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Dream Of The Blue Turtle (Mermaid Tales)



Synopsis

Kiki Coral can see the future—can she save a friend from his dangerous fate? Kiki Coral has an amazing gift: she can see the future. She doesn't have visions very often, but they are always surprising! When Kiki sees a vision of her classmate Rocky Ridge coming face-to-frightening-face with a gigantic leatherback turtle, she is frightened to the tip of her shiny purple tail. Can Kiki save Rocky from his dangerous fate? What if no one in Trident Academy believes her scary prediction?

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Customer Reviews

Debbie Dadey is an award-winning children's book author who has written more than 150 books. She is best known for her series *The Adventures of the Bailey School Kids*, written with Marcia Thornton Jones. Debbie lives with her husband, three children, and three dogs in Sevierville, Tennessee.

Dream of the Blue Turtle 2> MRS. KARP, ARE YOU sure that is safe? Pearl Swamp asked her third-grade teacher. Kiki Coral and the rest of the class waited for the reply. "Of

course, Mrs. Karp said, raising one green eyebrow as she responded to Pearl. "I wouldn't have asked a leatherback turtle to visit our school on Thursday if there was any danger." "But aren't they awfully big?" Kiki asked. Her friends Shelly Siren and Echo Reef glanced at her. Kiki was one of the smallest mergirls at Trident Academy. She had been scared of whales because of their huge size. Mrs. Karp nodded. "Yes, Kiki. Leatherbacks can weigh up to two thousand pounds and be seven feet long." "And it's coming into our classroom?" Pearl said with her green eyes wide. "What if it sits on one of us?" "We'd have smashed Pearl jam!" Rocky Ridge teased. Several merstudents squealed until Mrs. Karp reassured them. "Marvin will not be in the classroom. We will meet him in the front hallway of the school, where there is plenty of room. Before we meet, I want you to prepare one or two questions to ask him." "Marvin?" Rocky yelled. "What kind of turtle is named Marvin?" "A very big one," Kiki said softly. Kiki knew leatherbacks weren't as large as whales, but something made her feel uncomfortable. She didn't know why. "Marvin is a lovely name," Mrs. Karp told them. "Just as nice as Rockwell." "Rockwell?" Pearl giggled. "Who is named Rockwell?" "Nobody," Rocky said, but his cheeks were bright red. Mrs. Karp continued. "Leatherbacks are the largest turtles in the ocean, class. They breathe air, so they can't stay underwater too long. They feed mostly on jellyfish." "How do they get so big by eating just jellyfish, Mrs. Karp?" Shelly asked. "Jellyfish are made up of almost all water." "It's a bit of a mystery," Mrs. Karp agreed. "Maybe the mystery is that they eat mergirls, too," Rocky said with a laugh. This caused Pearl and several other mergirls to shriek in fear. Shelly just rolled her eyes at Rocky. He was always telling bad jokes. "That will be enough out of you, Rocky Ridge," Mrs. Karp said with a slap of her white tail on her marble desk. Mrs. Karp went on to tell the merclass that leatherback turtles were endangered. "Floating plastic bags look very much like jellyfish. Sadly, the turtles don't realize their mistake until they've eaten the trash. If they eat too many bags, they can die." Most of the third graders listened to every word, but Kiki barely heard her teacher. Her eyes grew cloudy and her ears stopped up. She knew what was happening. She was having one of her visions. Kiki covered her face with her hands. In her mind she saw a frightening sight: Rocky Ridge, an enormous leatherback, and swirling water! Suddenly she shouted, "Mrs. Karp! I have to go see Madame Hippocampus! Now!" The whole classroom stared at Kiki. "What is the

meaning of this outburst? Mrs. Karp asked. Kiki twisted her hands together. She looked down at her purple tail. "I'm sorry. It's just that I need to see Madame right away." After what she had seen, Kiki desperately needed the advice of their merology teacher. Mrs. Karp shook her head. "That is impossible. She is ill today." Kiki gulped. What was she going to do? This couldn't wait. Not one more merminute.

Kiki can see into the future, but is that a good thing? She sees a classmate in trouble and tries to stop it but what she does actually causes the problem! Debbie Dadey has a great kid-friendly writing style that really gets the reader into the story. Her mermaid world is fun and the characters are believable and you want to know more about them. Her books also have a great message to them. This one warns of the dangers of leaving plastic bags in the ocean because they look like jelly fish to sea turtles. These books are geared towards girls but there are merboy characters in the books that boys will like too. I recommend this book and series to independent readers or kids looking for a fun read!

This series is my daughter's favorite. Lighthearted yet exciting, nothing scary to give her nightmares or fears. A great choice for girls who don't want anything too scary.

My 8 year old daughter fell in love with this series. The only thing is that she is on a 6th grade reading level, so she read the whole series in less than a week. She does reread them though and loves the fact that she owns them all.

My 7 year old loves this series. She is obsessed with mermaids and I'm so happy we found the series to help her make the jump to chapter books. She does read a bit above her grade level (currently in 2nd), so this may be more on level for 3rd grade.

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Love the book and got it when promised. Glad I was home, stupid postal service laid it on my porch and it had started to rain.

My daughter loves this series!

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