



How did the turtles break the fruit?



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Carolyn and Martin Lüönd would like to dedicate this book to our mothers, Natalie Fortin and Senta Lüönd, whose love of reading was passed on to us. It is our wish that children all over the world enjoy a lifetime of reading as we and our moms have and that as a result each fulfills his or her life dreams.

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The tortoise sees the monkeys eating wood-apples and wants to taste them. But first, he has to figure out how to crack open the hard shell. Can you help him?

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