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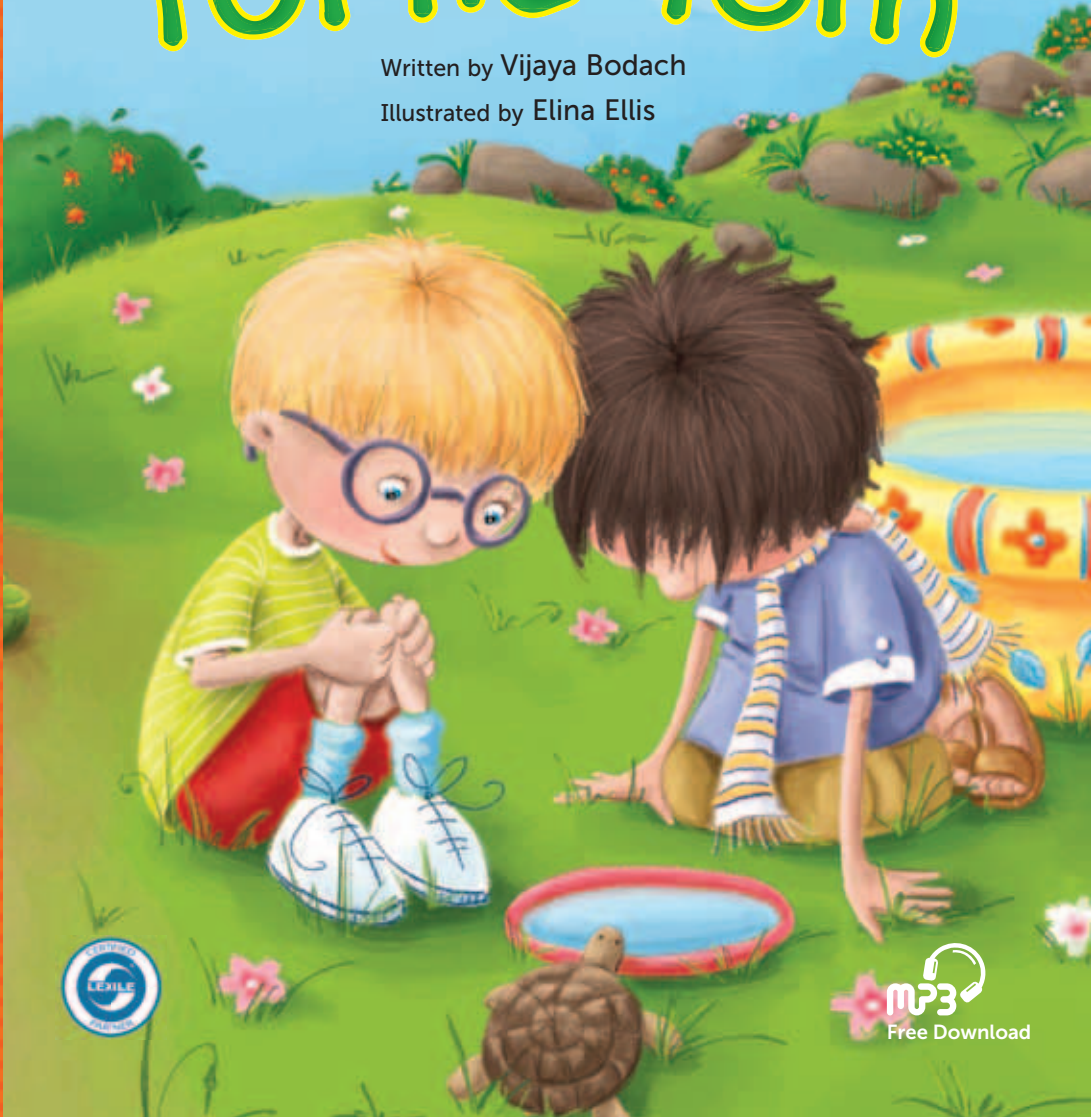
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my Pet Turtle Tom

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All my friends have dogs and cats.
I cannot have one.
Furry animals make my mom sick.





“You can get a fish or a turtle,”
she says.

So I get a little turtle.

He has a pretty shell.

My turtle Tom lives in a big tank.
It is fun to watch him swim.



My friend Dan taps on the tank.
“Tom does not like that,” I say.
He hides inside his **shell**.





I feed Tom **beans**.
Dan gives him lettuce.



“Let’s go to the **garden**,” I say.

“We can pick more beans for Tom.”