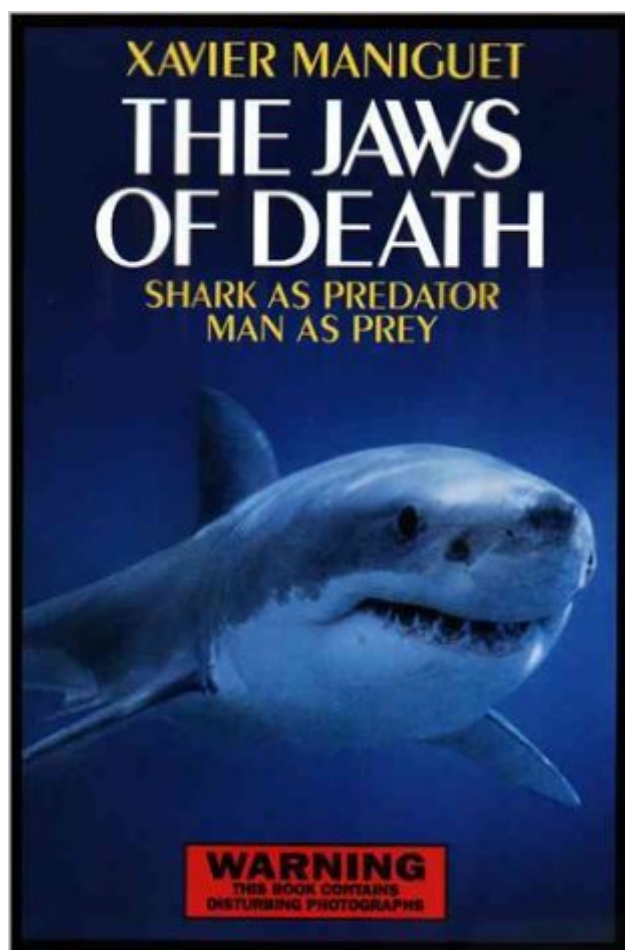


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The Jaws Of Death: Shark As Predator, Man As Prey



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An illustrated, in-depth, and shocking look at nature's most ferocious and greatest hunters, this fascinating directory of sharks details the most compelling and curious facts about each species. 32 full-color photos. ****32 color photos. 6 x 9 1/4.

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Customer Reviews

This book is one of the best I've been able to find on sharks, and I could not put it down! I must have read it over three times already just to remember all the information it contains! It has detailed pictures and information on shark anatomy, favored myths about sharks, factual accounts of shark attacks, some information on other animals such as crocs and killer whales, and xavier puts forth several facts and theories about shark behavior. In the back it also contains an encyclopedia of sharks. This is not a book for those with weak stomachs, since the pictures are very graphic of those attacked by sharks, even though most of which were only 'investigative bites'(and people get struck by lightning more often than attacked by sharks). Since it was originally copyrighten in 1991, there are one or two new shark facts that are missing in this book(as opposed to the many facts that are usually missing in other shark books), but this is still the best for its time, and one of the best informative books for the present. I would suggest this book for anyone deeply interested in sharks. It answers alot of questions and asks many other thought-provoking ones, keeping the reader hooked from cover to cover.

i am also a person that could be considered "obsessed" with sharks. I am only a 14 year old girl and ever since i was eight or nine i have been highly facinated with sharks. Everyday when i come home from school i study shark. i collect teeth and news paper clippings and i take notes from every book i can find. This book just happens to be one that i couldn't peel my eyes away from. It is a facinating book that is very hard to put down. It kept me interested throughout it and it should be highly recognised.

The Jaws of Death was an amazing book. For all the techincal information on the animal's biology, I found it to be an easy read. Although, I'm probably bias, because I've always found sharks to be interesting. Maniguet gives countless examples of shark attacks, and then explains why the shark might have attacked. It's a nice insight into their thinking. Numerous diagrams of the shark's anatomy help with explaining the complex sensory organs. They are absoluting incredible! This is a great book for anyone who is really intrigued by these beautiful animals. Even if you don't find them to be the most amazing creatures, you will after flipping through this book.

Finally, a book that tells the truth about the how high the number of shark attacks on man throughout the world really is, and how they do indeed deliberately target man as a food source, when presented with the opportunity. Don't believe the Discovery Channel's and Animal Rights advocates' bull crap; sharks deliberately attack people hundreds to thousands of times per year. "Just a few attacks a year" and "Mistaken Identity" are two of the biggest loads of crap that the main stream media feed to the ignorant public. This book also has amazing scientific information on physiology, what color is most attractive to sharks, historical first hand accounts by victims, rescuers, and other witnesses, graphic photos to depict the damage they cause to their victims, etc etc. Worth every penny!

Maniguet covers just about every aspect of sharks, and from a perspective of human contact. One long chapter covers shark attacks on humans, while the rest of the book covers anatomy, behaviour, and human interface, with some attacks interspersed. The book is technical in parts, but not too much so. I was looking for a factual book on sharks and shark attacks, not sensational but not boring, and this was perfect.

Although known as the swimming death of the seas Xavier Maniguet tries to explain the truth about sharks. He also tries to close a gap between this perfect fitted animal and its status of a

killer-machine. Especially by facing the reader with some horrifying photographs of human shark-attack victims. But the book also shows in a scientific and breathtaking way the other strange side of these misunderstood animals and let sharks not look like a man-eating machine but also as an important member in our ecosystem. For those who are really interested in sharks this paper is a MUST! And for me who faced a real Great White once in South Africa it is even more than that.

This is one of the BEST shark books I have ever read: very informative and educational, plus great pictures. So glad I purchased it and, actually, I couldn't wait until I received it! I definitely recommend this book to anyone who studies or enjoys reading about sharks. What I really appreciated about it was that it contains very graphic pictures of shark attack victims -- I've never seen photos like them in any other book. One peek and the reader will think twice about going into the water. I can't say enough good things about the book.

The book is an eye opener for people not so familiar with sharks, especially the great white. Xavier Maniguet was able to present the shark in its truest form: grace, beauty, and danger combined. The book makes you wonder how a creature, decidedly primitive by its existence for millions of years, can still survive and outlive most species of animals be it on land, in air or in water. More power and congratulations to the author and all the contributors of a very important piece of work well done. Katrina Azcona(kilo_alpha@hotmail.com)

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