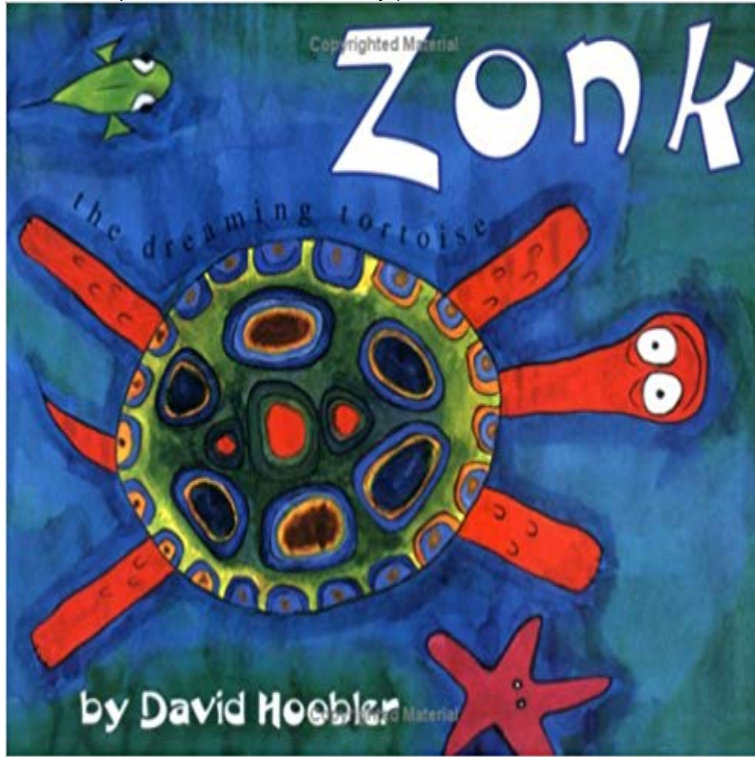


Zonk, the Dreaming Tortoise



Zonk is a little Sonoran desert tortoise who decides to find the ocean and become a sea turtle. Hiking with his friends, Bunny, Snake and Coyote, he sees a rock with the picture of a sea turtle swimming. Coyote explains, It s a sea turtle. They live in the ocean and there is water everywhere. Everyone laughed. Water everywhere! But to Zonk, locked in his heavy shell, floating on a cool quiet ocean sounds divine. A dreamer and explorer at heart, Zonk tries to enlist the help of his friends and family. But they don t understand his obsession and tell him it s a silly notion. Even his mother and father think the idea of water everywhere is just a myth, a waste of time. But Zonk has faith. With the help of the Ancient Spirit of the Saguaro and a flash flood, Zonk makes his way to the ocean and becomes a sea tortoise . It s a very humorous and entertaining story that also introduces children to the flora, fauna, and climate extremes of the Sonoran Desert. The book includes a variety of animals that children will love, monsoon rain storms, Ancient Desert Spirits, blue moons, and lots of fascinating nature. It is a story of dreams and persistence, of overcoming doubts, and of transformation. This very popular children s book series is great fun, educational, and wonderfully entertaining. All the Zonk books include some value-added features. In the front of the book is a simple map of where that story takes place. In the second and third book are additional maps that further illuminate that particular story. The science, that is biology and geography, are correct and current within the fantasy of a swimming tortoise and talking animals in each of the books. On the end pages of these books are small glossaries of terms, explanations of some of the geographic areas the stories take place in, additional information about some of the animals in the stories, and explanations of some of the ecosystem relationships between the creatures. The

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