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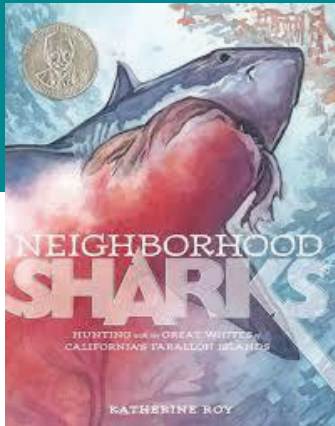
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Book Review

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Rating

Outstanding

Level

Primary, Intermediate

Great white sharks are plentiful near the Farallon islands outside of California. Their bodies are designed to successfully catch their prey, the northern elephant seals. Sharks lie in wait for seals to come into the water, and then with two thrusts of their powerful tail they reach speeds of up to twenty-five miles per hour and snatch their prey. Scientists study these sharks to learn more about their feeding habits and their unique physical traits.

This informational picture book is a great addition to any library. It has detailed illustrations that illustrate both the plot””a shark hunting a seal””and the facts about a shark’s physical attributes that make it a great hunter. The illustrations are gorgeous watercolors that add an element of surprise and wonder as the story continues. The facts are laid out in an interesting way, and most children will love learning about these interesting animals. A seal dies in a shark attack and there is blood shown, but the illustrations are semi abstract so it’s not extremely violent.

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58

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2014

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