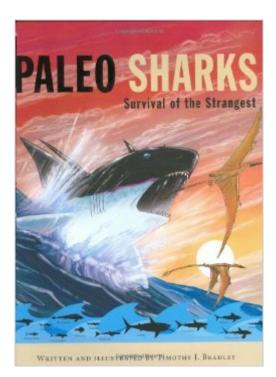
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Paleo Sharks: Survival Of The Strangest





Synopsis

If you think today's sharks are fearsome, wait until you see what swam in the oceans hundreds of millions of years ago! Creatures with snouts like saws, and spiral jaws. Sharks so large they could swallow whales whole. Timothy Bradley's vibrant illustrations and razor-sharp prose bring these ferocious fish and their tamer relatives to life with scientific detail. Learn how they survived catastrophic events that completely wiped other creatures out, and see which of their strange adaptations can still be seen in sharks today.

Book Information

Lexile Measure: 1090L (What's this?) Series: Paleo Hardcover: 48 pages Publisher: Chronicle Books; 1St Edition edition (March 8, 2007) Language: English ISBN-10: 0811848787 ISBN-13: 978-0811848787 Product Dimensions: 8.5 x 0.5 x 10.9 inches Shipping Weight: 14.4 ounces Average Customer Review: 4.7 out of 5 stars Â See all reviews (11 customer reviews) Best Sellers Rank: #842,390 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #87 in Books > Children's Books > Education & Reference > History > Prehistoric #1107 in Books > Children's Books > Growing Up & Facts of Life > Friendship, Social Skills & School Life > Social Skills #1231 in Books > Children's Books > Animals > Marine Life Age Range: 8 - 12 years Grade Level: 3 - 7

Customer Reviews

This book provides an introduction to some of the more bizarre sharks and other sea life that lived in the Earth's oceans prior to man's arrival. The book is divided into a series of two-page spreads. Each spread is dominated by a large color mural featuring one prehistoric shark, with maybe 2 - 3 other sea animals drawn of on the side. The text is usually a couple of paragraphs describing the size, diet and some physical features of the highlighted animals. The level of the text is appropriate for anyone in grade school, but any adult can find this book interesting enough to read it through in one sitting, which is what I did.

This book (and the Paleo series) are excellent! The author put much thought not only into the text of the book, but also the layout. The small added touches add a great deal to kids' enjoyment of these books. I read this book to my son and daughter and both enjoyed it immensely. The younger one was fascinated by the pictures and the side bars comparing the size of the shark discussed to a human. The older one liked the graphics but also focused more on the text. Another bonus was the comparison of prehistoric sharks to existing fish. There are some WEIRD sharks in this book and I thought nothing like this is alive today. After reading the side bar on similar living fish (for each shark), I was disabused of my idea. This book proves that nature is amazingly varied and fascinating!Because of this, I would recommend this book to anyone who has children in the 6+ age for the pictures and side bars. I recommend if you have children in the late elementary to middle school range also, as the text is quite informative and does not talk down to the reader at all.If you're an adult interested in learning about ancient sharks, I also recommend as a starter book. This book covers a subject that is rarely covered compared to dinosaurs.

Tim Bradley's PALEO SHARKS has become one of the most popular books in my middle school science classroom. Student comments include: "Awesome illustrations" and "I never knew there were so many kinds of ancient sharks". Tim's book will teach students and adults a new respect for this ancient ocean dweller that has reigned longer than the dinosaurs but has received less attention.Barbara, Science Teacher

My son has been obsessed with all things ocean for the last year. Recently it has transitioned into prehistoric oceans. We had checked this book out from our local library at least 10 times. He reads it constantly (he's 4, so more looks at the pictures and has us read it to him). It is informative as well as imaginative. A clever book and one we are very happy to have added to our book collection.

So yes, my son is a fan of sharks and all things ocean, sea, water. We recently went to the Monterey Bay Aquarium and saw this book; it was a must have. Very awesome illustrations and facts about these prehistoric and ancient sharks. Very interesting as well to see what and how they looked at least according to scientist interpretation. I strongly recommend this book for anyone who is interested and fascinated in sharks old and new.Logan and I are glad of one thing for sure though; we are glad that either Megaladon is extinct or stays in parts of the ocean that lie undiscovered because that shark was/is unthinkably huge.Oh and yes, this book is always with him. Since we got the book; it has not left his side.

As an elementary school teacher, I look forward to using Tim Bradley's new book, Paleo Sharks, in my classroom. The colorful, action- packed illustrations grab student attention and provide the motivation to explore the non-fiction genre. The side panels are an added bonus, featuring facts and graphics and connections to tie into student background knowledge. I plan on using this book as a browsing box selection for my non-fiction reading and writing unit this year.

I actually looked at this book when my uncle [the author] was getting it ready for publishing. It was because of him that I developed my love for all things prehistoric. I recommend this book to anyone who loves paleontology and sharks. It's a great read. I also recommend my uncle's other books, too!

A good learning reference to primitive sharks. In fact, i suspect this is the only children level reference to this subject.

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