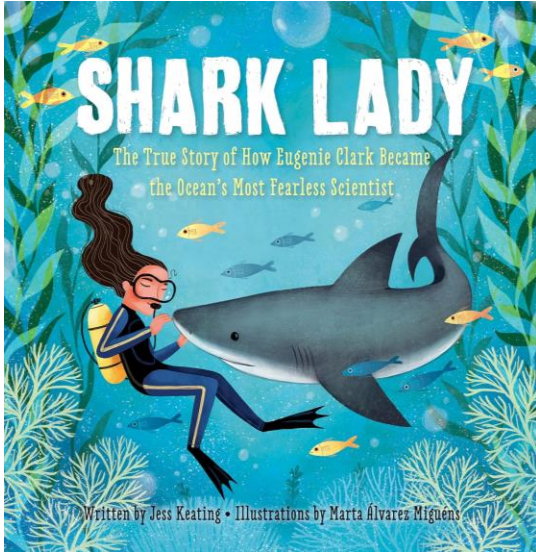


Discussion Guide for Families



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

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Themes: Environment and Sustainability

Book Brief: Eugenie Clark, known as the "Shark Lady," defied stereotypes by dedicating her life to studying sharks and proving they are graceful and fascinating creatures rather than scary predators. Her groundbreaking work and passion for science inspired others to admire sharks and believe that women can achieve anything they set their minds to.

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Ask your child “Why do you think someone might want to study sharks? What makes them interesting or important to learn about?”

While Reading: Make Connections

- What made Eugenie Clark so passionate about sharks, even when others thought they were scary?
- How did Eugenie’s research change what people believed about sharks?
- What challenges did Eugenie face as a woman in science, and how did she overcome them?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- What are some fascinating facts about sharks that you learned from Eugenie Clark’s story, and why do you think her work was important?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book, consider:

- Encourage them to talk about it during other conversations.
- Check out RIF’s [Sustainable Futures](#) center to learn more about sustainability with related books and resources.