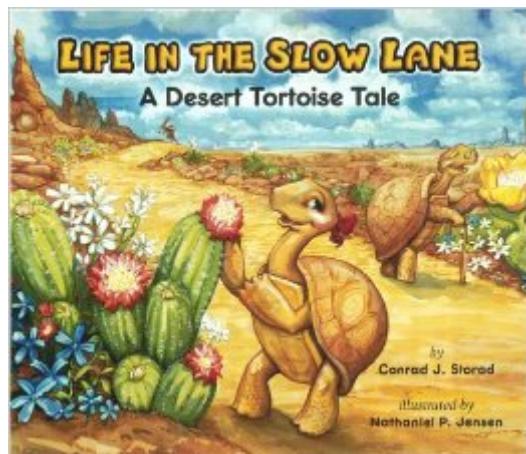


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# Life In The Slow Lane; A Desert Tortoise Tale



## **Synopsis**

In delightful rhymed verse, Conrad J. Storad tells the story of the tortoise and explains how it has adapted to survive. 2007 Glyph Award - Best Cover Design Children's Book.

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Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## **Customer Reviews**

We loved this story about a desert tortoise. His slow pace allows him to live long and survive many thousands of years as a species. We created our own more colorful tortoises out of 1/2 of a paper plate with tissue paper shapes glued to the shell. The tortoises look like they are taking a walk around our classroom.

Read this to a group of preschoolers. It was good and parts were amusing but it did not grab their attention like other books. Pros: When teaching about specific animals, this book is a winner. It is accurate to Desert Tortoises when it comes to habitat and diet. I have not found any other books on the subject outside various "Tortoise and the Hare" books. Cons: Neither grabbed the kids nor made them laugh more than maybe once. It had a good message about not intruding too much on their habitat but also kind of threw that at the readers at the end. I also skimmed over "Do not kill our friends" (paraphrased) as that is a little much for some little ones in a book - I would rather teach it carefully.

The art of writing a biography consists of uncovering and explaining the nature of the subject, whether it be a President or something as really interesting as a Desert Tortoise. Fortunately, Storad chooses to write about Sonoran Desert creatures such as the tortoise, javelina, scorpion, pack rat (the desert version, not the political one). He's editor of the best magazine published in Arizona, the superb 'ASU Research News' which explains some of the world's most exotic research at Arizona State University in terms that even Journalism graduates can understand. In his spare time he writes books such as these. Many authors of children's books try to amuse, excite and play with the emotions of young children. Storad has the skill to respect children and explain the significance of his topics. This book is more than a nice story about some nice desert creatures; it also explains some basic facts about these tortoises, the desert in which they live and the nature of changes they face. There are a lot of mindless books for children. It's rare to find one that respects children as being capable of learning as well as being amused. Storad has a unique talent of explaining complex issues; this book shows he has something even more special, an ability to teach without being boring. Furthermore, the art's as good as the writing. Read the other review. Look at the reviews for his other books. They do his talent justice. Then buy this book. It's a treat to find a series of books, such as Storad writes, that respect the growing curiosity and intelligence of young children. If you have young children, you'll enjoy buying more. And, your kids will love these stories from the Sonoran Desert. It may even tempt you to think about the benefits of your own "life in the slow lane."

This is such a fun story! It has a little song that is repeated throughout that you sing all day long. It ends with a great message about saving the dessert land. It also is a nice reminder to SLOW DOWN. It has a glossary in the back discussing the dessert terms etc... Fun for all ages, my 23 month old loves it, but I'm sure much older kids would too!

Cute story but not as many facts as the javelina book. My son LOVES the "don't call me pig" book. He likes this one but isn't over the top about it. Still, it's nice to have a book about animals that has good rhymes and teaches the kids something

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