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# Shark Lady: The True Story Of How Eugenie Clark Became The Ocean's Most Fearless Scientist



## Synopsis

An Best Book of the Month! This is the story of a woman who dared to dive, defy, discover, and inspire. This is the story of Shark Lady. Eugenie Clark fell in love with sharks from the first moment she saw them at the aquarium. She couldn't imagine anything more exciting than studying these graceful creatures. But Eugenie quickly discovered that many people believed sharks to be ugly and scary and they didn't think women should be scientists. Determined to prove them wrong, Eugenie devoted her life to learning about sharks. After earning several college degrees and making countless discoveries, Eugenie wrote herself into the history of science, earning the nickname "Shark Lady." Through her accomplishments, she taught the world that sharks were to be admired rather than feared and that women can do anything they set their minds to. An inspiring story by critically acclaimed zoologist Jess Keating about finding the strength to discover truths that others aren't daring enough to see. Includes a timeline of Eugenie's life and many fin-tastic shark facts!

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

"The writing flows well, keeping a clear focus on Clark and her dream, while including pertinent details from the career of "the Shark Lady," known for her groundbreaking research and her work to change people's perceptions of sharks... A lively introduction to an American scientist." - Booklist "A tribute to the courage and indomitable will of the renowned ichthyologist. This eloquent profile

follows Clark from a childhood visit to an aquarium through her demonstration that sharks can actually be trained and so are not "mindless killers" as widely supposed" - Kirkus "The aquatic creatures, drawn with big doe eyes, are depicted as friendly, happy creatures. Back matter includes additional information in a section titled "Shark Bites." A fine way to introduce young children to science" - School Library Journal "Keating (Pink Is for Blobfish) offers a lively portrait of scientist Eugenie Clark, who pursued a passion for sharks... Through Clark's story, Keating suggests that, with perseverance, a childhood fascination can evolve into a life's work." - Publishers Weekly "Commemorating a lifetime of discovery and exploration, Shark Lady, from Jess Keating, follows the extraordinary path of Eugenie Clark-inspirational scientist, professor, zoologist, deep sea diver, and champion of sharks the oceans over. Boldly hued and fluidly graceful, illustrations from Marta Álvarez Miguéns, complete with fun facts and a timeline, creatively convey Eugenie's courage and determination as she dives into books, laboratories, education, and open waters to share her love and knowledge of the often misunderstood predators." - Foreword Review "Shark Lady" is a great book to read with a child on one's lap, introducing him or her both to the ocean world as well as someone who defied the naysayers and became a world-renowned scientist and advocate." - Deeper Blue "This is an inspirational story of a woman who challenged perceptions at a time when few women were encouraged to enter the profession... a great selection for women's history month or for units on ocean life." - School Library Connection

As an author and zoologist, Jess Keating has tickled a shark, lost a staring contest against an octopus, and been a victim to the dreaded paper cut. She lives in Ontario, Canada, where she spends most of her time writing books for adventurous and funny kids. Her first fiction novel *How to Outrun a Crocodile When Your Shoes Are Untied* received a Starred Review from Kirkus and has been nominated for a Red Maple award. Visit her online at [jesskeating.com](http://jesskeating.com).

While I'm not necessarily a fan of sharks, I'm a huge fan of Jess's book! The information she shared through the story she told was spectacular. I paused in quite a few places to just take in the beautiful way it was written. Jess had such a way with words. I can't wait to show this one to my fourth graders!

My 8 year old son is both shark and history obsessed. He loves this book!

Shark lady is a beautifully written and illustrated book that celebrates an incredible scientist. Full of

great shark facts and fantastic back matter, this is the perfect book for any young scientist or animal lover!

I don't usually review picture books, but I knew *Shark Lady* was the perfect book for my family. My oldest son is 7 and mostly reads nonfiction with a heavy emphasis on sharks. His goal is to write a book about sharks and asked for a typewriter last Christmas so that he could start writing his book. This book is everything we were looking for. Eugenie Clark lived such an inspirational life. What she achieved as a female scientist is incredible considering the mindset regarding women in the workplace at the time. My son appreciated this book more for the "shark scientist" angle and the fact that she lived the life he dreams of. I loved this book for the female empowerment. Eugenie Clark knew what she wanted from life and she didn't let the restrictions of society restrict what she wanted to achieve. *Shark Lady* gave me a glimpse of a woman that I can't wait to know more about. This book is a real gem and I'm glad we found it. We ordered a copy for our bookshelf and can't wait to see it in its final form. I received an advance reader copy of this book that I have chosen to review, but I loved it so much that I purchased a copy for our bookshelf.

Fantastic book! It is a great book to learn about Eugene and has helpful extras after the story including facts, a timeline, and an author's note.

Great book for my Shark loving 6 yo dtr!

Great fun to read and educational story!

Eugenie was a young girl when she first visited an aquarium and fell deeply in love with the creatures there, particularly with the sharks. But it was the 1920's and girls were expected to become housewives or secretaries not scientists. Still, Eugenie never gave up on her dream and continued to study sharks at the library and join the local aquarium as a member. At the time, people thought that sharks were heartless and frightening killers, but Eugenie set out to prove them all wrong. Eugenie got her degree and earned a place on a scientific vessel to study marine life. That was just the beginning of a career that spanned many decades, led to several books and articles, and proved that women have a place in science. Keating shows the growth of Eugenie's scientific aspirations in this nonfiction picture book, moving from her childhood fantasies of swimming with sharks to the lack of support at school and finally to the discoveries that

she made as her dreams became reality. The book has a tone of pure curiosity and joy where readers will cheer Eugenie as she overcomes the many obstacles standing in her way. The illustrations are lighthearted and playful. Aquarium hallways are filled with floating sharks and fish as Eugenie dreams about them. They celebrate the beauty of the ocean and its lifeforms, showing sharks as graceful and amazing rather than dangerous. A vibrant and celebratory nonfiction picture book that embraces women in STEM wholeheartedly. Appropriate for ages 5-8.

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