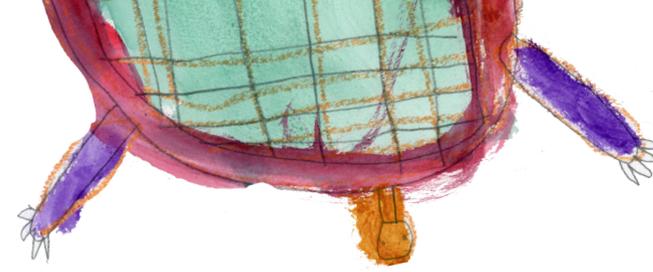


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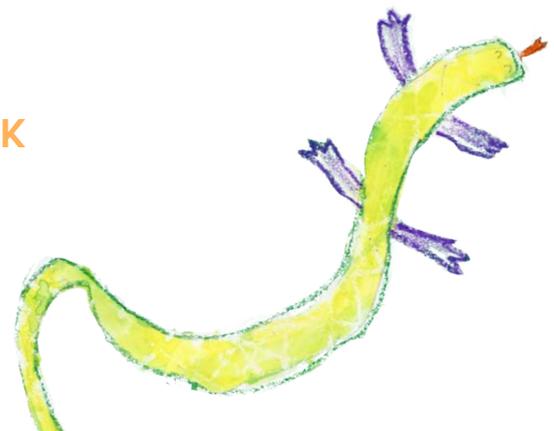


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DEDICATE THIS BOOK TO ALL OF THE
WILD ANIMALS AND REPTILES THAT
HAVE DIED IN ALL OF THE WILDFIRES
IN AMERICA & AUSTRALIA**



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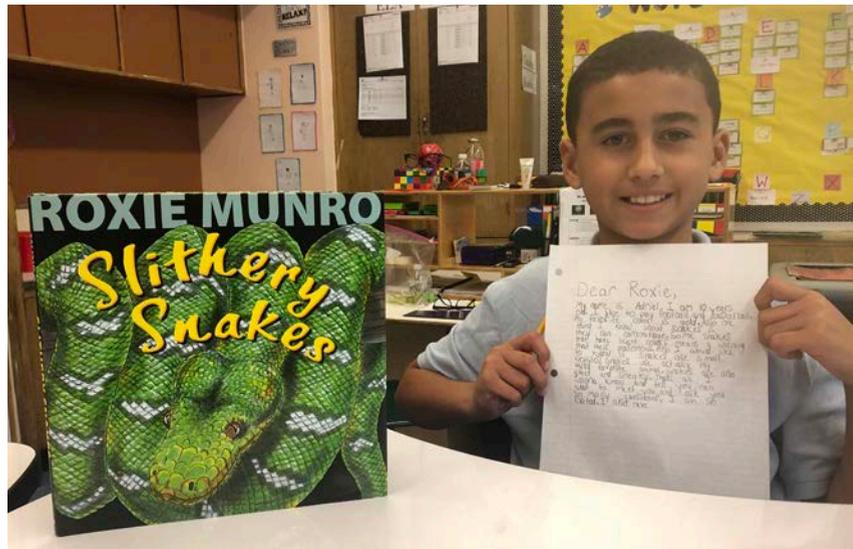
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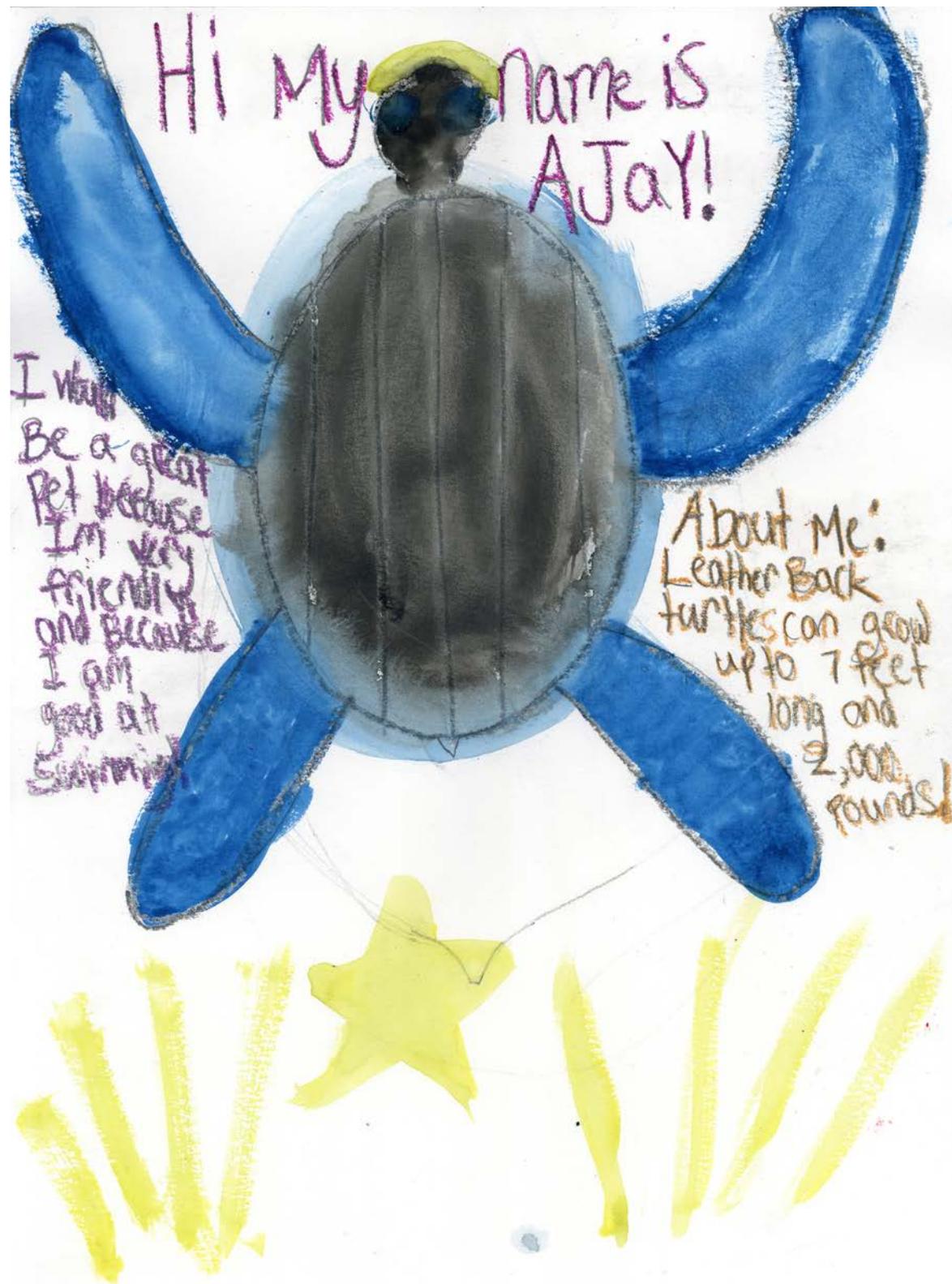
Have you ever considered that the perfect family pet could be...a snake?! Through this comprehensive project, students in Class 3/4-203 have been convinced that these scaly, sometimes scary, reptiles are really very lovable.

The wonders of snakes were featured first in classroom visits from Roxie Munro, the author and illustrator of *Slithery Snakes*. Roxie shared how she conducted research on snakes to write a book that piques the curiosity of readers through life-like illustrations and fascinating facts.

To observe live snakes in a fairly natural habitat, the class took a trip to the reptile exhibit at the Bronx Zoo. Taking careful research notes, the students observed what reptiles need to live and even got to see some of them eating! For an extra-special treat, back in their classroom, students were visited by several reptiles and their professional handler from The Nature Company. The class learned many new facts about reptiles and were able to observe them up close and then touch a live snake, lizard, and turtle. Behind the Book research coaches came in next to help the students explore more about the reptile of their choice so that they had plenty of information to persuade others about the excellence of their animal.

To wrap up the project and combine all that the class had learned about reptiles, Behind the Book teaching artist Candice Humphries helped students create individual pet posters filled with fun facts and captivating illustrations. Class 3/4-203 is certain that after reading all about these amazing reptiles, you will want to adopt all of them as pets!





LEATHER PET BET BY ADRIEL

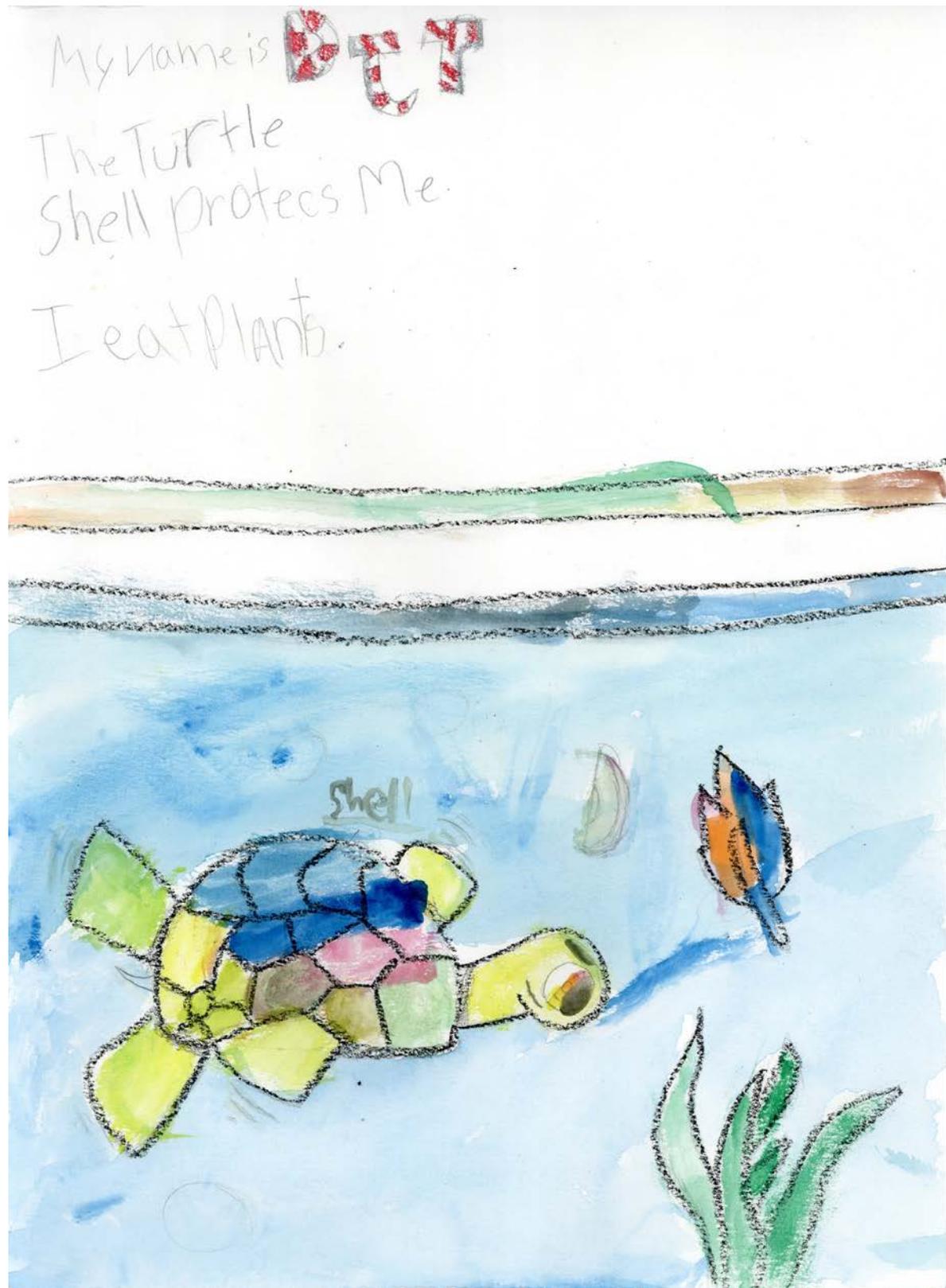
Wait! Are You looking for a pet? Because you are in the right place! Turtles! Turtles are super duper interesting! Leather Back turtles have a shell made out of cartilage! Cartilage is a material thats on your ear! And these turtles are interesting, because, unlike other turtles they have a shell that are both hard and soft. Another reason is turtles use their flippers to swim. Some turtles like the Leather Back uses its front flippers up and down. Also their back flippers go side to side. Turtles are nice and dont make alot of noises. Leather Back turtles can grow up to 7 feet long and 2,000 pounds, And make weird noises. But most turtles are small and aren't that loud. Turtles eat seeds, leafs, and seaweed. You can get these food for cheap. And their food are everywhere. It needs food, water, and it needs to breathe. They also need sunlight. They will need to be on land and on water. It needs to feel like it is in its own habitat. A turtle lives in a tank and with land. Your turtle should feel like it is in its own home. You could watch it swim, or when it get too big. You'll have to let it go in the ocean. You can also research it and learn what it needs, and keep track of what it does every day. A turtle would make a great pet because its super cool! It is not hard to take care of because the food is cheap. They also have colorful shells. And thats why you should get a turtle!!!

SNAKE

BY AICHA

The Snake Makes a perfect pet because it make noises to tell someone is close by. My favorite part of the snake is that it slithers. I learned from the field trip is that I saw a snake eating a rabbit. The Copperhead flicks its tongue in and out because it sucks the rabbit's blood. This tree boa keeps its eyes open and some snakes hibernate. The snake eats a rabbit because they are hungry and they are carnivore. They need to lie in the sun because it needs to be warm. It will need food and friends and leaves to live in the oceans. And well some of them live there. There called water snakes. You can have fun with your pet by playing disappear in the forest and play finding the toy. My reptile will make a perfect pet because you can have fun by playing slither tag the feet.





TURTLES BY ISAIAH

Are you looking for the best pet ever? Well, here you go! It's a turtle! The first reason they make the best pets is that they eat plants. And they can live under water. Turtles move super slow! You should feed your turtles plants and vegetables. Turtles need water, food, plants, and leaves. Turtles live under water and on land. You can play blocks with him/her. I hope your next pet is a turtle because they really are the BEST pets ever.

Hello My
Name is Turk
Turtle.

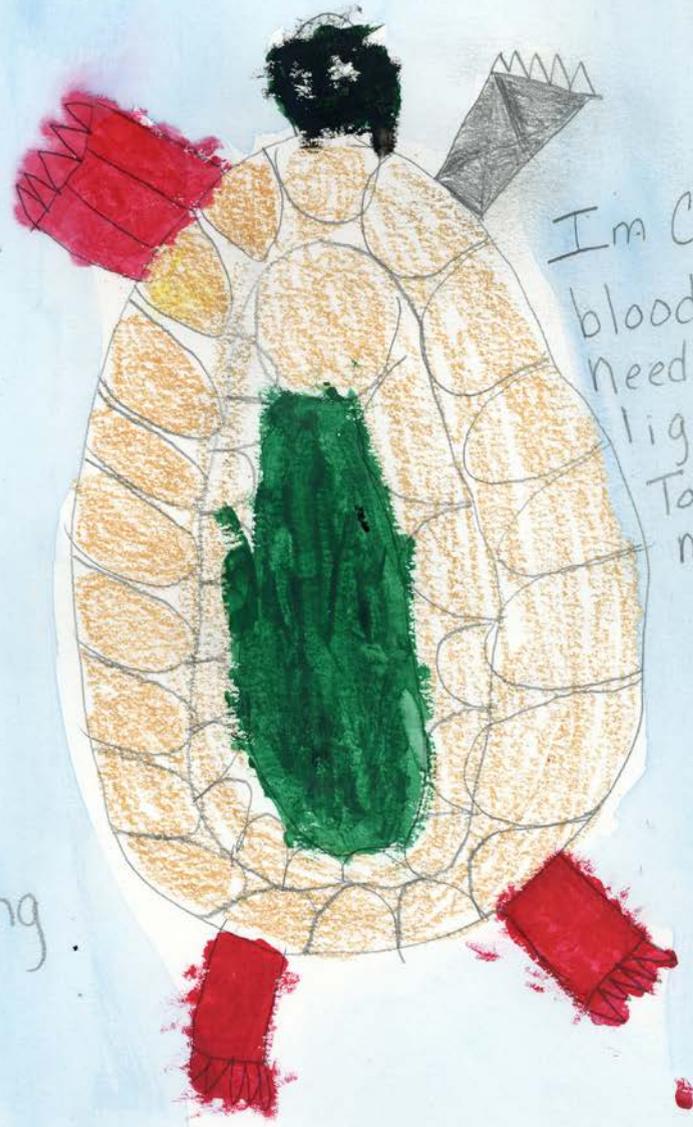
Julian

I Like Water
So I Can Swim.

My Shell
Protects Me
from predators.

I Like
Worms.

I Can
Live a long
Time



I'm Cold
blooded I
Need Sun
light
To warm
me!

TURTLES BY JULIAN

If your looking for a new pet, I got
the best pet for you. Its a turtle!
My turtle is interesting because there
shells are beautiful colors. Turtles
have claws too.

Turtles are cold blooded they
need a heat light in there tank.
Turtles make good pets they can
live a long time and they are
quiet. Turtles eat worms and lettuce.

Turtles need food and sunlight.
They also need water to survive.
To make a turtie feel at home they
need a tank with rocks and food.

To have fun with my Pet i would
talk to him and give him a name.

Turtles are the best pets because
they are quiet cute and there
shells have different colors. It doesnt
cost a lot to have a turtle.

SNAKES BY KINSLEY

Shark cant catch the the Bumble Bee snake because he is too sneaky. Sharks think its the sun but it really the bumble Bee playing tricks. the bumble can smell what the shark is cooking from a mile away. the bumble Bee chills underwater for 2 hours. the bumble Bee can eat rats, chicken, bird fish, whom water, little hiding places, suns. I want my pet to feel like he is living in Heaven. I will buy a tank, plants, and a friendly spider. I'll buy a sonic outfit and a toy Dr. Eggman to play Sonic vs Dr. Eggman. the Bumble Bee will help me when there is a sharks around in the meantime we will play in the pool.



Hi my name is ~~but~~ Larry



I will make
a great pet
because I
will be in to my
one of our,

I like to live
in warm places,
I am a lizard
my skin can be
smooth and ~~skin~~
skin

LARRY

LIZARDS BY LARRY

Lizards are awesome because they can do a lot of things and that's why they would make a great pet, and my reptile is interesting because most live in warm places like living in the desert and by the sea. My lizard has smooth and shiny skin with tiny scales on his back and some other lizards grow to be about 6 inches to 10 feet long and many different colors. Also lizards eat insects, leaves and small animals like spiders and grasshoppers. My reptile needs to survive is water, food and hot climate. To make your lizard pet feel home it will need a tank, sand, a log or a rock, water, food, and hot temperature. I will have fun with my pet lizard by petting his head and treating him with respect and I will also let him run around the house. My lizard will be a great pet because there are many interesting things about it.



TURTLES BY MOUSSA

People have to be brave to have a pet.
Turtles have sharp claws. They protect their families.

Turtles are cold blooded. Turtles eat leaves. Turtles need food. Turtles need a home to be hot. Sun.

Some turtles breathe in water. They protect their owners.

LIZARDS BY NATALIA

If you want an interesting pet, get a lizard!! Are you thinking what kind of lizard? Get a Gecko lizard! A Gecko is good at camouflage. A Gecko would use camouflage to not get eaten by prey. Gecko special hairs make their feet stick so they can stick on surfaces, also they can walk on walls and ceilings. The Gecko will need sand because it likes desert food, someone to keep it entertained like a person owner, or guardian, to have fun with your pet let it skin smooth and turn black. A Gecko lizard would bask in the sun make its skin smooth, 25 eggs or fewer it is a perfect pet to keep indoors, too keep it from getting cold. Geckos are not venomous because they are friendly, they also do not bite. You can tell by the noise they make or their color so they are telling you to stay away. A Gecko Lizard eats flies and drinks water. Gecko needs healthy food and water, like apples, lettuce, make sure you feed the Gecko one apple or lettuce at a time.



The lIZARD IS staying on a log.

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my name is RJ.



LIZARDS eat food.

LIZARDS use tongues to smell.

LIZARD BY RILEE

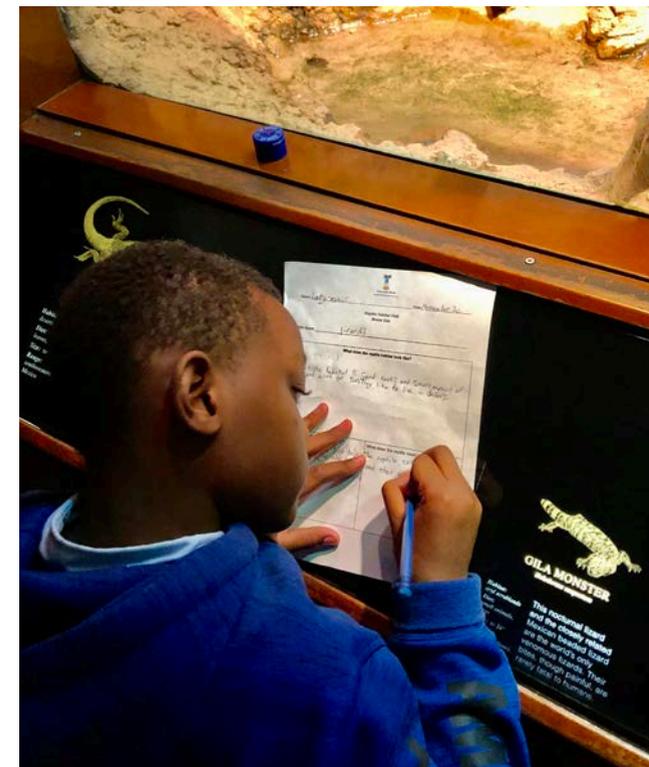
Would you like a lizard for a pet. The lizard need food to stay alive and there meat eaters. lizards blend in to branches and sand and rocks and brick walls and they blend in to be safe. lizards stay in the sun to stay warm. The lizard eat mice meat. The lizard needs water and food to survive and I will put a light in it's cage to be warm. The lizard will need a cage. you can play hide and seek with the lizard in your house and watch tv together. A lizard could be a good pet because it will make you peak.



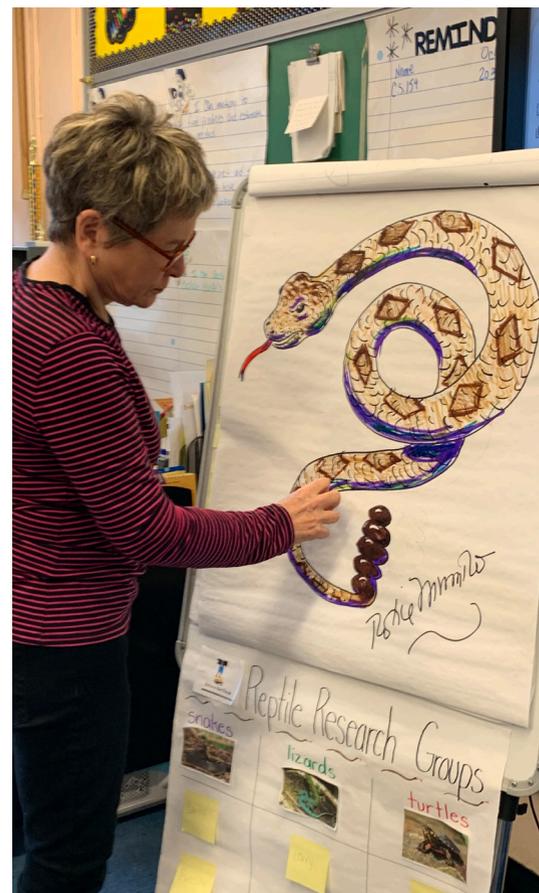
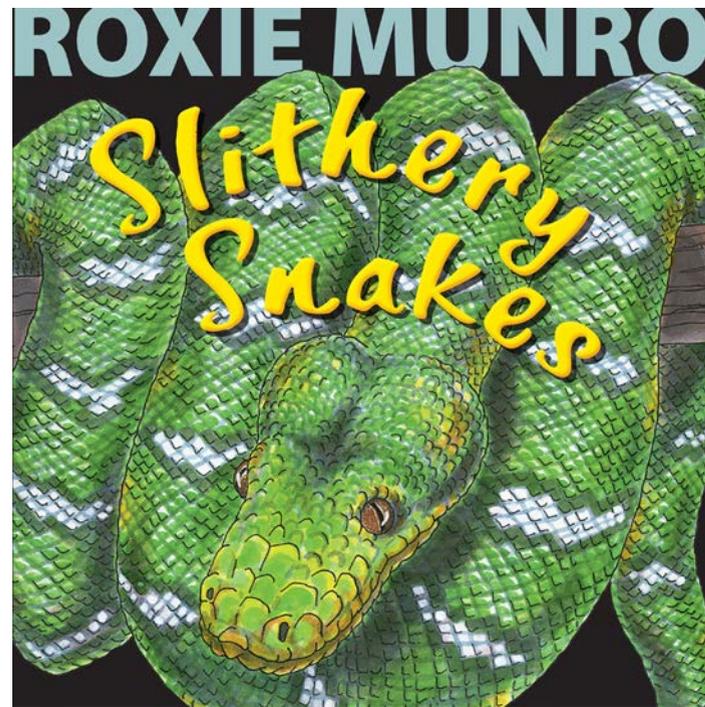
SNAKES BY SYDNEY

IF you looking Pet you should get a Snake. My Snake is interesting because it teeth is blue. Snakes are cold blooded they need a heat light in there tanks, Snake make good Pets because they can eat rats for you and they they can live a life time. Snakes need food, air and sun light, water to survive. To make Snakes feel at home you need soft floors, food, plants. To have fun with my pet I would talk to him and give him a name. Snakes are quiet cool and there scales have different colors It doesn't cost a lot to have a Snake

LIZARDS BY TAVON



Above: A class trip to the reptile exhibit at the Bronx Zoo



ABOUT THE VISITING AUTHOR

ROXIE MUNRO

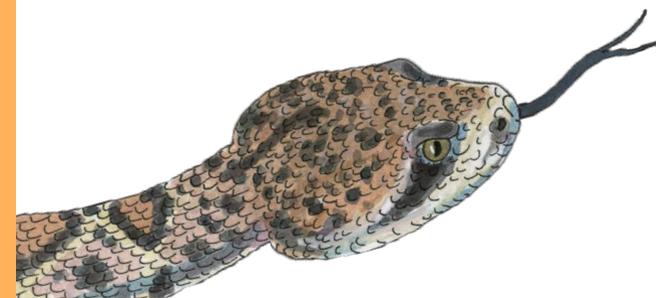
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Roxie Munro is the author/illustrator of more than 40 nonfiction books for children. Her books have been translated into French, Italian, Dutch, Chinese, and Japanese.

Roxie was born in Texas, and grew up in southern Maryland, by the Chesapeake Bay. At the age of six, she won first prize in a county-wide contest for a painting of a bowl of fruit. She has been a working artist all her life, for a while freelancing in Washington DC as a television courtroom artist. Clients have included CBS, the Washington Post, and the Associated Press. Fourteen of her paintings have been published as covers of The New Yorker magazine.

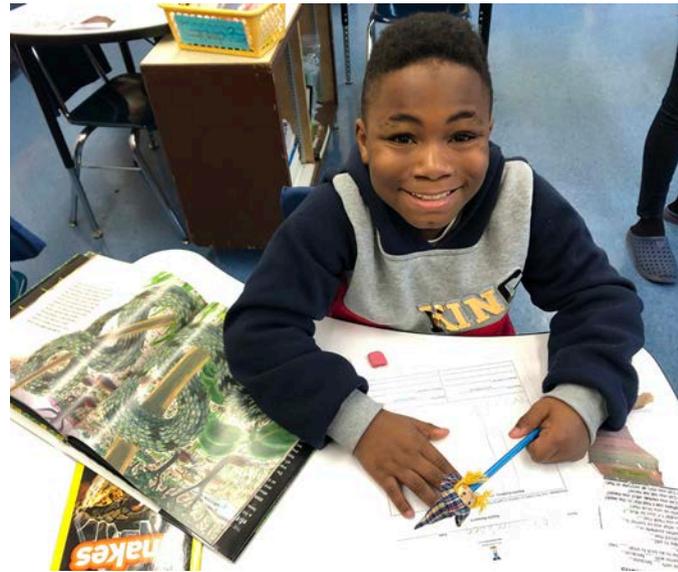
Roxie studied at the University of Maryland, the Maryland Institute College of Art (Baltimore), earned a BFA in Painting from the University of Hawaii, attended graduate school at Ohio University (Athens), and received a Yaddo Fellowship in Painting. She lectures in museums, schools, libraries, conferences, and teaches in workshops.

Many oils and watercolors are views from the roof of her sky-lighted loft studio in Long Island City, New York, just across the East River from her home in Manhattan where she lives with her husband, Swedish writer/photographer, Bo Zaunders.



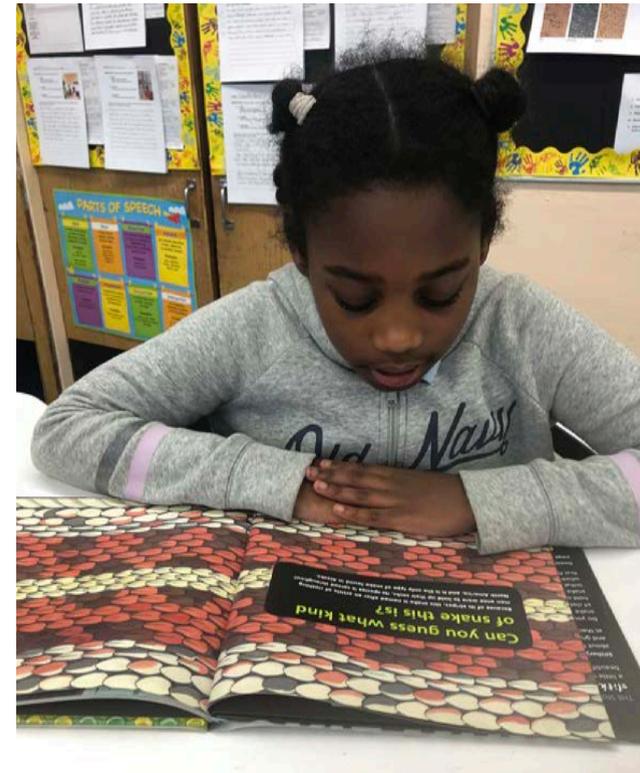
ABOUT THE STUDENT AUTHORS

Class 3/4-203 is made up of curious, intelligent and kind students who enjoy learning about their world and the amazing creatures that inhabit it.



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READING

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.3.1

Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.3.2

Determine the main idea of a text; recount the key details and explain how they support the main idea.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.3.7

Use information gained from illustrations (e.g., maps, photographs) and the words in a text to demonstrate understanding of the text (e.g., where, when, why, and how key events occur).

WRITING

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.3.2.A

Introduce a topic and group related information together; include illustrations when useful to aiding comprehension.

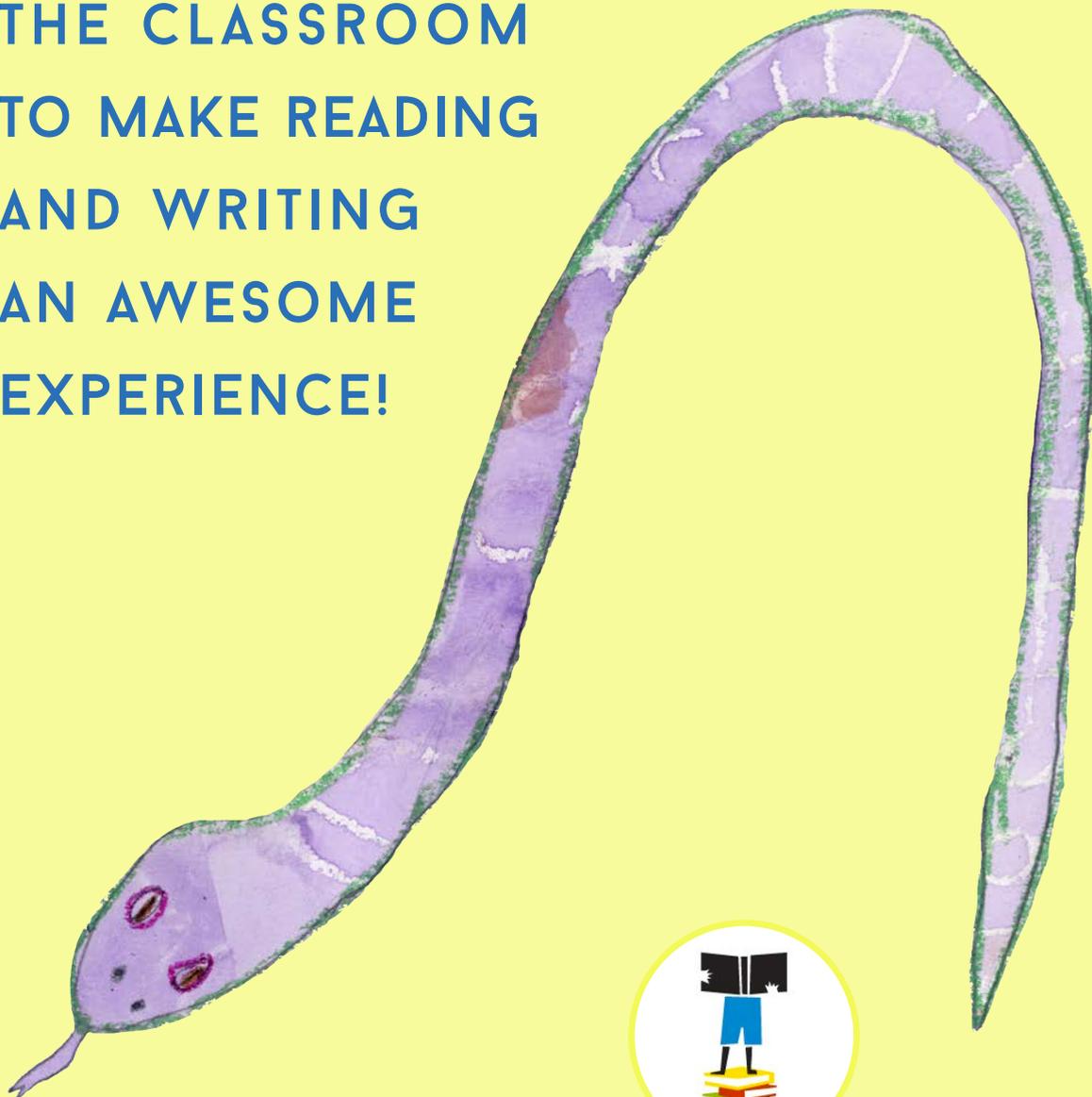
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.3.2.B

Develop the topic with facts, definitions, and details.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.3.5

With guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, and editing.

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