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Anyone who's ever been in the ocean has thought it: Are there sharks swimming here too? But people's fear far outweighs the danger. Acclaimed science writer Seymour Simon sets the record straight. Sharks are serious predators, but more people are killed in car accidents during a single holiday weekend than have been killed by sharks in the past hundred years.

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Heidi Garner says

Seymour Simon's "Sharks" was written with the intent of informing readers about the many characteristics of sharks, in hopes of raising awareness and decreasing fear of sharks. Simon talks about the fact that sharks rarely bite humans and when they do it is because they are confusing the humans for seals or sea lions. This book is full of information about sharks appearances, mating habits, diets, births, etc. This book also includes a lot of the scientific vocabulary. This book also includes a lot pictures of different sharks, not just great whites or tiger sharks, like are normally seen.

I think this book would be a great resource for a research project that students could complete during a lesson about animals. This book will help broaden students vocabulary, as well as their knowledge base on sharks. This book would be best in 3-5 classrooms because of the more complex vocabulary terms and different concepts that it addresses. This book would also be a good one to have in your classroom library because many students would benefit from and enjoy reading it.

Mr. Coomey teacher says

I thought this book ws freaky but awesome because I LOVE !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! sharks.

Alyson Carroll says

If you love sharks, this is the book for you. Everything you could ever learn about sharks is in this book. There are also really cool, closeup pictures of each shark mentioned. I would definitely recommend this book for my students to do research with.

Randie D. Camp, M.S. says

All about sharks. The vocabulary was beyond my ability but my 5 year-old enjoyed helping me sound out shark specific terms. Way too long, but a child (or adult) hungry for knowledge about sharks would adore this.

Courtney Ingraham says

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Class 501 says

My review on this book is; I never knew the great white shark had it's own movie named jaws and I also did not know they lay eggs and been here 400 million years ago and I knew the whale shark was not the only biggest shark 400 million years ago there was a shark bigger than the whale shark named the Megalodon it's called that because it's the mega shark bigger then a t-rex and whale shark it swallows everything whole except the t-rex. A shark can feel a injured fish 30,000 feet away a shark can smell tiny bits of blood and track it down it does not matter how far it will still track it down. A shark can hear a injured fish thrashing away a shark is so fast it will catch the fish. Here's a few tips to protect yourself from a shark: 1. Do not swim in where sharks have been seen, in places garbage or waste are dumped. 2. Always swim in group. Sharks attack single people. 3. if you have a cut stay out of the water until it stops bleeding. 4. Remove jewelry before you go swimming, sharks likely to attack bright or shiny objects. 5. Do not panic! tuck your arms and legs towards your body and try your best not to move the more you splash around the more interested the shark will be in you. By D'Angelo St. Arrommand

Sheryl Smith says

This is a geat bilingual book, going/coming from either language, Spanish or English. There is enough of the easy common words, with the introduction of some specific words having to do with sharks.

Very cool pictures!!!

Kendall Kraiss says

I actually observed a first grade student read this book and it was a perfect book for that grade level. He really liked the book and he was able to comprehend the information. The pictures provided were good because they support the text very well. I was surprised about how much information their are about sharks. I (21 years old) learned so much about sharks just by reading this elementary school level book. Amazing what is available to kids today.

Cyndi says

My nephew is not a fan of reading, but he really liked this book. The back cover has pictures of covers of books on other topics and he told me that we need to tell his dad to get those books for him.

Corkery says

What was good about the book?

It gave me more information on sharks wich helped me learn more.This book also helped me learn about sharks having no bones and that they have something called cartillage.This book helped in learning much.

Describe the characters or the main idea.

The main idea was on sharks life's.It talks about the things that sharks eat.It talks about their weakness.

Explain the audience of the book(ages,interests)

There were no humans only sharks.I guess this makes sharks the main characters.This book is for people who like and want to learn about sharks.

Oswaldo Nunez

The Reading Countess says

I recently had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Simon speak at NCTE, so when my youngest son came home with this one tucked in his backpack, we had much to share.

You can't go wrong with anything from this man. He is a delightful speaker and an even more talented author.

Any one of his books would make wonderful mentors for informational text writing.

This time he served as a mentor to a burgeoning reader.

Alejandra Acosta says

Insightful, informative, and intense.

Deanna says

We really liked this book. The book we read was from the "Smithsonian" series however, so I don't know if the pictures are different in that edition. The cover is different at any rate. Lots of good information and GREAT pictures.

Brigid Sullivan says

This informational text discusses sharks. It is a picture book for young to older elementary students. There is a fascination with sharks for people at any age. My Kindergartners and I read this book and they were really into it! Even the ones that have a fear of sharks (myself included) are intrigued by these beasts of the ocean. This book discusses the shark body, different types of sharks, shark babies, people and sharks and sharks as predators. It is a perfect book to use to talk about the Table of Contents, non fiction, titles and headings and supporting evidence and details.

This could be incorporated into a science unit on predators, water life, ancient animals, adaptations, or people's interactions with their environment. You could also use it in a lesson about previewing a book by taking a picture walk through the book first before reading.

Theresa says

Breif informational story
