

# Quality Serials

By Mary Maden

## *A Magical Beach Holiday* Information Sheet

*A Magical Beach Holiday* is written by award-winning author, Mary Maden, and illustrated by Vicki Wallace. The serial story is 8 chapters with 530 words per chapter. (A 5-chapter, 800-word version is also available.) The story is designed to run in weekly installments or more frequently.



### Story Description:

A Magical Beach Holiday is a delightful, warm-hearted story about the true meaning of the Holiday Season. It features adorable animal characters including Petey the pony, Tazz the dog, a cast of beach creatures and a grumpy old hermit crab (you guessed it, he's a Scrooge!). There's also a beach angel to add to the ensemble.

Petey and Tazz are going to get their first Holiday tree. Petey thinks Holidays are all about having the "best tree in the whole, wide world!" His friend Tazz thinks Holidays are all about getting presents. So Petey and Tazz go on a quest for the perfect Holiday tree. After finding "the" tree, they realize that the tree needs something—decorations!

With the help of the other beach creatures, they decorate the Holiday tree. There's only one thing missing... Something special to put on top of the tree! It is decided that the tree has to have the most beautiful shell on the beach to be complete. The only problem is, the most beautiful shell belongs to the mean, old hermit crab that lives all alone at the end of the beach. And nobody dares go there. (Even the shark is afraid to go!)

Bravely, Petey and Tazz go to find the old crab and ask him for his shell. The nasty hermit crab chases them away, Petey and Tazz return empty-handed. All the beach creatures are sad. It looks like their Holiday is ruined!

Suddenly a beach angel appears. The beautiful angel brings a message of peace, love and joy and teaches the beach creatures the true meaning of the Holiday Season—love. Even the old hermit crab finds happiness in this wonderful story!

A Magical Beach Holiday will put a smile on your face and a lump in your throat. Its simple, beautiful message is universal. To quote the beach angel: "To all creatures, great and small, peace on earth, goodwill to all!"

### Story Specifics:

- Suggested reading level: 2<sup>nd</sup> — 4<sup>th</sup>. Read aloud for all ages.
- Length of chapters: 5 chapters at 800 words or 8 chapters at 550 words.
- Includes two pieces of logo art and one piece of art per chapters. Art work in black & white or color..
- Teaching guide by Lynne Cahill of the West Australian is included **FREE** !