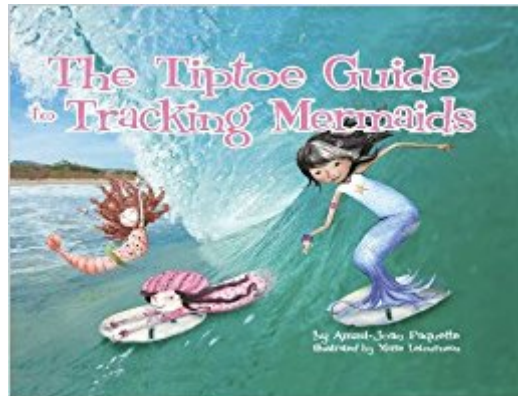




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The Tiptoe Guide To Tracking Mermaids



Synopsis

On hot summer days, the beaches are packed with all kinds of people swimming, splashing, or lying in the sun. But there are other days—magical ones—when the beach is empty. Whoosh! The wind tosses up the sand in curling eddies. Kazoom! The waves cymbal-crash against the shore. Yes! Days like these are just right for finding mermaids. Have you ever walked on the beach and looked for shells or or clams? There are creatures, more like you and me, who are even more interesting to look for. Most people don't see them, but they might just not know how to look for signs. That sand dollar—why, that could be a mermaid-size surfboard. Those twisted reeds—a bed for a lovely afternoon mermaid nap. And if you peer closely into the water, you might see a mermaid market. This is a lovely activity for a fun day at the beach and a way to encourage paying close attention to all the interesting things that can be found on the beach or in the water.

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Customer Reviews

" . . . there are other days — magical ones — when the beach is empty. Whoosh! The wind tosses up the sand in curling eddies . . . Days like these are just right for finding mermaids."—from the book

Ammi-Joan Paquette is the author of *The Tiptoe Guide to Tracking Fairies*, which was featured in *Scholastic Parent and Child* magazine. She lives outside of Boston with her family. Marie Letourneau provided illustrations for *Is a Worry Worrying You?* and is the author and illustrator of *The Mice of Bistrot des Sept Freres*. She and her family live in Farmingdale, NY.

I understand that my granddaughter loves this book, especially the last page. A big smile came over her face when she saw it. I have never had any problem with any of 's shipping or packaging. It always arrives quicker than expected.

Very cute! Girls ages 8, 6, 4 all loved it! Would be a great gift for any girl between those ages. Wouldn't give for past 8.

Adorable!

(Full disclosure: I received a free electronic copy of this book for review through NetGalley.) I was six years old when *SPLASH* first came out; and, although I probably didn't get to watch it for a few more years, once I did I was officially hooked on mermaids. I used to swim around the pool with my legs mentally fused together, pretending that I was diving to depths much greater than our paltry four feet. I didn't get to go to the beach often as the nearest one prohibited swimming due to pollution so on those rare occasions when I was able to visit, my mom practically had to drag me home. To this day, I still have a thing for mermaids (and Daryl Hannah). I wish I had a copy of *THE TIPTOE GUIDE TO TRACKING MERMAIDS* twenty-five years ago. With the help of author Ammi-Joan Paquette and illustrator Marie LeTourneau, imaginative kids (and their frazzled parents) can turn an otherwise mundane day at the beach into a magical outing in search of mermaid friends. Collect sand dollars to tempt mermaids out of hiding and trade at the market. Make sand mermaids to let them know that you stopped by. Leave them some kelp or Queen Anne's Lace for snacking. Play hide and seek in the water. Be creative! As cute and quirky as it is, *THE TIPTOE GUIDE TO TRACKING MERMAIDS* could benefit from a design overhaul. Illustrations are superimposed on photographs of kids playing at the beach but I think a fully illustrated book would better capture the whimsy this subject deserves. Likewise, the text is quite plain, and is placed on a white background which usually takes up at least half of the page wherever text does appear. There's a ton of white space here, and not a whole lot of artistic

flourishes outside of the pictures. The overall effect just doesn't quite do justice to the subject matter. However, I love that Paquette and LeTourneau included mermaids and children of color including male and female mermaid trackers. Mermaids are wicked awesome, and there's no reason boys can't enjoy them too!

The Tiptoe Guide to Tracking Mermaids by Ammi-Joan Paquette is a fun children's book that will take kids on an adventure to find mermaids. The illustrations are a mixture of realism and artwork that makes for a beautiful way to give kids a sense of imagination and adventure. The Tiptoe Guide to Tracking Mermaids is a beautifully designed book to bring an imaginative fun-filled day for children going on a mermaid tracking adventure at the beach. If you don't live near a beach, or aren't visiting one soon, you can always alter this to be at a lake or river, mermaids surely live there, too. This book isn't just for kids, the parents who read this with their children will enjoy it, too. It is a delightful book, and if you are reading this with a child who is just starting to learn to read, it will be even better helping them through it, and discovering mermaids and magical things with each page. The creative insight with this book is fantastic. I absolutely love how much fun it is, and how it brings imagination, a sense of wonder and adventure to adults as well as children. I highly recommend it.* Thank you to the publisher of The Tiptoe Guide to Tracking Mermaids, Tanglewood Press, for providing me with a copy of this book for review. All opinions expressed are my own.

The Tiptoe Guide to Tracking Mermaids is a picture book written by Ammi-Joan Paquette and illustrated by Marie LeTourneau. This book combines real photographs of a trip to the beach with paper cut outs of mermaids and other creatures. The story is about children who visit the beach on a day where there are not many people around to look for mermaids. They make sand mermaids (like snow angels), visit tide pools, watch crabs, collect shells etc. all with the idea of what the mermaids would do with those objects and things. Nature facts about the beach and what can be seen there, come together in a beautiful book. The Tiptoe Guide to Tracking Mermaids is the newest addition to the Tiptoe Guide series that explores nature and the joy of fantasy in childhood (and beyond). The combination of beach and ocean facts with the sheer fun of seeking mermaids will delight readers both young and old. Who wouldn't enjoy searching for mermaids. I received a copy of this book from netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

read 2/26 pub may 15, 2012 The Tiptoe Guide to Tracking Mermaids by ISBN:

9781933718590 Illustrated Colorful children book about how to track a mermaid on the sand at the

beach by their footprints. Also shows pictures of various things that can be found at the beach where you might see a mermaid: tide pools, shells that resemble a mermaid's comb or use it as a necklace. Mermaids hide on each page according to what's being said so it's also a puzzle type book for a child to locate the mermaids. One shell in particular holds the secret to where the mermaids are... Gorgeous pictures!

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