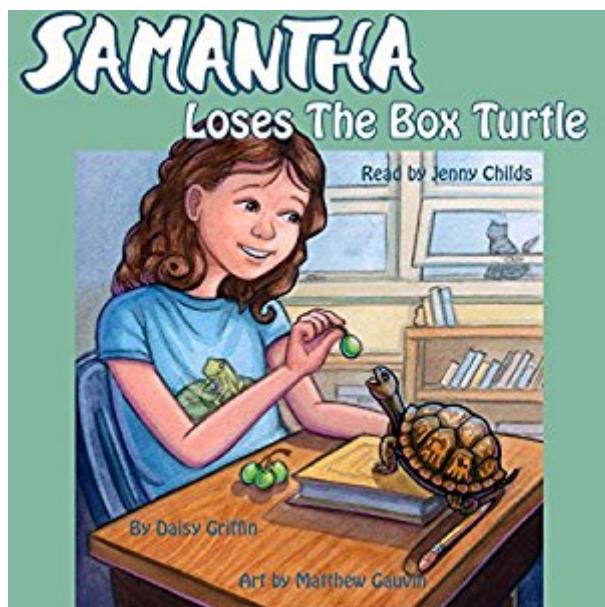


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# **Samantha Loses The Box Turtle: Samantha Series Of Chapter Books, Book 1**



## Synopsis

Samantha Loses the Box Turtle is a children's chapter book filled with fun and adventure while teaching about the lovable critter, the Eastern Box Turtle. When Samantha's grandfather finds a box turtle on a busy street the only thing to do is bring him home. Sam's mom says that he has to be let go, but not before some zany drama ensues. You'll have to read to find out how Samantha Loses the Box Turtle! Book #1 of the Samantha Series.

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## Customer Reviews

As a young kid growing up in Virginia, I spent countless Saturday mornings with my brothers & friends looking for gentle box turtles, and I remember pulling over on numerous occasions to rescue them in the middle of the road, so this book brought back some wonderful memories for me. But... would it capture the interest of my younger kids (8, 7, and 5) who didn't have nostalgia to kick-start their interest in such a book? I'm delighted to say, "Yes!" The book is a hit with my kids, and I love reading it to them as much as they love hearing it. The story is well-written and age appropriate, and the illustrations are terrific. The author does a masterful job of educating without sacrificing a great story. And I give the book huge praise for adding some excellent questions at the back to test kids' comprehension. I'd love to see more books like this. Highly recommended.

This is a beautifully written children's story that also teaches a valuable lesson. The story is complex enough to keep an older child entertained, but also, because of the wonderful illustrations, is

exciting enough to keep a younger child happy. Samantha is a sympathetic and compassionate character that I think kids will easily relate to. I loved the way the author taught a lesson about caring for an animal at the same time that she told a story that was both entertaining and exciting. If you are looking for a really good book for young readers, this is the one to choose.

Great book! My six-year-old loves this book! She loves animals so she enjoys reading/learning about the turtles, but there is also a an interesting and fun story line about the sisters who take care of them. It reads like a novel, but has interesting facts about the turtles blended in in such a way that you don't even realize you are learning! She also enjoyed recognizing some local landmarks such as Gay Street and the Ecology Preserve since this is written by a local author (for us). Both of us enjoyed it so much we couldn't wait to get the next book in the series.

Samantha Loses the Box Turtle (An Illustrated Children's Chapter Book) is a genuinely engaging story about third-grader Samantha, and her adventures after finding a box turtle...Should she keep it?...Where do box turtles go when they escape?...Is it good to put stickers on a turtle shell?...and finally, What is really the best type of home (habitat) for a box turtle? Griffin has done a beautiful job blending her storyline with lots of information about turtles, ecosystems and other science facts. I read this book with my ESL student as part of a unit on the environment and habitats. I also used some of the activities from the corresponding website and created a few of my own. It was the perfect supplement to what we were learning in our textbook. Great for elementary level, grades 3-5.

I love a good turtle story. Always have. Samantha loses the box turtle is an engaging story that introduces the ideas of how to care for turtles in a non condescending fashion. It also teaches children that found wild animals are not to be kept as pets but should be allowed to live in a safe environment. Many turtles found in the wild are captured and held in a box that is not a suitable environment and I was thrilled to see that the turtle was returned to the semi wild in the form of a sanctuary. Thank you for the story.

This is a very educational fiction story about box turtles, written in a format that will appeal to most 2nd - 4th grade children. My 9 year old just read the book and raved over the story. The story is full of interesting tidbits of information! Did you know that box turtles eat poisonous mushrooms? This is a defense mechanism for them because the poison stays in their bodies to ward off predators! The

author does a very good job of writing an entertaining story that your child will benefit from educationally. The author, Daisy Griffin, writes in the copyright section of the book, "I freely give permission for anyone who has come upon a copy of my book to pass it along to a friend. Please copy and share it to your heart's content." You catch a little glimpse of her heart in that simple statement. I am looking forward to reading more of this author's work.

My first Kindle download for very young readers, Samantha Loses the Box Turtle, seems a bit long for ages 4-8 as it was advertised with more complex sentence structure than I would have expected. The story itself was enjoyable, about an animal-loving family who learns all about the habits and habitat of a box turtle. Clearly, the author draws on her personal experience in an animal preserve to bring in lots of great facts, but she also does a great job fitting them in to the context of a real story rather than "this is an educational book about turtles." The illustrations were quite good and helped the book feel a bit more like a children's book. I'd pick up more in this series.

My 6 year old grandson loved this book, as did I. It was a fun read with so many interesting turtle facts woven into it. Ms. Griffin did a fine job of taking a true story and incorporating fiction to make it interesting to both children and adults. I highly recommend this story for your child.

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