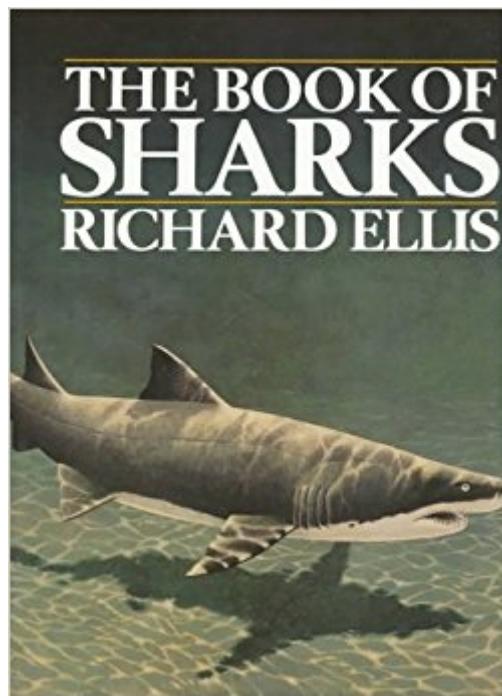


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# The Book Of Sharks



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## Customer Reviews

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Ellis paintings are awesome, the text way informative, a Must Have for the Sharkophile !!! The prologue battle between swordfish and shark mesmerizing. This book was written about the time Jaws came out so a time capsule of real shark people. Also documentation of the first Megamouth specimen at publication.

I wish people would focus more on learning about these creatures than fishing them out of the ocean and killing them. They have been part of this world for 300 million years, a lot longer than man is likely to be around. They are such interesting, beautiful creatures, and, only a fraction of the 300 + species are so-called man eaters. The color plates in this book are absolutely outstanding. Richard Ellis is a genius in depicting the shark, and, its surrounding environment. If you have an interest in nature, or, in sharks, try this book. I purchased the hardback version of this book in 1975, and, I consider it to be one of my prized possessions. I believe a new hardback version, today, would cost \$300. It would be well worth it. There is also a Richard Ellis 'Book of Whales', another treat for the eyes, and, the brain.

This book does not have many pictures, but it does have many, many fascinating stories from researchers who studied sharks. These are real life adventures and keep me glued to the pages at times. I bought this for my nephew, but now I am hooked. Many of the real-life tales are written in the first person as one would write in a diary. Fascinating!! It is not written for a young child, but for teenagers and older.

Ellis is one of my favorite authors and this book is one of the reasons. It's well written and as usual, his illustrations are beautiful. A great choice for anyone who enjoys reading about these amazing fish.

Keep looking as there are better books out there. The material seems a bit dated. I gave it to me local thrift store, and bought "The Best Book of Sharks" instead.

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This book can serve as a great endtable book with its large-page (12.5" x 9") format and accurate paintings of a variety of sharks by R. Ellis, but this book is more than that. The book has excellent illustrations, paintings, and photographs, and biographies of several prominent shark researchers, conservationists, and shark-hunters. But more importantly, this book does a good job of summarizing aspects of the biology, ecology, and evolution of this amazing and intriguing group of animals. Is this "the" definitive shark book? I would say that's a safe statement for the non-technical crowd. The only thing it needs to keep the technical crowd happy is a comprehensive list of references to scientific literature that was used to provide the information detailed in the book. If you are interested in marine life, and in the lives and times of this group of top predators, then this book is for you. Top marks, even though some of the information is becoming somewhat dated.

I was so excited when I found this book on that I rush ordered it right away! You see, this book has been a personal favorite of mine for 25 years. As a boy growing up I would borrow this book from the library over and over. Since then, my interest and knowledge in sharks has grown but this is one of the books that started it all. A great book for experts, amateurs or the merely curious, *The Book Of Sharks* is a great addition to anyone's library who has an interest in sharks. Packed with lots of information, photos & Richard Ellis's beautiful illustrations, this book is a classic that stands the test

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