

Summary of Swim Buddies

Alexa who is the main character of this story has an autistic brother, Jonah. Because Jonah loves to follow his sister around, Alexa often gets embarrassed by what her brother does. Since Jonah has autism, he often behaves strangely in social situations. For example, he often asks strangers inappropriate questions, or he yells in restaurants. Although she is trained to take care of him ever since her brother was born, she sometimes couldn't bear with his brother's embarrassing behaviors.

Once Alexa's mother won a trip to St Thomas at work. Alexa was very happy, because he could finally see the green sea turtle. She has always dreamed of swimming with green sea turtles, so she was excited about the trip. On the day of snorkeling, Alexa wanted to get rid of her brother, so she asked her father to take care of her brother. Alexa turned and swam, heading in a different direction. Alexa wanted to get as far away as she could from all the other snorkelers as well as to get close to the green turtles. Alexa kept looking for the sea turtles she finally got to see them. When she saw the lonely green turtle swimming, it reminded her that Jonah was lonely too. Therefore, Alexa swam to her dad and brother and told them the location of the green turtle. Alexa felt like she had taken a wonderful journey after swimming with her younger brother and the green turtles.