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Surprising Sharks: Read And Wonder





Synopsis

"Everything works in this book â " the informative yet humorous writing, the not-too-scary illustrations, and a superb layout that employs multisized text and bright color backgrounds to great effect." â "THE HORN BOOK"SHAAAARRRKK!" That's probably the last word anyone wants to hear while swimming in the warm blue sea. But most sharks aren't at all what people expect. In fact, those who think all sharks are giant, man-eating killers are in for a surprise. The compelling narrative, colorful illustrations, and captivating facts in SURPRISING SHARKS reveal that sharks come in all shapes and sizes â " and probably should be more afraid of humans than we are of them.

Book Information

Lexile Measure: 710L (What's this?) Series: Read and Wonder Paperback: 32 pages Publisher: Candlewick (April 26, 2005) Language: English ISBN-10: 0763627429 ISBN-13: 978-0763627423 Product Dimensions: 9.1 x 0.2 x 9.9 inches Shipping Weight: 1.2 pounds (View shipping rates and policies) Average Customer Review: 4.3 out of 5 stars 12 customer reviews Best Sellers Rank: #57,957 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #18 in A Books > Science & Math > Biological Sciences > Animals > Fish & Sharks #29 in Books > Children's Books > Education & Reference > Science Studies > Nature > Oceans & Seas #32 in Books > Children's Books > Education & Reference > Science Studies > Nature > Water Age Range: 4 - 8 years Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

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Nicola Davies, a zoologist and author of such books as WILD ABOUT DOLPHINS, ONE TINY TURTLE, and BAT LOVES THE NIGHT, has a special love of the sea. She has seen basking

sharks off the coast of England and once came face to face with a shark while she was snorkeling a baby spotted dogfish about the size of a sardine. Since sharks have been on Earth a lot longer than humans, she feels they deserve our respect and protection. She lives in Somerset, England.James Croft has always enjoyed drawing sharks and finds that their teeth, speed, and the sense of danger they evoke fuel his imagination like no other creature. The illustrator of numerous books for children, including the Brand New Readers MOUSE HAS FUN and MOUSE GOES OUT by Phyllis Root, James Croft lives and works in London.

We teach shark week at our preschool center... I just reordered this book because our original copy fell apart from years of overuse... it teaches the children about sharks without the terrifying pictures you see I most of the other child oriented books... For years the children in my care have remembered more about the different types of sharks, their varying diets, shark anatomy, and human impact on them after reading this particular book... The illustrations are well done... My loves this book so much, he drew his own version and stapled the pages together! The book also uses humor which helps to maintain their attention...

The illustrations are fun and beautiful. It doesn't focus on sharks being scary like so many other shark books and it's got great shark facts for my shark obsessed 5 year old!

It is hard to find narrative nonfiction and this book nails it. I can read it entirely to my class.

Love everything by Nicola Davies!

Very instructive book about sharks , easy , fun and clear for the kids to understand the content of the book .

Perfect for lessons!

Get the version with a CD! Search for "read, listen, and wonder"===========WARNING: Once you buy one of these you will need to buy more. This is because you will get sick of hearing the same story on constant repeat a hundred gazillion times during your car rides. I purchased a copy via our local aquarium gift shop. I'm now a huge fan of the "read, listen, and wonder" series based on this sharks book and their seahorses book. In fact, I'm starting to wonder if I'm a covert Candlewick Press fanatic (see my reviews of the Oscar the cat series by Geoff Waring). Make sure you get a copy that is "Read, Listen, and Wonder" not just "Read and Wonder." For a couple of dollars more, you get a very nicely done audio CD. It seems like all the CD's in this series follow a basic pattern 1) narrator reads the main story 2) narrator reads the "factoids" that accompany the story 3) narrator reads the main story again, but this time there is a chime to let kids know when to turn the page.My child is three years old, and many parts of these books are way over his head. But he does still pick up a ton of useful and interesting information from listening to the book and looking at the book. I think these are books that will have a long life span, I can see him liking them even when he is in elementary school because of all the factoids. I myself have learned a few facts from each of the books despite having visited multiple aquariums and watching multiple documentaries and reading national geographic! These books have good info in them! And I suspect that each of them has a bit of a conversation/take care of nature message in them as well, which I really appreciate.Nicely done Candlewick! Now just make it easier for us to find more books from this series! It seems like a few of them are out of print.

This book is an informational book about different kinds of sharks and facts about them. It is also funny with jokes on pages 6,8,11, and 18. Donâ Â[™]t skip the little notes on each page. Read SURPRISING SHARKS NOW! You wonâ Â[™]t REGRET IT!!!

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