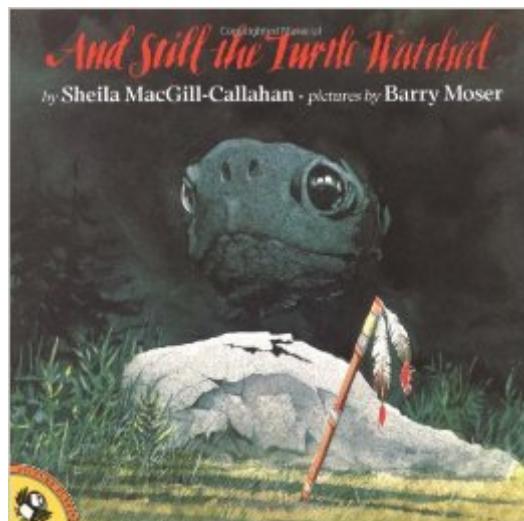


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# And Still The Turtle Watched (Picture Puffin Books)



## Synopsis

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## Book Information

Lexile Measure: AD400L (What's this?)

Series: Picture Puffin Books

Paperback: 32 pages

Publisher: Puffin Books; 1 edition (November 1, 1996)

Language: English

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Product Dimensions: 10 x 0.1 x 10 inches

Shipping Weight: 5.8 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.6 out of 5 starsÂ  See all reviewsÂ  (7 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #210,320 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #143 inÂ  Books > Children's Books > Education & Reference > Science Studies > Earth Sciences #3185 inÂ  Books > Children's Books > Science, Nature & How It Works

Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

## Customer Reviews

What a nice way to introduce young children to the world before New York City and its environs were a busy, noisy sometimes polluted place! An Indian legend, an archaeologist and the importance of the environment are all packed in this charming short, exquisitely illustrated book. Great for those who live near the Bronx Botanical Garden but delightful for any child who wonders about the world around us.

Read this story years ago as part of a Frostburg State Univ Literary weekend. Recently a young friend became interested in turtles and I gave this text as a gift. Sharing books with young people is a great way of sharing a blessing. It draws young readers in, and the pictures are tremendous!

I never actually read this to my daughter because I saw it alone in a dentist waiting room. Initially I thought it was a magazine with an article about turtles which really peaked my interest. (I have done quite a bit of research on snapping turtles because I recently acquired a baby snapper as a pet.)

Once I realized it was a children's book I lost some interest but still flipped through it to see if it would be something my daughter would enjoy. I was captivated by the water color illustrations. Then I read it. Very nice story. I'm being overly critical but it appears that the "turtle" has a tortoise head though most of the book except one page where it is clearly a common snapping turtle and others where you see it on the Rock and it is more flat like a turtle. This bothered me a little more than it should have. I don't know maybe the turtle on the actual rock is unclear about what specific species it is and so the illustrator just used different references.

My 5 year old son and I watched this story read on "Reading Rainbow". This book is about a turtle carved in a rock by a Native American in pre-Columbus days. The turtle remains watching as history moves on. It witnesses the immigration of the European's, who take over the land from the Native Americans and go on to build a big city. For many years, the turtle is covered by graffiti and then is finally discovered by an archeologist. I wondered if the subject matter was too advanced for my son. But, he was mesmerized. Like all good books this one speaks to all ages with many lessons and perspectives. It's a story of history, art, people, change, archeology and more. After the story was finished my son turned to me and said, "Mommy we have to get that book." And we did!

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