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**I** met Turtle on the day I was born.  
On that great and important day, I was totally  
tiny and Turtle was way bigger than me.  
Now I'm way bigger than Turtle. But that doesn't matter.  
We're best friends. We've been together forever.

Way back when I was a little baby,  
every time I put my arms  
around Turtle, I smiled.



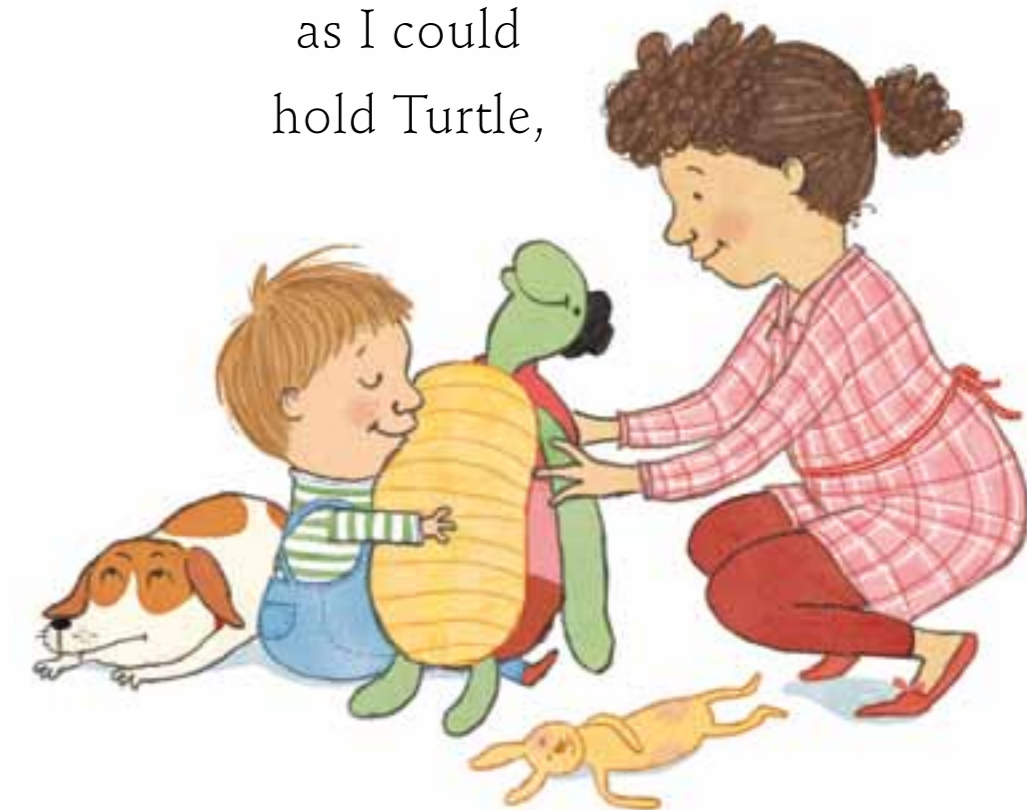
And every time  
I rubbed Turtle's tummy,  
I laughed.

Back when I was  
a bigger baby, I *had* to  
have Turtle around.



Every single time  
Mummy left the room,  
I yelled *Waaaaaaah!*

But as soon  
as I could  
hold Turtle,



I stopped yelling.  
Holding Turtle made me  
feel okay again.

When I was still a little child and had to take a nap, sometimes I felt lonely and sad. But as soon as I snuggled up with my soft and cuddly Turtle, I didn't feel lonely or sad any more.

