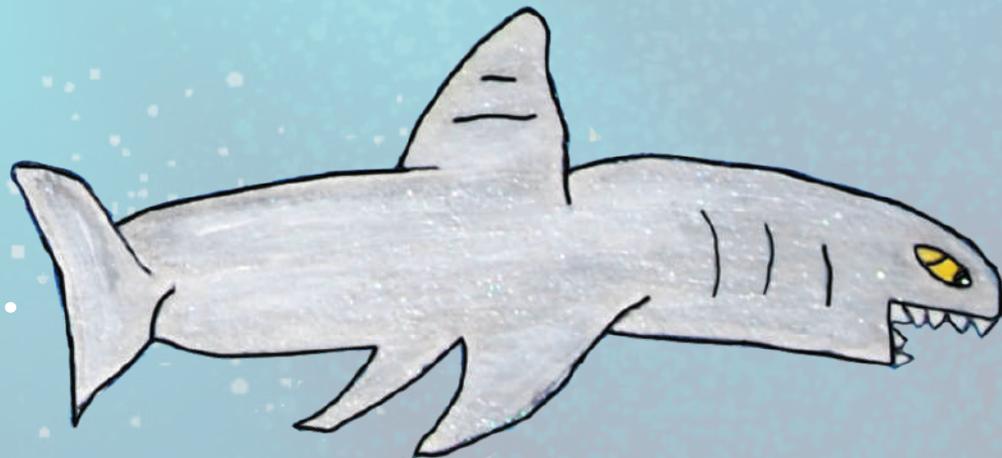


“Of course I will. Please bring it here.  
Let’s see what I can do. Hmmmm....  
I can mend it with this seaweed  
and use my ink just like a glue.”



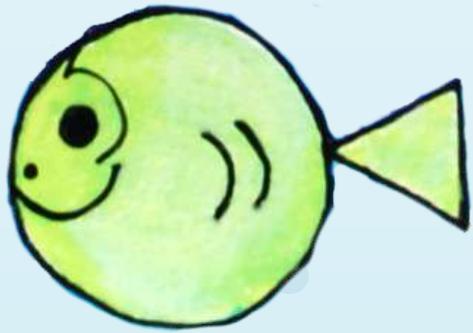


“That sounds a bit **DISGUSTING**, but I am sure that you know best. I can’t wait to take it back to Gert. It should pass the flying test!”



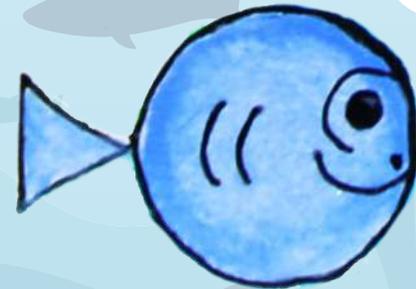
DRINK SEEGRUMS GINGER JUICE for upset tummies





When Pico spots Gert sailing by,  
he shouts with **GLEEFULNESS**.

“Opal fixed your kite. It is glued and sewn.  
It no longer is a mess!”





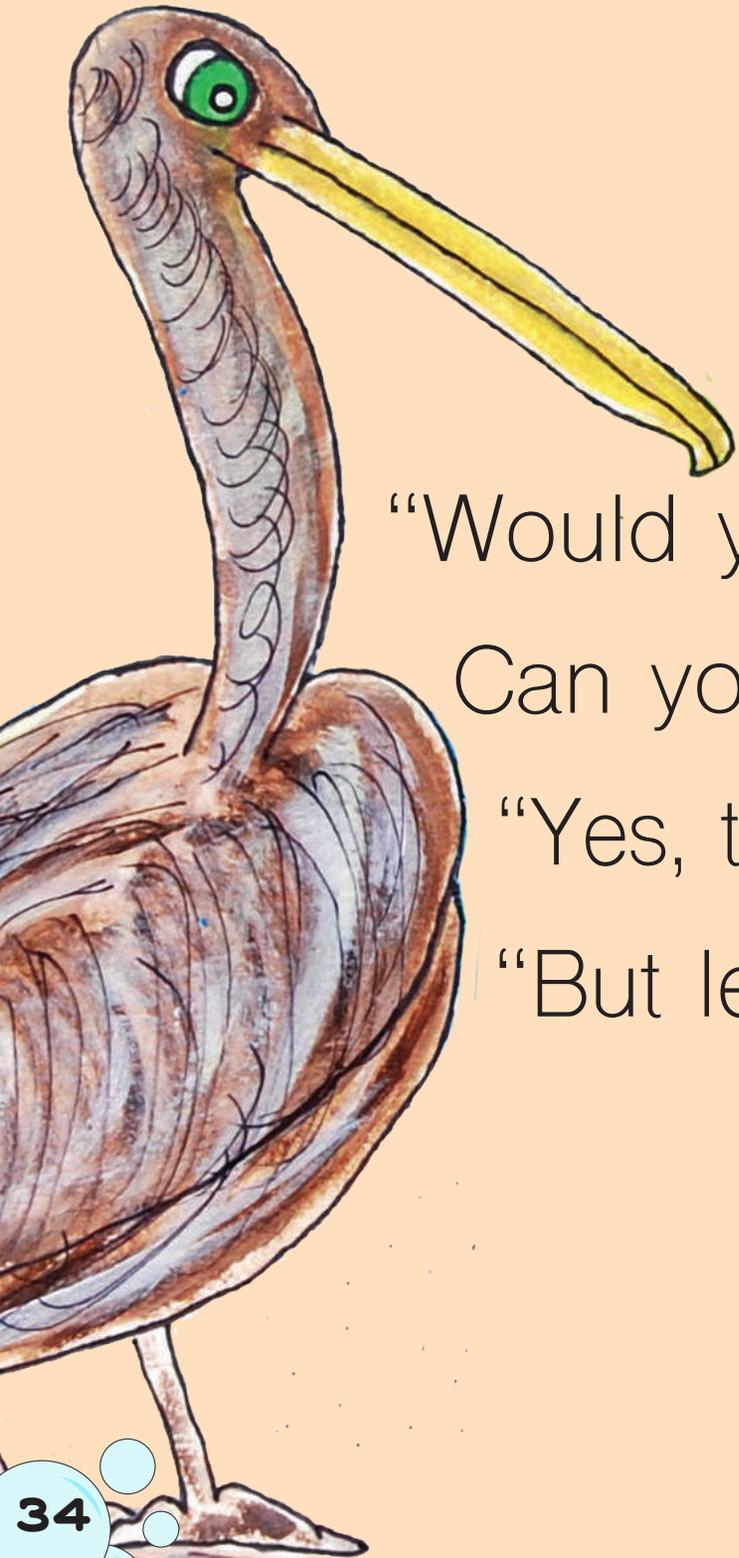
GERT  
The SEE  
Turtle

“Wow! I am **GRATEFUL** to you, Pico!  
Opal quickly saved the day.

I really do **FORGIVE** you and  
I really want to play.”







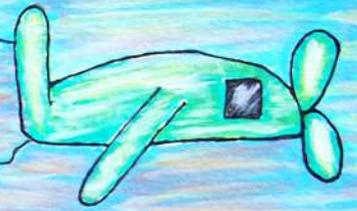
“Would you like to fly up high?

Can you **TRUST** me?” asks Pico.

“Yes, that sounds like fun,” says Gert,

“But let’s go up reeeeeeeal slow.”

Pelican Airways: It's the only way to fly!



As they are flying over Mild Dunes,  
the day comes to an end.

Gert will return tomorrow  
to explore her world again!





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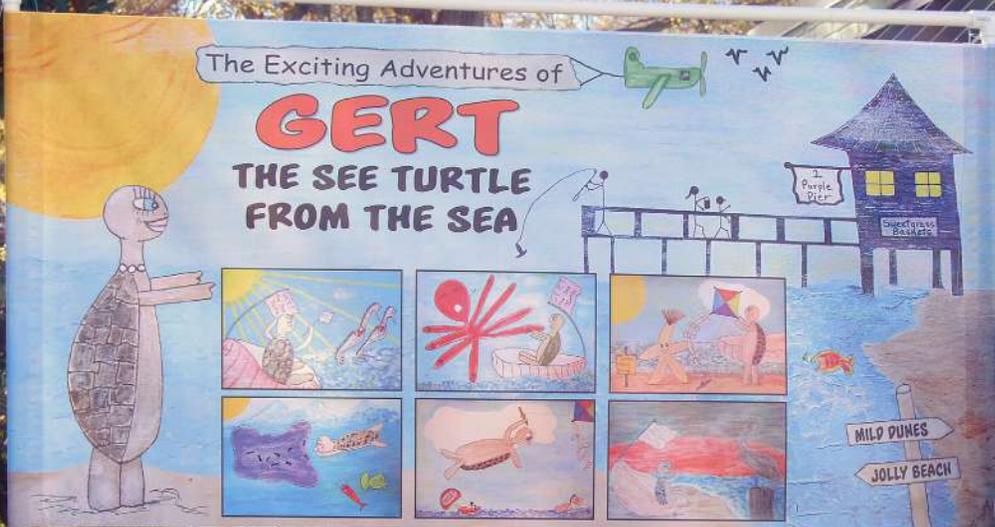
*Maxine Moody Poston*

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).

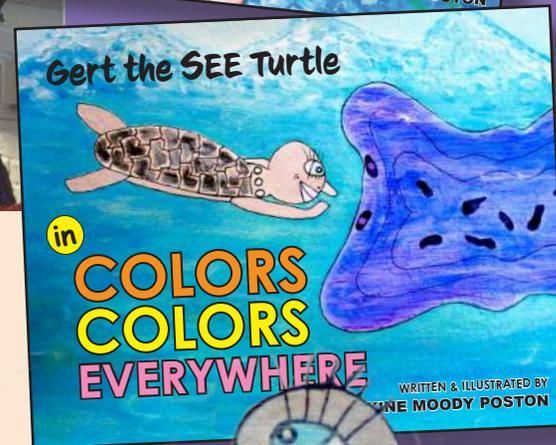
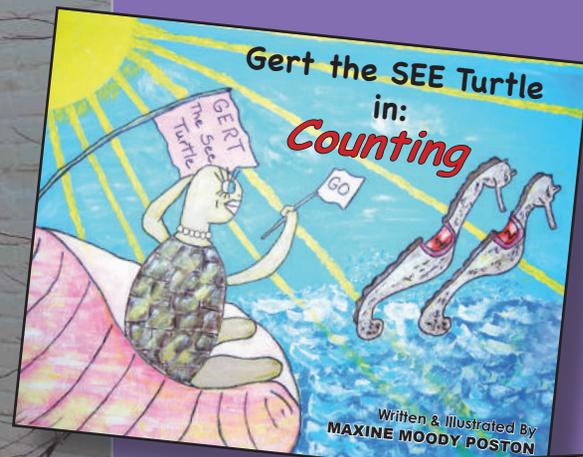
Gert wants to encourage children to enjoy observing and learning about their world every day. After all, Gert's first love is learning and she wants all young people to want, and be able, to learn as much as she does.



*Working on the "Gert the SEE Turtle" books and visiting the Sea Turtle Hospital at the South Carolina Aquarium in Charleston, SC many times over many years, has been an absolute joy and blessing!*



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



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*With love, Maxine*





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