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Clark the Shark Dares to Share

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Book Review

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Rating: Dependable  

Review

Clark the Shark loves school, but sometimes he gets confused about some things. Sharing is one of the things that he gets confused about. He tries to share his appreciation for Benny Blowfish’s song, but Mrs. Inkydink says that he has to wait his turn when he starts dancing. He doesn’t understand why the giver has to choose to share instead of just sharing in the first place. When he wants to share his hockey skills, his team is upset that Clark didn’t let anyone else score. Finally Clark learns what sharing is, and it makes him and everyone else happy.

This book is meant to teach about sharing, but it doesn’t feel didactic. Instead, it shows how sharing sometimes can be complicated but still rewarding in a humorous way that children will be able to find relatable. The content may be useful for preschool aged readers, but it could be too long with too many words for some children to appreciate at that age. The references to “Sea Wars” might bring a smile to fans of Star Wars. This is a fun, colorful book to learn about sharing.