

# PATSY THE TURTLE



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## About this Story

This is a true story about a classroom pet,  
Patsy the turtle.  
I illustrated this book when I was 5 years old  
and in Mrs. Edward's kindergarten class in  
Wantagh, New York.  
Here is a picture of my school.

I still remember the day Patsy got lost.  
My mother wrote down the story as I told it  
because I didn't know how to write yet.

I hope you like it.

*B. G. Hennessy*



**T**here once was a turtle named Patsy. She lived in a kindergarten room with many little boys and girls, and their teacher, Mrs. Edwards.

Patsy was a happy turtle. She had a lovely home. Patsy lived in a bowl of water with two big rocks and a striped umbrella to give her some shade.





The children loved to take care of Patsy. Every week a boy or girl would clean Patsy's bowl and feed her. Every Friday Patsy would get ten shakes of turtle food from a little tin can.

One day, a boy named Paul was cleaning Patsy's lovely home. He put Patsy in the doll sink and went to get some nice clean water. Paul put the two rocks and the striped umbrella on the side of the sink.





Then he carefully cleaned the bowl  
and filled it with water.  
Back went the rocks and umbrella.  
Paul went to get Patsy.

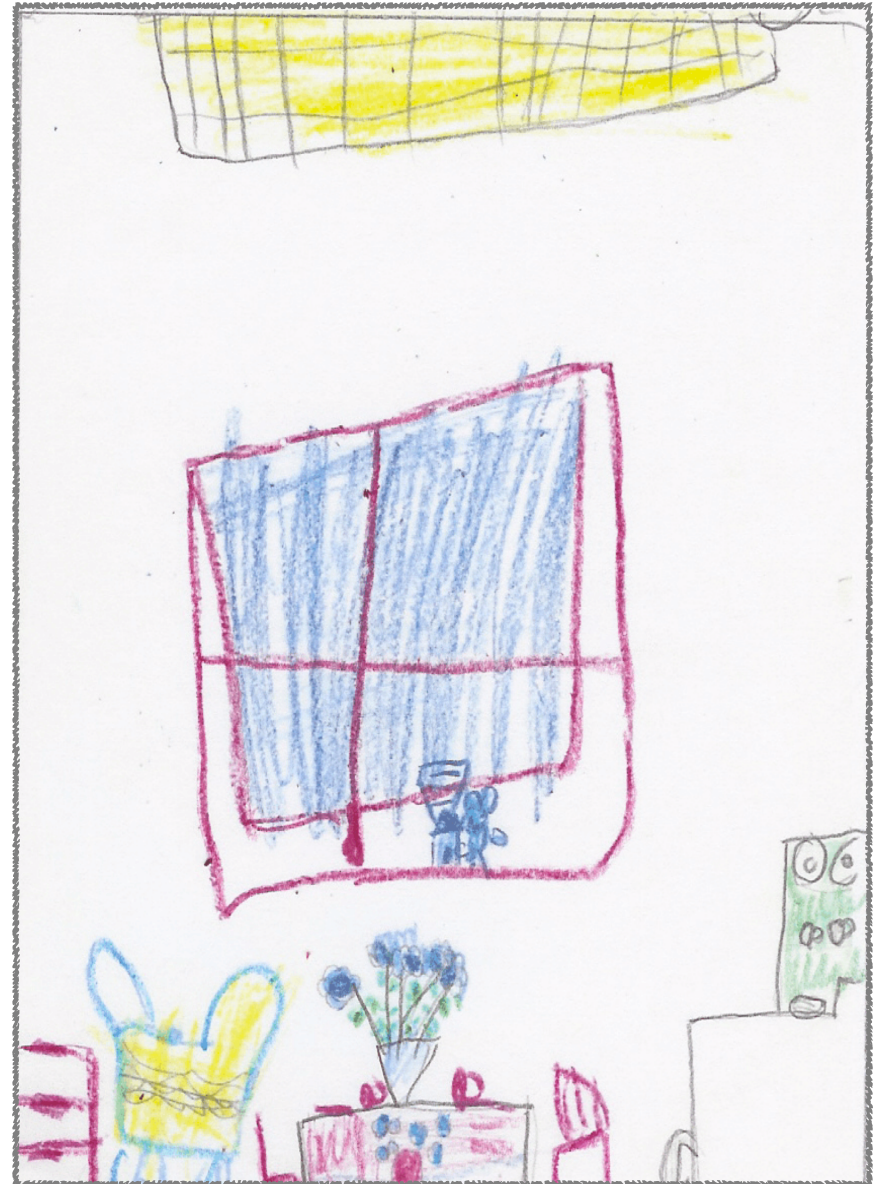
What do you think had happened?



# PATSY WAS GONE!

The children looked and looked.  
They looked under the doll sink,  
they looked behind the dresser.  
They looked in back of the dish cabinet.  
Patsy was really lost!  
Where could she be?

The children were sad because they  
really loved Patsy.  
Could she be on top of the piano?  
Was she in the doll carriage?  
Was she hiding in the toy locomotive?  
Did she find a spot in Kenny's lost  
crayon box?  
Where could Patsy be?



Finally, Mrs. Edwards pulled out the toy stove and looked under it. What a happy surprise! There was Patsy!





Oh, how good it was to see her!  
How glad Patsy was to see  
the teacher and all her friends.

How wonderful it was to be back  
in her lovely home, sitting on a rock  
under her striped umbrella!

Patsy decided never to wander  
away again.



