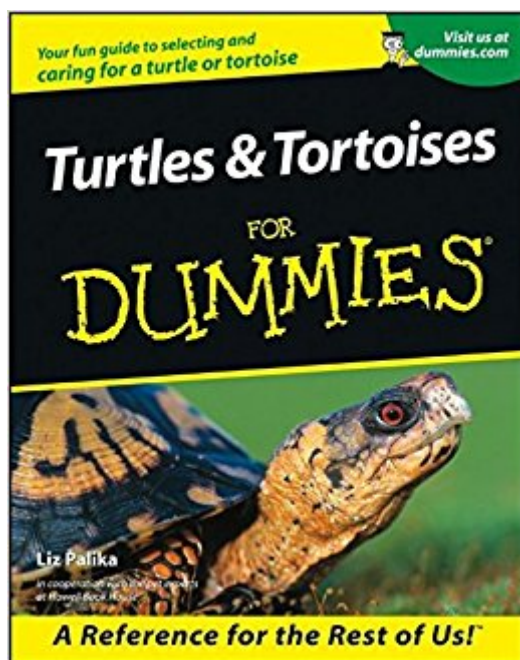


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# Turtles And Tortoises For Dummies



## Synopsis

Coexisting with a turtle or tortoise may not be a warm and fuzzy experience, but it definitely has its rewards. And with more than 250 species to choose from, you're bound to find one that's right for you. Looks-wise, they can range from very plain and unadorned to a brightly colored and embellished with every manner of crest, crown, spike, and dewlap. As for personality, you'd be amazed at how very different they can be, ranging from shy and withdrawn, to outgoing and friendly, to outright aggressive. And when it comes to longevity, well, let's just say that when you commit to a turtle or tortoise, you're in it for the long haul. For example, the standard American box turtle can live more than 125 years, a leopard tortoise has a life span of up to 100 years, and an aldabran tortoise can live to be more than 200 years old! This fun guide will help you choose the perfect turtle or tortoise for your lifestyle and give it the care it needs to thrive. Turtle and tortoise expert Liz Palika provides clear, step-by-step instructions on how to:

- Select the appropriate turtle or tortoise
- Provide a suitable environment for your new pal
- Care for a variety of chelonian (turtle and tortoise) species
- Supply your pet with a satisfying and healthy diet
- Create an indoor or outdoor home
- Understand your turtle's or tortoise's special needs

Generously illustrated with line drawings and high-quality photographs, *Turtles & Tortoises For Dummies* covers all the bases. Topics covered include:

- Deciding whether a turtle or tortoise is right for you
- Choosing between a turtle and tortoise
- Who's Who of turtles and tortoises—a complete guide to dozens of species, where they're from, what they're like, and how they are as pets
- Creating a safe and healthy environment for your pet
- Recognizing and treating common health problems and finding a good veterinarian to help you care for your chelonian

*Turtles & Tortoises For Dummies* is your fun guide to selecting, caring for, and sharing your life with a chelonian.

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Find out about your turtle or tortoise's special needs The information you need to raise a thriving chelonian This fun guide will help you choose the perfect turtle or tortoise for your lifestyle and give it the care it needs to thrive. Turtle and tortoise expert Liz Palika provides clear, step-by-step instructions on how to set up a tank, maintain proper water conditions, and feed and care for your chelonian. Discover how to: Select the appropriate turtle or tortoise Provide a suitable environment Care for a variety of species Supply a satisfying and healthy diet Create an indoor or outdoor home The Dummies Way Explanations in plain English "Get in, get out" information Icons and other navigational aids Tear-out cheat sheet Top ten lists A dash of humor and fun Get smart! [www.dummies.com](http://www.dummies.com) Attention pet owners! Get free Dummies Daily e-mail newsletters Sign up for tips on a variety of pets Keep your pet healthy and content - the Dummies Way

Liz Palika is the author of over 20 pet care books. She lives with a variety of turtles and tortoises, including sulcata and leopard tortoises and Gulf Coast box turtles.

Same material, they are helpful, Palika wrote both for us Dummies & Idiots. I would have been good with just one.

Blah blah blah, better just go to Austin's Turtle Page and surf the Internet from there.

Good reading

Just more info to be used.

I like it. Nothing very in depth but if you are looking into getting one of these pets it is very informative and helpful in deciding the kind you want based on personal preference as well as the area you live in.

Very informational for a first time tortoise owner. Covered all important areas of concern. Well written

for all levels of turtle and tortoise owners.

If you buy any turtle / tortoise book, this is the best one.

I Have a Russian Tortoise, and I find that this book is very helpful for the care of my pet. The price is well within the comfort range.

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