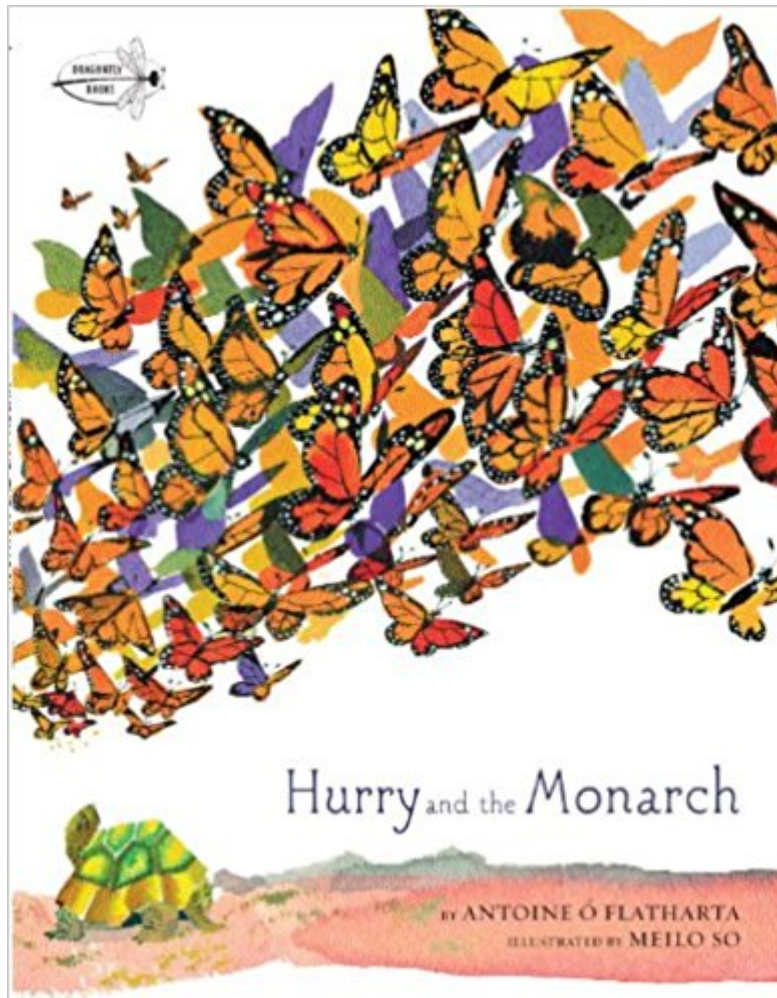




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Hurry And The Monarch



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Synopsis

When the beautiful orange Monarch on her fall migration route from Canada to Mexico stops to rest at Wichita Falls, Texas, she makes friends with an old tortoise called Hurry. She tells him, "Maybe one day you'll break out of that shell, grow wings, and fly away," and then she is off again with millions of other Monarchs. In the spring, she stops again at Hurry's garden just long enough to lay her eggs and head north to Canada. Embedded in this lyrical and tender fictional presentation are the fascinating facts about the amazing 2,000-mile migration and the life cycle of butterflies. An afterword provides additional scientific data.

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Customer Reviews

Kindergarten-Grade 2-Hurry, a tortoise, exchanges quips with a monarch butterfly as she stops in Wichita Falls, TX, while migrating from Canada to Mexico. The encounter, told in the present tense, frames a simple, fairly straightforward account of the monarch's long journey and life cycle. The stay in Mexico gets brief coverage. The butterfly returns in the spring, lands on Hurry's shell, lays her eggs on nearby milkweed, and flies off for her final rest. The tortoise then watches the transformation of one of the new caterpillars as it grows, forms a chrysalis, and emerges as a new monarch. The writing includes some jocular dialogue but is sometimes awkward in construction. So's shimmering watercolors are quite lovely, melding a bit of humor, broad impressionistic strokes,

and fairly realistic sketches of some monarchs and caterpillars. A general map serving as front and back end pages broadly indicates this monarch's journey. Texas and Wichita Falls are the only marked places, though the text also refers to Eagle Pass, the Rio Grande, and the towns of Sweetwater and Stillwater. A final two-page essay for adults adds more details on monarchs.-Margaret Bush, Simmons College, Boston Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Starred Review PreS-Gr. 2. In a tale that recalls Leo Leonni's classic interspecies fable *Fish Is Fish* (1970), a migrating butterfly provides Hurry, a Texas tortoise, with perspective on the world beyond his garden. "Maybe one day, you'll break out of that shell, grow wings, and fly away," the butterfly remarks to Hurry. "I doubt it," he replies, then contentedly settles down to hibernate. He wakes in the spring to see the same butterfly alight on a milkweed plant and deposit an egg, which hatches into a caterpillar that metamorphoses under Hurry's watchful eye. Flatharta avoids heavy anthropomorphizing and romanticized views of nature: the migrating monarchs are as likely to stop to rest on a coil of barbed wire as on a picturesque flower, and the reality of insect life spans is gently but unequivocally addressed when the mother monarch's quick stop to rest "becomes forever." Veined with a tracery of inked details, So's subtle watercolors reference both Asian nature-painting traditions and the limited palette of artwork in the early days of color printing. Together with its informative afterword, this is a particularly attractive, affecting introduction to the wonder of species diversity and the elegant continuum of life. Jennifer Mattson Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Cute book. I bought it for a present for my Monarch-loving Mom. :) cute Story, while also very informative about Monarchs.

I love reading this book with my 2 year old. I have a feeling this will be a favorite (for me anyway!) for years to come :)

This is one of our favorites, I cry, the kids love the story.(Homeschool mama, former biology teacher)

great book

The art in this book is very well done and especially colorful, while the story line is fresh and entertaining for parent and child alike. In addition it provides interesting facts about the monarch butterfly.

Such a journey traveled with two little friends and love to share this with our children. Love that they can grow together.

This is a beautiful story, gently told, about the amazing migration of monarch butterflies. It's a lush picture book to be read to a younger child by a parent, ideal for the young reader, and full of facts in the back for adults. A find.

I teach children between the ages of 3-6 and they just loved it. We raise Monarchs every Fall and they loved the fiction and non-fiction aspects.

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