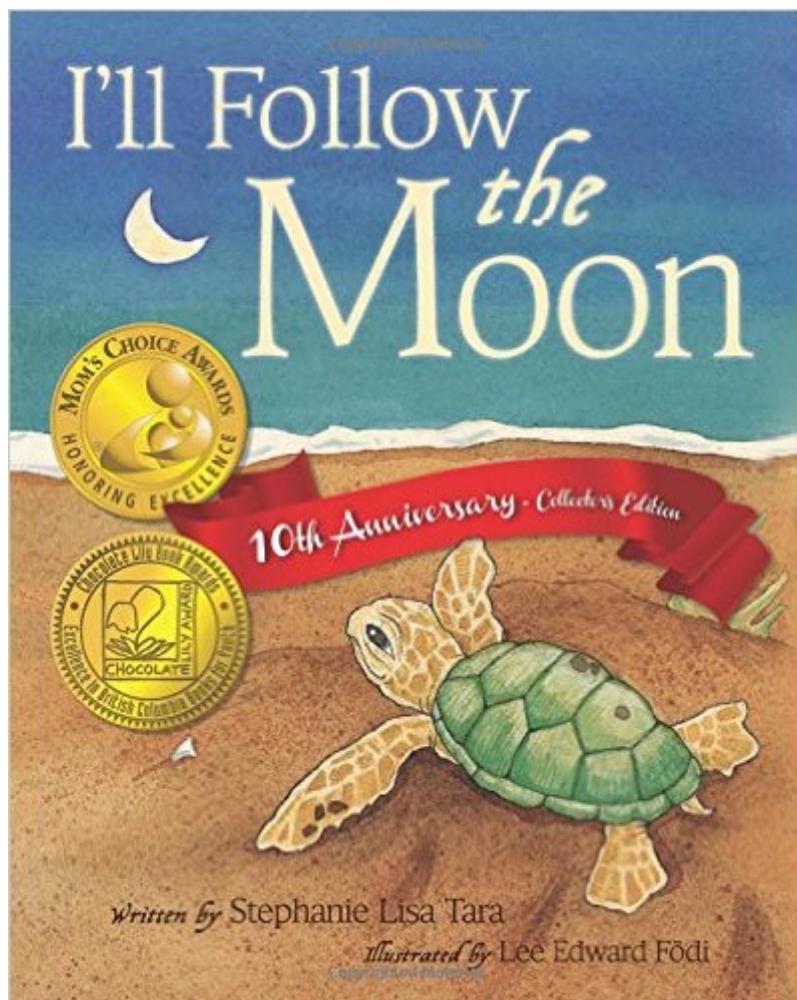


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# I'll Follow The Moon - 10th Anniversary Collector's Edition



## Synopsis

Double-gold medalist I&apos;LL FOLLOW THE MOON (best selling turtle book of all time) begins simply in baby sea turtle&apos;s voice: "I&apos;m coming Mama, I&apos;ll see you soon, I know just how, I&apos;ll follow the moon..." Celebrating the love between child and parent comes an achingly beautiful story that has captured hearts around the world. \*Donates to charity: every book saves a turtle! **MY DAUGHTER LOVED IT!**: "My daughter loved the turtle. The illustrations are great! She said, "Mom if I&apos;m ever lost, I&apos;ll follow the moon and find you." **MY PRESCHOOLER LOVES THIS BOOK**: "My 3 1/2 year old daughter loves this book. She has learned the little saying that is on every page and loves to say it with me." **GENTLE REPETITION**: "The story is gentle and the repetition helps soothe my son. I like the message, and the art is beautiful." **GREAT BOOK**: "Great book for the grandkids. They love it. They like to read prior to bedtime. The girls really enjoy this book." **I&apos;LL FOLLOW THE MOON**: "This children&apos;s book has beautiful illustrations that compliment the lyrical, gentle words that accompany the small sea turtle&apos;s journey from egg to sea." **Â SO CUTE!**: It&apos;s impossible not to be enchanted by these little creatures! I&apos;m so in love with this book, perfect for everyone!" **Â CUTE BEDTIME STORY**: "I enjoyed reading this book to my daughter, she loved the artwork. It was well written and will be enjoyable for children." **BEAUTIFUL ILLUSTRATIONS**: "What a lovely book! A great story to introduce an environmental concept." **FANTASTIC**: "A perfect afternoon read. I enjoyed it, and my son will too I&apos;m sure." **I&apos;LL FOLLOW THE MOON**: "I really enjoyed this book. I read it to my 1 and 2 year old. They really enjoyed this book. Beautiful illustration!" **SWEET AND PERTINENT**: "As a resident of northwest Florida, this book is one that should be shared with all residents, young and old alike. It is currently turtle season here and all residents enjoy keeping watch on these special creatures." **SWEET CHILDREN&apos;S BOOK**: "A sweet children&apos;s book, lovely rhymes and beautiful pictures. Definitely a book worth having to enjoy over and over, great for kids of any age." **GREAT TO READ ALOUD TO THE CLASS**: "My second graders will love this simple book with wonderful words and a repetitive line which they will quickly join in to read." **I&apos;LL FOLLOW THE MOON**: "I read this to my boys. They loved the graphics and how cute the turtles were. The story is super cute! Very entertaining." **SWEET SIMPLE STORY, SWEET ILLUSTRATIONS**: "...comforting and relaxing. The story line is not at all complex, but is appealing in its simplicity and repetitiveness." **MAKES A GREAT BEDTIME STORY!**: "...decided to download it for my kid&apos;s...Cute illustrations, educational, and delivers a positive message. Makes a great bedtime story. Recommend it!"

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

All children want to have security, and they love animals. I'll Follow the Moon by Stephanie Lisa Tara is about both. On a serene, quiet sandy beach a baby sea turtle breaks free from its egg and begins the journey to find home and mother, all the while saying, "I'm coming, Mama, I'll see you soon. I know just how...I'll follow the moon." And follow the moon to Mama is exactly what the baby sea turtle does. The simple words and gentle rhythm makes this a wonderful bedtime story. It is soothing and subtly conveys the message that Mother will be there for the child. The watercolor illustrations are solid, yet soft. They beautifully portray the beach and sky in an inviting way that adds to the soothing nature of the book. Armchair Interviews says: Not only is this a wonderful story for parents to read to their little ones, but it is a book that grandparents will welcome as they care for their grandchildren. I'll Follow the Moon can help them assure their beloved grandchildren that their parent's absence is temporary. It is a lovely book that will be read and reread.

I stumbled across this book quite by accident, and I found it to be a treasure. The verse is lovely and calm, as are the illustrations. It also depicts fairly accurately a remarkable natural phenomenon. As a new mom who longed for a child for many years and eventually adopted internationally, I found the symbolism achingly beautiful. I have since given the book to several friends who have also waited for their children to find them. This book is far too beautiful to be limited to the adoption genre, however. It is very meaningful on a number of different levels!

I'll Follow the Moon is a beautiful introduction to poetry for children ... and adults! "Moon" weaves the

true story of turtles being born on the beach (and starting their journey to be with their mothers) into light and lyrical prose. The main verse explains how the baby turtles will find their mothers: "I'm coming, Mama, I'll see you soon. I know just how ... I'll follow the moon." The story follows the turtles, step by step, into the unknown world. It shows how, together, they make their faithful leap into the ocean to be with their families. I love that author Stephanie Lisa Tara takes her time unveiling the turtles from their shells. It adds to the anticipation and magic of the event. Tara was at home with her newborn baby when she witnessed this incredible migration of turtles. This makes the story particularly touching and relatable to those of us who remember holding our own new born children and grandchildren. The soft blues and tans of Lee Edward FÓ§di's illustrations are in perfect harmony with Tara's sweet and simple prose. Children will love the repetitive line about following the moon. I could picture myself snuggled up with one of my grandchildren reading this story to them. I could hear them saying the line along with me. I believe a child will not only learn about the turtle migration, but also about the magic of poetry. After reading it, I felt inspired to read (and maybe write) more poetry myself. Highly recommend this book for children.

I'll Follow the Moon - 10th Anniversary Collector's Edition by Author Stephanie Lisa Tara As mentioned by Author Stephanie Lisa Tara in the Foreword to her book, she was inspired to write "I'll Follow the Moon" shortly after the birth of her daughter. One evening, while sitting outside for her newborn's feeding, she spotted "baby turtles streaming out of hundreds of small nests" making their way out to the sea. Inspired by the remarkable bond she has with her own infant, this lovely children's book about baby turtles and their mother's ensued. Many adjectives are used to describe the events from beginning to end with the "click, clack, tap" ... to the cracking open of the turtle eggs as the newborn begins its journey from shell to sea. The pages of this book are in soft pastel colors with the moon softly glowing in the evening sky. The arduous trip a turtle takes to make its way out to sea and the swim he enjoys upon arriving at his destination is a sight to behold. What fun! **Inspirational Author & Book Reviewer ~ Dolores Ayotte** **Growing Up & Liking It: More Steps to a Happier Self**

I agree with a few others that, for me, the colors are very subdued and the text sometimes blends with the background. However, I am a persistent person and with some effort could read the book! (This was for the Kindle app on a tablet) I am glad I did. Despite being hard to see in some places the text itself is very easy to read. By that I mean the lyrical quality of the book is clearly meant to be read out loud. Even reading it in my head I found myself reading with a melody. This is clearly a

romanticized version of the truth and baby turtles do not find their mothers, but I am OK with that. I often teach the version of Hansel and Gretel where they get lost in the woods instead of being abandoned by their father and mother. Hopefully this book inspires children to love animals and later in life study biology to learn the truth about the baby turtles journey!EDIT: I have received a paperback copy and it is much easier to read. PLUS I really enjoy the teaching ideas and relevant information that is included at the end of the paperback book. If you are persistent or have great eyesight the ebook is fine, otherwise the paperback is much easier to read. Regardless, both tell a soothing story about the quest to connect with your mother.

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