

So much more than a book about sea turtles, *Tracks in the Sand* is the profile of a state's rich coastal heritage and a showcase of its characters. Detailed with photography mined from decades of volunteer work, and fascinating in-depth personal portraits, it combines science with a poetic sense of insight uncharacteristic of the nature genre.

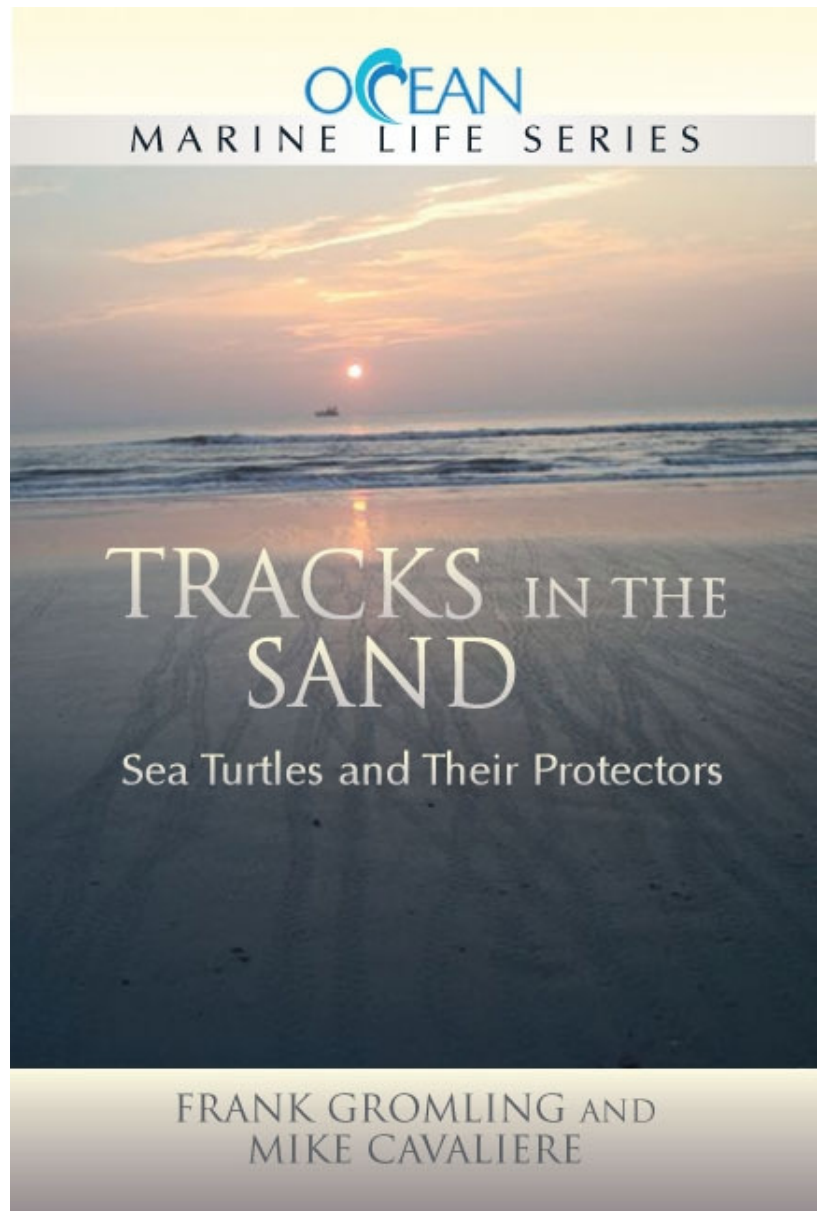
Don't call it a turtle book. This is a story about people, passion and purpose—turtles just happen to be the bond to tie all of those things together.

The Turtle Patrol is not just a funny name—it's a tradition, a band of hundreds of Floridian volunteers who monitor their backyard beaches every summer in the name of sea turtle conservation and protection. These enthusiasts are passionate, eccentric and absolutely unique, a culture entirely unto themselves. This is their story, tinted green and gliding through the waves.

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FRANK GROMLING & MIKE CAVALIERE each offer unique talents and sensibilities to this collaboration. Frank, an entrepreneur and nature expert, and Mike, an editor and creative writer, have done something special with *Tracks in the Sand*, creating a work that is as educational and coherent as it is eclectic and personal.



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