



Zonk, the Dreaming Tortoise

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Zonk Galleries, 2001. Book Condition: New. Brand New, Unread Copy in Perfect Condition. A+ Customer Service! Summary: A desert tortoise decides he wants to be a sea turtle. Beautiful, humorous, with brilliantly colored illustrations. A strong environmental emphasis the story introduces children to the Sonoran desert and its creatures, Exploring with his friends Bunny, Snake and Coyote, Zonk discovers a painting of a sea turtle on a rock. Coyote explains that sea turtles live in the ocean where there is "water everywhere". This sounds wonderful to Zonk. He searches for the ocean to no avail. Friends and family scoff at the notion of "water everywhere". Coyote warns him he would drown in the ocean so he practices swimming in the desert dunes and faces ridicule. Finally he seeks help from the Spirit of the Saguaro that resides in the skeleton of an ancient cactus in the canyon. The spirit speaks only Spanish and has only a meaningless cryptic speech which she apparently gives to everyone alike. But as Zonk heads for home, bewildered and discouraged the Spirit whispers to the wind, and the wind carries its message to the hot air and cold air over the mountain, starting a "monsoon"...



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