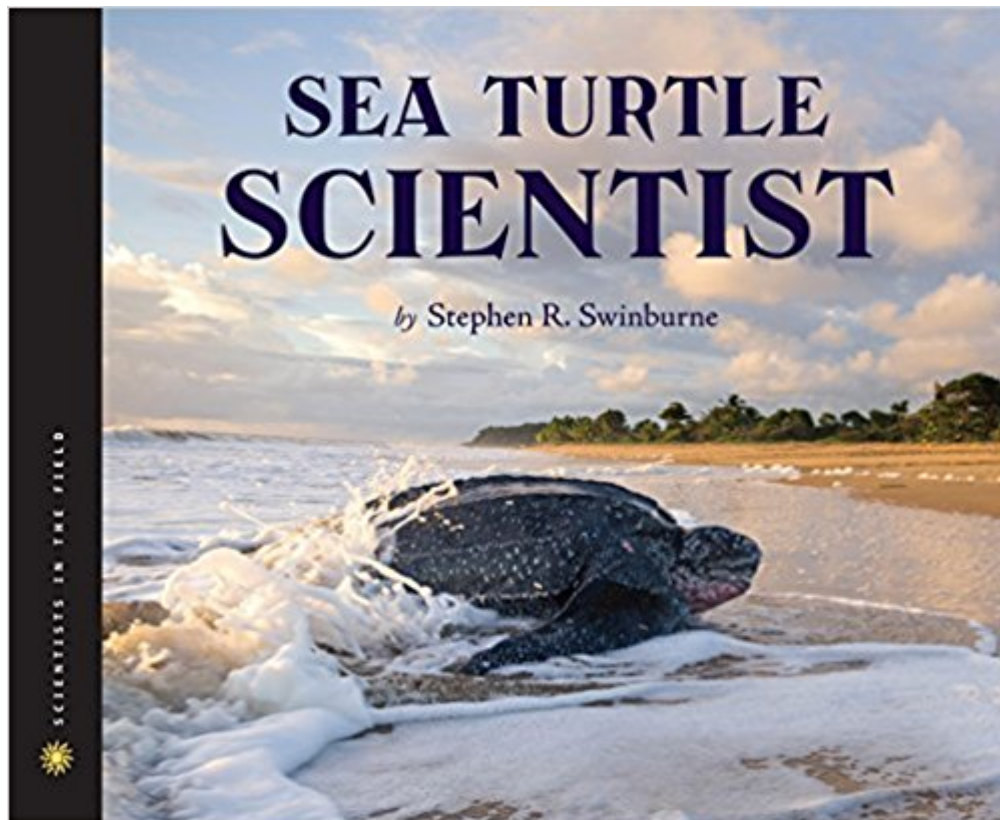




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Sea Turtle Scientist (Scientists In The Field Series)



Synopsis

Dr. Kimberly Stewart, also known as the Turtle Lady of St. Kitts, is already waiting at midnight when an 800-pound leatherback sea turtle crawls out of the Caribbean surf and onto the sandy beach. The mother turtle has a vital job to do: dig a nest in which she will lay eggs that will hatch into part of the next generation of leatherbacks. With only one in a thousand of the eggs for this critically endangered species resulting in an adult sea turtle, the odds are stacked against her and her offspring. Join the renowned author and photographer Steve Swinburne on a journey through history to learn how sea turtles came to be endangered, and what scientists like Kimberly are doing to save them. For the complete selection of books in this critically acclaimed, award-winning series, visit www.sciencemeetsadventure.com. Â Â

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Gr 5-8 • Another nifty entry in an impressively reliable series, this work follows the field work and the research of Dr. Kimberly Stewart, the "turtle lady" of the Caribbean island of St. Kitts. Her subjects are mainly the largest marine turtles of all, leatherbacks, though her drive for conservation includes all Caribbean species. Swinburne's engaging text engages readers in

Stewart's efforts to record "turtle data," to compare and evaluate the discoveries she makes, and to encourage inhabitants of St. Kitts to help her in her drive to preserve this species. Stewart educates them in finding sources of protein other than turtle meat and eggs and assists them on new paths to economic independence without relying on turtle products. Accompanying the narrative are data boxes on such divergent topics as "A Brief History of St. Kitts," "Modern Sea Turtle Threats," and "How Sea Glass Saves Turtles," plus a detailed list of items stocked in her Turtle Watching Toolkit. Swinburne's excellent color photos (many full page) enrich his informative text and give readers a clear vision of a scientist hard at work recording the lives of her elusive subjects and trying to instill a sense of ecological conservancy in a community that has heretofore regarded turtles as a boost to their menu or their personal income. Pair this with Kathryn Lasky's excellent *Interrupted Journey* (Candlewick, 2001) and Swinburne's own *Turtle Tide: The Ways of Sea Turtles* (Boyds Mills, 2005) for a balanced look at species swimming in dangerous waters. This refreshing journey with a dedicated woman hard at work in her chosen field will resonate with readers.

Inspiring. — Patricia Manning, formerly at Eastchester Public Library, NY

In Swinburne's words, sea turtles are "ancient creatures, whose fossils date back as far as the dinosaurs. Despite their age-old lineage, their future is uncertain, due to the pollution of their oceans habitat, development along their nesting beaches, and other dangers to their lives and their eggs. From the *Scientists in the Field* series, this book profiles Dr. Kimberly Stewart—known locally as "the turtle lady"—and lets readers observe her at work on the Caribbean island of St. Kitts. The text explains how she promotes sea turtle survival through education as well as, more directly, by inserting tracking devices into adult turtles and occasionally intervening to protect turtle eggs and help the hatchlings survive. The color illustrations feature numerous, remarkably fine photos, including many taken by Swinburne. Some of the pictures are too small to be effective, but most offer useful and beautiful views of the sea turtles and the scientist who studies them. An informative addition to science collections. Grades 5-8. —Carolyn Phelan

Great book for all ages, my daughter loves this book!!! Its very accurate and describes the life of a great woman pursuing her dream to study and protect sea turtles on the wonderful island of St. Kitts.

Grandson is into turtles so this was added to his turtle book collection

great book !!!!!

A perfect gift for my granddaughter. Thank you

Great for a young reader interested in the ocean.

Great book by a wonderful author! Thanks for the quick shipping. Great packing, as always.

Lived in St Kitts. Congrats for a great book Kimberly!

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