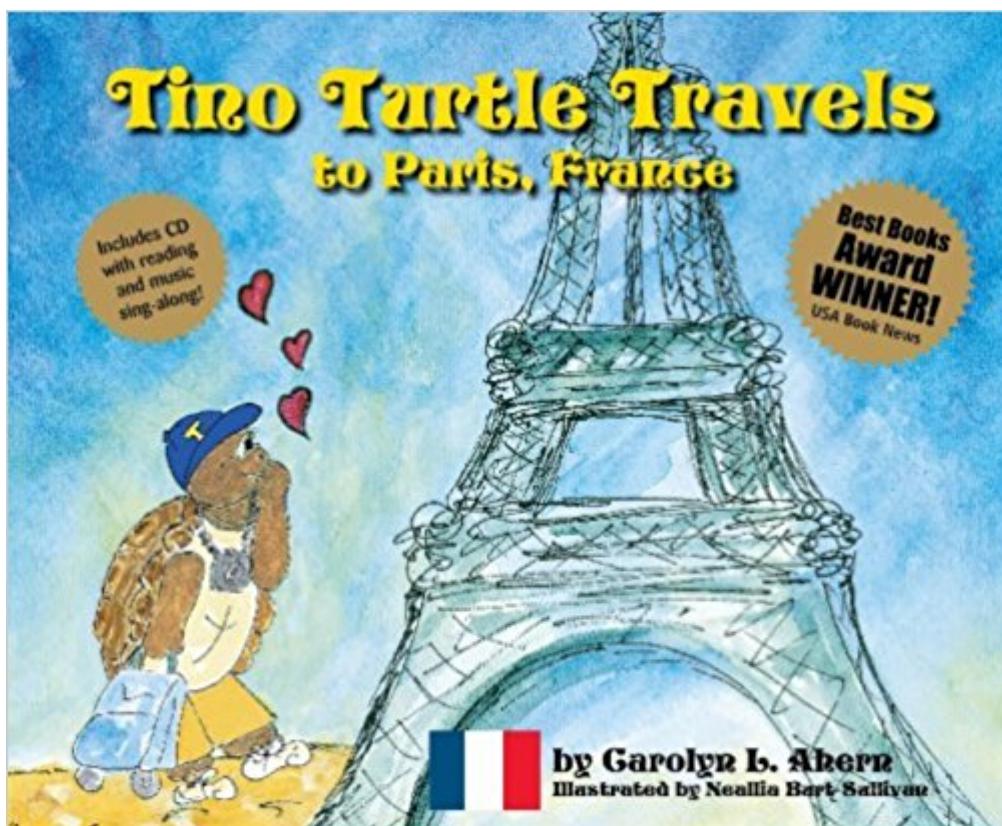


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# Tino Turtle Travels To Paris, France (Mom's Choice Awards Recipient)



## **Synopsis**

Book includes CD with narration, sound effects, and theme specific music sing-along, the music sheet for the song, a language glossary (French), and a map of Tino's adventure. Take a hot air balloon ride with Tino Turtle and friends across the Paris skyline, almost touching the Eiffel Tower! ~ Watch the city fireworks in a balloon basket high above the Notre Dame Cathedral. ~ See how Tino rescues le bebe during a tour of the Louvre Museum. ~ Find out how Tino brightens the day of his new friend, Monique, who lives in an orphanage. Tino Turtle is unique. Many times, when entering his burrow for his long winter sleep, he wished to travel and see the world. Finally, his Fairy God Turtle grants his wish. Now this endearing character fulfills his fantasy and mission...to meet new friends and travel to far away places. He explores historical landmarks and the culture of other people around the world. He teaches his readers facts about new cities in an exciting way by taking them on an adventure in travel. Tino sincerely hopes that his readers will enjoy his stories and find them to be a truly fun experience. He appreciates and thanks all his friends for joining him on his travel adventures. Tino Turtle invites adventurous children and their parents to enjoy a magical series of original stories.

## **Book Information**

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Carolyn L. Ahern is a wife, homemaker, and Registered Nurse, with a BA in psychology, who spent most of her life living in the Las Vegas desert where she became endeared with the desert tortoise. The idea for her Tino Turtle Travels book series & plush collection came to her as fun way to share her joy of travel and love of the desert tortoise with children. As an advocate of early childhood literacy, she has lovingly developed the character Tino Turtle, adventure traveler. With each book, Carolyn hopes to nurture children's minds with an entertaining combination of fiction and true historical facts, as they explore each new travel destination with their friend, Tino Turtle.

This is the second book in the series that we are reading with our children. They are enjoying this

one as well and once again like listening on their own to the CD. We have a little quiz afterwards to find out what facts they have retained. This is a good series to begin teaching about new countries and their languages. It's fun and they retaining the facts. My children are pre-school & 7. They are all getting something from the books.

You may have been attracted to this book because of all the awards it has won. Every parent wants to provide excellent reading material for their children, and basing such a decision on what you believe to be well-reasoned opinions by a qualified selection panel seems like a good idea. Then you realize that all of the "awards" are paid for by the author/publisher. That's like paying to get your name in Who's Who! In this case, all four of the awards attached to the Tino series are pay-to-play. International Book Awards & USA Book News "Best Books" Awards: Both of these are run by JPX Media of Beverly Hills, and cost \$69 to enter each book. Indie Excellence Book Awards: Also run out of Beverly Hills, and also costs \$69 to enter each book. Mom's Choice Awards: \$300 to enter each book (or series)! [See Comments section for fee schedules.] As for Tino Turtle Travels to Paris, it's OK. The story is educational if a bit wordy, and includes a glossary of French words and place names. I'm not sure why a Fairy God Turtle is necessary, when the entire trip is obviously a dream. (Though why is Tino wearing bunny slippers while in Paris but not in his bed at home?) And some elements are just odd, for example, Tino using a friendless orphan as a free tour guide! I am not enamored of the illustrations but perhaps that is down to personal preference. I suppose I am most bothered by the incessant claims that this book is a multiple award winner and thus somehow a better choice. Paying for awards doesn't make it so. There are other children's fantasy travel books to consider, notably From Kalamazoo to Timbuktu!.

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