



Losing Turtle – Adrienne Frater

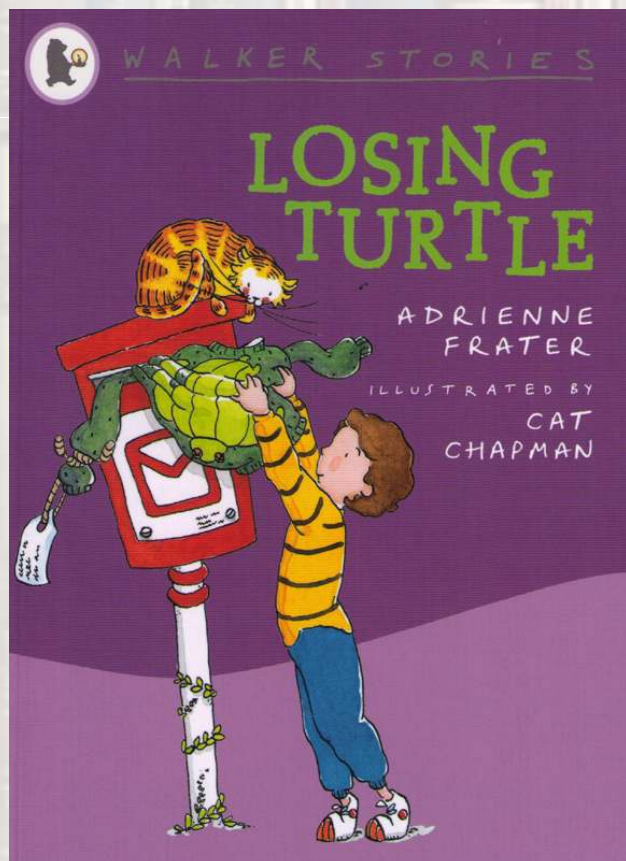
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Sam is a likeable young boy who loves his grandmother. But there is a problem. Gran is a keen knitter and makes brightly patterned jumpers for Sam. What a dilemma! Sam doesn't want to offend his gran, but when she knits him a turtle jumper with huge flippers he decides it's time to take action. However, his solution isn't entirely successful.

In the following two stories, Sam is also the central character. He's a resourceful boy with an inventive mind. Young readers will enjoy his creative response to challenges. Even when his plans don't work out as expected he still achieves a satisfactory result. A good balance of dialogue and text keeps the storyline flowing well.

The three-chapter format suits early readers who are making the transition to chapter books. Delightful illustrations by Cat Chapman bring the characters to life with warmth and gentle humour.

Reviewed by children's book author, Jean Bennett



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