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Surprising Sharks

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Reviewer: Vicky M. Turner
Reading Level: Primary; Intermediate;
Rating: Excellent;
Genre: Contemporary realistic fiction;
Subject: Sharks--Juvenile literature;

If you are a human swimming in the ocean--the last word you want to hear is--SHARK! But there are all kinds of sharks, from sharks the size of a candy bar to the giant whale shark. Each shark has its own characteristics--from sharks that have magical lights, to sharks that puff up like puffer fishes, to sharks that come in the shape of tools. You will learn much from this picture book which actually has two texts: one large bolded easy and fun to read, the other is more in-depth and gives some fascinating information about sharks. Humans kill about 100 million sharks each year. So if you're a shark swimming in the ocean--the last word you want to hear is--HUMAN!

Bright simple pictures illustrate both the easy to read text and the more in-depth information. The book also contains an index and a fact sheet about sharks. The author is a zoologist and a lover of the ocean. Since sharks have been on the earth a lot longer than humans he feels that sharks deserve our respect and protection.