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Amazing Sharks!

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Thomson, Sarah L. *Amazing Sharks!* Harper Collins, 2005. ISBN 0060544570. \$16.89. 32 p.

Reviewer: Sandra L. Tidwell

Reading Level: Primary

Rating: Dependable

Genre: Informational;

Subject: An I Can Read Book; Sharks--Juvenile literature; Books--Reviews;

Close-up color photographs by the Wildlife Conservation Society and an interesting text introduce the beginning reader to the world of sharks: where they live, what they eat, the place they take in the food chain, and why they should be protected. More detailed information is given on five specific shark species. Though this book is informative, it would still engage a young reader.

However, the phonetic guides in parentheses following longer words may be confusing to such beginning readers. These few words could have been placed in a short glossary at the end of the book. In addition, this "I Can Read" series selection stated that "no one knows why" the hammerhead shark has one eye on each side of its rectangular head. Another picture book entitled *Sharks and Other Dangers of the Deep* explained that the hammerhead shark's uniquely shaped head allows it to "scan large area of the ocean for prey."