

The Race of the Little Turtles



Level	H/14
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Animal Fantasy

Use the genre information below to help you read this book.

The main character
is an animal.

The setting
is imaginary
and does not exist
in the real world.

Animal Fantasy

The events
in the story
could not happen
in real life.

Animals
in the story talk
and act like people.

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The Sand Moves

It is the end of the day at Escobilla Beach. The beach umbrellas are still standing in the sand. The sun is beginning to set.



When it is nighttime, something strange happens. The sand begins to move. Suddenly a little head pops up. Then two more little heads pop up, then three. Soon there are one hundred little heads.



Little turtles have just been born.
The little turtles are coming out of
their eggs. They must leave their nests
and get to the sea.



All the little turtles leave their nests except for Manolita. She is very little. Another little turtle named Blanca comes over to talk to Manolita.

“Hi, do you need some help?” asks Blanca.

“Yes, please,” says Manolita. “I can’t get out!”



Blanca pulls Manolita until she comes out of her nest.

“Thank you!” says Manolita.

“Now we have to make it to the sea,” says Blanca. “Let’s go together.”



The turtles in the water look back at Manolita and Blanca. They say, “The turtles on land will never make it to the sea.”



“Let’s go, Manolita!” Blanca says to her new friend. “We have to hurry. There’s not much time.”



The Big Wave

Blanca runs. Manolita can't run that fast.
Blanca returns to her friend's side.

