

# SUMMER



Summer and the Seashell Secret

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Montana is enjoying a bright, sunny day at the beach with her family all around her. She carefully places her colorful seashells on the warm sand, listening to the gentle sound of the ocean waves.



Suddenly, Montana hears a soft flapping sound coming from nearby. She looks around quickly to make sure no one is watching so she can sneak away and see what is making the noise.



Behind a quiet dune, Montana finds the cutest thing she has ever seen. It is a short, fluffy, multicolored creature with two big blue eyes and a tiny, sweet mouth, busy collecting its own seashells.

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The little creature is a bit shy but looks very playful as it flutters its wings. Montana giggles and tells the creature that she will call her Summer.



As the sun shines down, Montana and Summer become the best of friends. Summer even reaches out to hold Montana's hand and together they fly gracefully across the bright blue sky.



When it is time to leave, Summer wants to help pack up the gear, but Montana tells her it is okay. Feeling left out, Summer gets angry and flies in wild circles, picking up towels, hats, bags, and sunnies.



Montana realizes that Summer just wants to be helpful and speaks softly to calm her down. She asks Summer if she would like to help pack up after all, and they happily finish the job together.

# HIDE-AND-SEEK



Montana asks Summer if she wants to play a game of hide and seek. Summer chirps a yes, so Montana covers her eyes and counts to ten while her fluffy friend disappears to find a hiding spot.



Montana looks everywhere but she cannot find Summer anywhere on the beach and begins to panic. Just as she starts to worry, Summer pops out from her clever hiding spot, and Montana gives her a giant, happy squeeze.



With the sun setting over the ocean, Montana and Summer know they have found a special bond. From now on, they will go everywhere together, sharing every new adventure that comes their way.