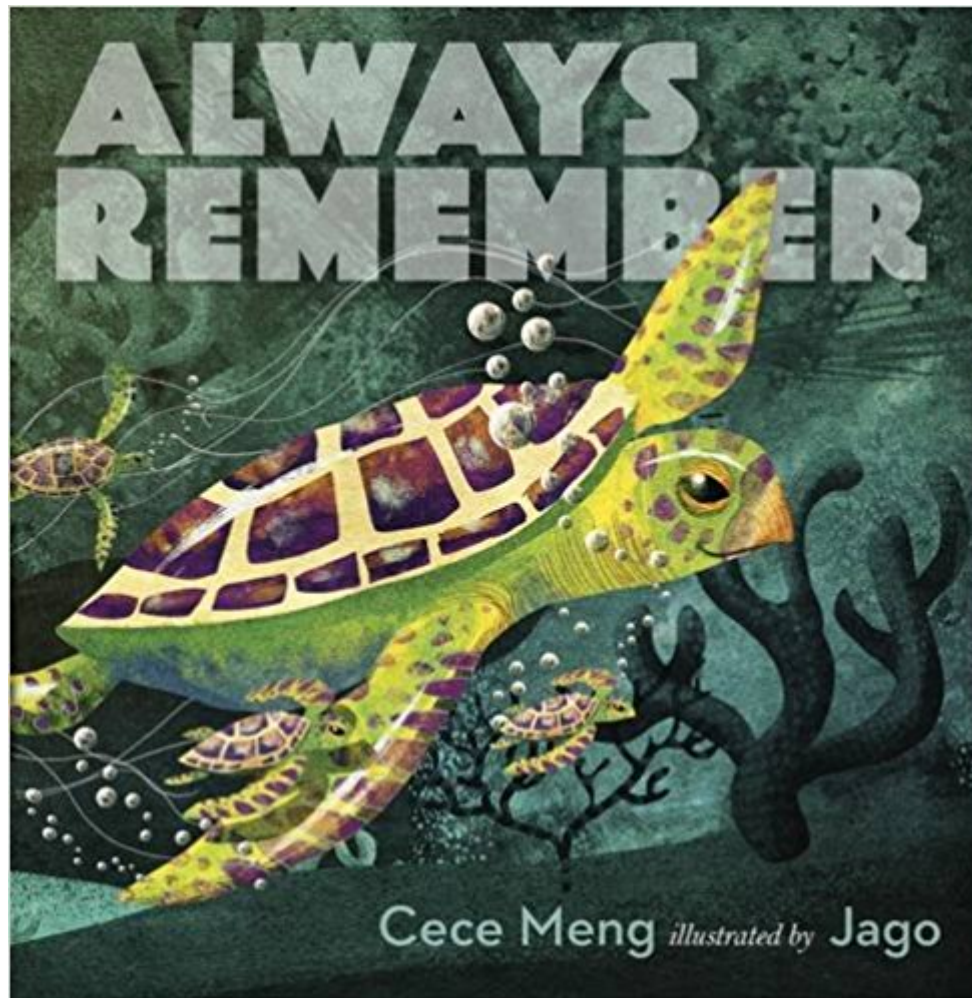




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Always Remember



Synopsis

A lyrically told, beautifully illustrated book that brings comfort to children--and adults--who have lost someone they love. After Old Turtle swims his last swim and breathes his last breath, and the waves gently take him away, his friends lovingly remember how he impacted each and every one of them. As the sea animals think back on how much better Old Turtle made their lives and their world, they realize that he is not truly gone, because his memory and legacy will last forever. Jago's gorgeous illustrations accompany Cece Meng's serene text in a book that will help children understand and cope with the death of a loved one. Praise for *Always Remember: Without mentioning a deity or religion, the text discusses how people remember those who have died and how their lives live on beyond them. Understated, unsentimental, and gently done.* --Kirkus Reviews "A sweet and poignant story with multiple layers for delving deeper." --School Library Journal "This makes a comforting choice for families dealing with loss." --Booklist

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Customer Reviews

PreS-Gr 2 A touching tribute to a compassionate and wise friend who dies, this tells the story of the beautiful sea creatures living in the deep and the challenges that they face. Life in the reef was made better for all of the sea creatures because of Old Turtle. He was a thoughtful friend

and a skilled teacher. When disaster struck, Old Turtle was there to lend a helping hand and fix problems. He was an adventurer, an explorer, and a comedian, and he will be sorely missed. The day Old Turtle dies, his absence is felt by all. However, his legacy will live on forever. This is a wonderful reminder that each act of kindness that one commits has great impact on others. The deep blues, greens, and browns of the full-page digitally created illustrations take readers underwater for a sneak peek of life below the surface. Each situation introduced by the text becomes more vivid because of the rich colors and attention to detail. VERDICT A sweet and poignant story with multiple layers for delving deeper. —Amy Shepherd, St. Anne's Episcopal School, Middleton, DE

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Among the best if not the best illustrations for a children's book ever seen. I'd buy it to just look at the awesome illustrations. The story itself is one of remembering one who died, of cherishing past times together. It almost seems to be a book that halfway memorializes the actual loss of someone, and halfway celebrates the beauty of the sea. If you like the pictures enough, you can find Jago's work for sale on his ETSY shop: [...], or follow him on Twitter and Instagram.

As a non-religious family, we were looking for a book to help our son process the loss of our dog without concepts like heaven. This book beautifully describes how animals/people have a legacy of memories even after death. I bought the book the day our dog died and waited for my son to be ready to process it. I had it on hand when he was ready, and we read through each page and laughed and cried as we reflected on our own memories of our dog. It helped us just as much as it helped him.

I had seen this book recommended in a magazine as good for children as they grieve a loss of someone close to them. I gave the book to a neighbor who has young children and just lost her father. The character in this book who dies is 'Old Turtle' - in my opinion this made it most appropriate for the loss of someone of grandparent age and not someone younger.

illustrations are beautiful. Although it is a children's book the message of remembering a loved one is appropriate for all ages. I gave this as a gift to a good friend who just lost her daughter to breast cancer. She loved the book and will share it with her grandchildren.

I bought this for my son when his grandfather died. By the time we were done reading it, I was all teared up. It does a good job of getting the idea across that when a person is gone, part of who they are remains in the things they did for others.

My library welcomed this addition. Lessons learned about life and death. Am sure the youngest in our family will be blessed in its reading.

This was something I purchased recently to explain death in non-religious terms to my daughter, after her grandfather passed away. The illustrations are gorgeous and the story is quite beautiful. I don't think my four year-old quite gets the connection to her grandfather yet, but it's a nice way to explain how the departed live on in the memory of the living, and it's become one of our regular bedtime reads. Highly recommended!

The photo doesn't do the illustrations in this book justice. It is simply beautiful. The story is a great reminder for adults, too that the memory of a loved one will live on forever in the stories we share about the kind of person they were. Not just in families but it touches on the many ripples of people (in this case sea creatures) touched by just one life.

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