

WTBBL Book List:

Sharks

Fiction & Nonfiction

Sharks in the Time of Saviors by Kawai Strong Washburn, 2020. ([DB098952](#))

In 1995, seven-year-old Hawaiian boy Nainoa Flores falls overboard on a ship. He is rescued by sharks, which his family believes marks him as favored by the gods. But as time passes, this supposed divine favor begins to drive the family apart. – modified from the publisher’s description

How Far the Light Reaches: A Life in Ten Sea Creatures by Sabrina Imbler, 2022. ([DB111625](#))

Not as shark-specific, but featuring sharks and a vast array of other fascinating marine life. A queer, mixed race writer working in a largely white, male field, science and conservation journalist Sabrina Imbler has always been drawn to the mystery of life in the sea – particularly to creatures living in hostile or remote environments. Each essay in their debut collection profiles one such creature while relating to their own life, family, and relationships. – modified from the publisher’s description

Chasing Shadows by Greg Skomal, 2023. ([DBC11721](#))

Dr. Greg Skomal, one of the leading great white shark experts in the country, reveals the true nature of these mysterious apex predators, as well as the fascinating story behind their history and startling resurgence. – description by publisher

Why Sharks Matter: A Deep Dive with the World's Most Misunderstood Predator by David Shiffman, 2022. ([DB110397](#))

Marine conservation biologist Dr. David Shiffman urges us to overcome our misconceptions and embrace sharks as the imperiled and elegant ocean guardians they really are. Touching on everything from Shark Week to shark fin soup, overfishing to marine sanctuaries, Shiffman reveals why sharks are in trouble, why we should care, and how we can save them. – modified from the publisher's description

The Devil's Teeth: A True Story of Obsession and Survival Among America's Great by Susan Casey, 2005. ([BR017567](#), [DB067002](#))

Account of the author's journey to the Farallon Islands, 27 miles from San Francisco, a renowned refuge of great white sharks. Casey, an editor, relates joining scientists Peter Pyle and Scot Anderson as they study the predators in their natural habitat. – modified from the publisher's description

Close to Shore: The Terrifying Shark Attacks of 1916 by Mike Capuzzo, 2001. ([BR015277](#), [DB055835](#))

Documents the first known shark attacks on humans in the United States, which inspired Jaws. Recounts how several bathers in New Jersey were devoured by a great white shark in July 1916, spreading terror to the shore's vacation retreats. – description from library catalog

Emperors of the Deep: Sharks–The Ocean's Most Mysterious, Most Misunderstood, and Most Important Guardians by William McKeever, 2019. ([DB096261](#))

Conservationist examines the role of sharks in the ecosystem, the ways they have been portrayed in popular media, and the public reaction to those portrayals. Shark species profiled include great whites, makos, hammerheads, and tigers. Other topics include the species' social lives and tracking sharks. – description from library catalog

The Great Shark Rescue: Saving the Whale Sharks by Sandra Markle, 2020. ([DB098376](#))

Award-winning author introduces the whale shark, the largest fish in the ocean that can grow up to 40 feet long. Facing threats from commercial fishing as well as climate change, whale sharks were categorized as endangered in 2016. Meanwhile, Scientists continue to study these gentle giants. – description from library catalog

Children & Young Adult

Deep Wizardry by Diane Duane, 1985. ([DB024679](#))

Grades 5-8. Second book in the Young Wizards series. What's supposed to be a plain old summer vacation takes a turn for the magical when Nita and Kit come to the aid of a fellow wizard. Only, this wizard is a whale, and she needs the two teens to join a group of whales and dolphins in an ancient underwater ritual. But there are dangerous powers in the ocean, such as the enormous Master Shark. – modified from library catalog

Julia and the Shark by Kiran Millwood Hargrave, 2023.
([DB114633](#))

Grades 4-7. Ten-year-old Julia loves the mysteries of the ocean and marine biology, just like her scientist mother. Her family is spending the summer on a remote island where her mom is searching for the elusive Greenland shark, a creature that might be older than the trees, and so rare that it's only been seen a few times. Determined to prove that the shark is real, Julia sets off on a quest to find it herself, armed with a set of coordinates, a compass, and her trusty rain jacket. – description from library catalog

Oona and the Shark by Kelly DiPucchio, 2022. ([DB108274](#))

Grades K-3. Kid's book. Oona the mermaid is friends with everyone, but when her attempts to befriend a shark with sensory issues fail miserably, she realizes what may be fun for her may be overwhelming for him. – modified from library catalog

Shark Lady: The True Story of How Eugenie Clark Became the Ocean's Most Fearless Scientist by Jess Keating, 2017.
([DB091498](#))

Grades K-3. The true story of Eugenie Clark, an ichthyologist whose scientific contributions and passion for sea life taught the world that sharks were to be admired rather than feared. – description from library catalog