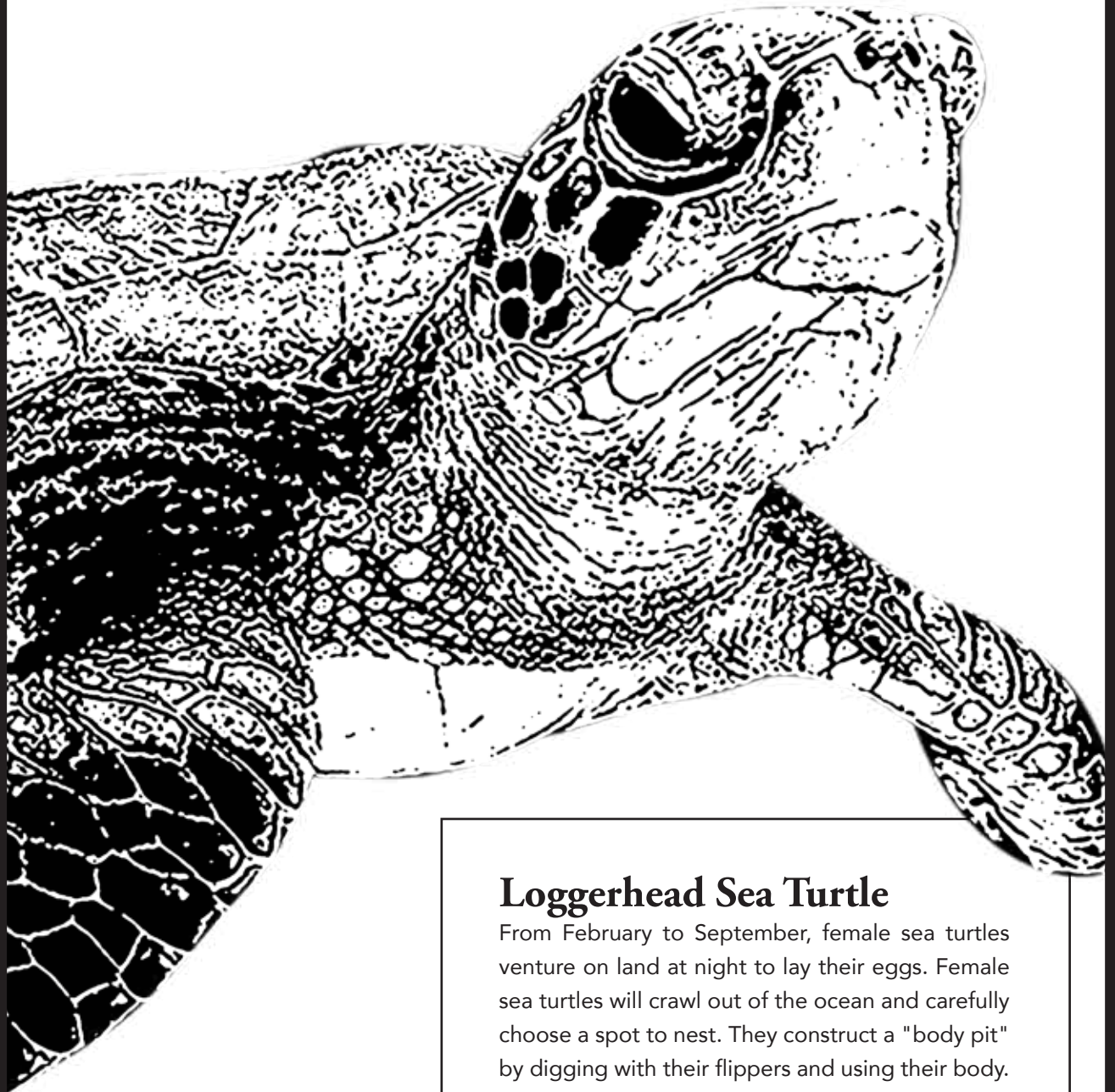


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Loggerhead Sea Turtle

From February to September, female sea turtles venture on land at night to lay their eggs. Female sea turtles will crawl out of the ocean and carefully choose a spot to nest. They construct a "body pit" by digging with their flippers and using their body. Each sea turtle will lay between 80 to 120 eggs. Once the sea turtle is finished nesting she will cover the eggs and return to the ocean.