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At 9 years old, Eugenie Clark developed an unexpected passion for sharks after a visit to the Battery Park Aquarium in New York City. At the time, sharks were seen as mindless killing machines, but Eugenie knew better and set out to prove it. Despite many obstacles in her path, Eugenie was able to study the creatures she loved so much. From her many discoveries to the shark-related myths she dispelled, Eugenie's wide scientific contributions led to the well-earned nickname "Shark Lady."

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From Reader Review Shark Lady: The True Story of How Eugenie Clark Became the Ocean's Most Fearless Scientist for online ebook

i fall in love book blog says

I don't usually review picture books, but I knew Shark Lady was the perfect book for my family. My oldest son is 7 and mostly reads nonfiction with a heavy emphasis on sharks. His goal is to write a book about sharks and asked for a typewriter last Christmas so that he could start writing his book.

This book is everything we were looking for. Eugenie Clark lived such an inspirational life. What she achieved as a female scientist is incredible considering the mindset regarding women in the workplace at the time. My son appreciated this book more for the "shark scientist" angle and the fact that she lived the life he dreams of. I loved this book for the female empowerment. Eugenie Clark knew what she wanted from life and she didn't let the restrictions of society restrict what she wanted to achieve. Shark Lady gave me a glimpse of a woman that I can't wait to know more about. This book is a real gem and I'm glad we found it. We ordered a copy for our bookshelf and can't wait to see it in its final form.

I received an advance reader copy of this book that I have chosen to review, but I loved it so much that I ordered a copy for my bookshelf.

Lata says

Why have I never heard of this fascinating woman before? Eugenie Clark, born in 1922, was enamoured by sharks from an early age, and read everything she could find about these beautiful creatures. That's before completing masters and doctorate degrees in zoology. And going on multiple dives, discovering creatures, publishing numerous articles, and proving sharks are not mindless killers, and they can, in fact, be trained. Thank you Jess Keating* for writing this terrific biography (aimed at kids) about a scientist who did amazing things in pursuit of creatures she loved. The illustrations, by Marta Alvarez Miguens, are vivid and beautiful.

*I saw Jess Keating at my local library reading this book to a bunch of kids, and had to know what this book was about because of the illustrations I could see from across the room.

Renée Paule says

Found this on Youtube after it had been recommended. What a wonderful woman Eugenie Clark was.

Elisabeth says

This book should be a model for other picture book biographies because this is what I want every single time: cute, imaginative illustrations (loved the fish and whatnot following Eugenie around everywhere), small tidbits from the person's life (I don't need to know *everything*; this is a picture book), and thorough back matter, including my very favorite--a timeline. In addition to all of this, *Shark Lady* makes me want to learn more about sharks (which I do *not* like.) This book is perfect for budding scientists *and* fans of Shark

Week.

Kate says

Any showcase of the awesome and pioneering Eugenie Clark is fantastic to me — I've been a huge fan since seeing a movie about her at my local science museum when I was a kiddo. Excessive nerdery: if Goodreads did half stars, I'd knock a half off for the fact that the majority of the illustrated sharks have 4 gill slits... most shark illustrations default to 3 (incorrect but arguably excusable) even though sharks actually have 5 (or 7), but this illustrator opted for 4, which is both unusual and inaccurate. In a book about sharks and science, written by a zoologist, that little detail made me twitch. However, I recognize that this is a small thing that only I am twitching over, and it's not worth knocking a whole star off an otherwise wonderful book about a beloved icon so... ok. This is a lovely animal-loving and feminist STEM book for shark and Eugenie fans of all ages, and I'm delighted that her legacy lives on.

Jeimy says

Must read if you:

This is a must read if you:

Love sharks

Are interested in marine biology

Enjoy picture book biographies

Enjoy picture books

Want to promote pioneering females

Want to integrate STEM / STEAM into your classroom

Want to encourage a curious child.

Andrea says

August 24, 2017: A brief biography of an accomplished marine biologist Eugenie Clark that I'm sure children would find fascinating thanks to interesting subject matter and gorgeous artwork. I wish the author focused on one chosen moment in Eugenie's life to relay her message of merits of scientific curiosity and shark conservation, rather than just briefly skimming through, but it works for the very young readers. I learned a bit too! I had no idea about resting sharks and will need to research more on the subject.

Maureen says

Author Jess Keating has done it again! Keating's Shark Lady is the magnificent story of zoologist Dr. Eugenie Clark, who studied sharks and taught us more about them AND women scientists than had been discovered before. Keating has included facts about sharks, as well as a timeline about a fascinating scientist. Shark Lady is a winner!

Amy says

This picture book is amazing. The illustrations are beautiful, and Eugenie Clark is now my hero, right up there with astronomer Maria Mitchell. A lot of the sentiments expressed about sharks in this book are right in line with my own. Thank you Jess Keating and Marta Alvarez Miguens for such an inspiring book that I can love and share with my kids.

Kirsten says

This nonfiction picture book biography of Eugenie Clark is nothing short of spectacular.

Lilyn G. | Sci-Fi & Scary says

Jess Keating effortlessly tells the story of Eugenie Clark, the Shark Lady, in this illustrated biography meant for beginning readers. She keeps the story as simple and easy to understand as is possible. It is obvious that Eugenie was a very determined child that grew up to become an equally determined woman. I

Marta Alvarez Miguens did a fantastic job illustrating Shark Lady. There are lots of small details, such as a determined squint of Eugenie's eyes, which really add to the story being told. The colors are bold and bright, and the lines are sharp and clean.

The first 28 pages tell the story of Eugenie's early fascination with sharks and how it became the driving force in her life. After that, the book gives a small section called "Shark Bites" that gives little readers some cool facts about sharks. It wraps up with an illustrated timeline of Eugenie Clark's life.

Overall, it is a beautiful book that gives little girls another female scientist to look up to. Jess Keating and Marta Alvarez Miguens make a wonderful picture-book team, and The Shark Lady will be an asset to any library (home or otherwise) that picks it up.

Disclaimer: I received a free copy of this book from Netgalley for review consideration.

Amy! says

My only complaint about this picture book is that there wasn't space for MORE information about Clark and her adventures and research.

Schizanthus says

Shark Lady is the inspiring true story of Eugenie Clark, who I had never heard of but definitely need to learn more about. In this beautifully illustrated children's book the reader is taken on a journey from when

Eugenie first discovers her love of sharks at the aquarium through to her lifelong study of these magnificent animals, academically and in the field.

Defying the cultural expectations of her gender that said girls were not “smart enough to be scientists or brave enough to explore the oceans” (BOO!), Eugenie did both and became known as Shark Lady (WOOHOO!). Throughout her life some of the amazing things she accomplished included writing books and journal articles, discovering new species of fish and dispelling myths about sharks.

Included in this book are some *Shark Bites* (two pages of information about sharks) and a timeline of Eugenie’s life. Eugenie lived into her 90’s and spent her final birthday scuba diving! How cool is this lady?! Her story is inspirational and a testament to what hard work combined with believing in your dreams can amount to.

I remember needing to do a report to the class in early high school where you chose an animal and talked about its biology. I chose sharks and no one could understand why. Ever since Bruce nearly scared the life out of me while watching *Jaws* as a young child I’ve been fascinated by these extraordinary creatures, so I particularly loved Eugenie’s story.

Marta Álvarez Miguéens’ illustrations are so beautiful! I love that the marine life looks real, rather than a cartoon version of them and adored that the clothing worn by everyone at the aquarium when Eugenie was a child were appropriate for the early 1930’s, even including an array of fantastic hats. My favourite illustration is the one where the sharks watch from behind the library shelves as Eugenie studies. There are so many imaginative illustrations and they help bring the wonder and passion of this girl to life.

I’d recommend this book to children and adults alike. Future scientists will be encouraged by her story and I hope after reading this book that anyone with a dream will be inspired to follow it, regardless of what anyone else thinks. This is one of those marvellous books that makes me so proud to be a woman. GIRL POWER! ?

P.S. I **love** that my library buys books like this one!!!

Mischenko says

To see this review and learn more about Eugenie Clark, please visit www.readrantrockandroll.com

Shark Lady by Jess Keating is a children's book about Eugenie Clark and how she became an ocean scientist.

We recently read another similar book about Eugenie Clark, but this one is even better. The story starts in her childhood and explains her love for sharks.

What makes this story so great is that everyone told her that her dreams weren't realistic and that she should do something else with her life. It's a good thing Eugenie was so strong willed and didn't believe what others told her. The negative information she was handed didn't stop her from following her dreams. Without much support, she moves on to become a successful scientist who makes new discoveries and studies sharks.

The illustrations are super colorful and interesting. There are even facts, a timeline, and author's note in the conclusion.

This is a wonderful children's book for schools, libraries, and homes.

Thanks to Netgalley for sharing a copy with me.
5*****

debbicat ?~Traveling Sister says

Very well done. This book is recommended for grades K to grade 3. It's a beautifully illustrated book about Eugenie Clark, who was nicknamed "the Shark Lady". I loved what the author had to say at the end of the book in the author's note and will add that here, because I feel it important and reflects my own beliefs.

"I wanted to tell Eugenie Clark's story for several reasons. As a scientist, Eugenie lived an incredible life full of hard work, passion, and undying curiosity. Through her legacy, she stood up for sharks, and in the process, stood up for herself. People assumed that sharks were evil and dumb. They also assumed that little girls shouldn't dream of swimming with them. On both accounts, she proved them wrong. Eugenie's life emphasizes how we must never let the world tell us what we can and can't do. It especially can't tell us how brave we will choose to be. I think this is a message important for young girls, boys - everyone - to hear. And perhaps more importantly, as a member of the human race, I think Eugenie's belief in protecting the earth's species-no matter how different they are from us-is needed now more than ever."

I couldn't agree more with this message.

The book gives the story with real life details and a timeline of events. Eugenie passed away in her home in the company of family on Feb. 25, 2015. I loved reading just before that ...Eugenie celebrated her 92nd birthday by scuba diving with a group of divers in Jordan and Israel.

Many thanks to NetGalley and the publisher, Sourcebooks Jabberwocky, for giving me a digital edition to read. I highly recommend it. Aged 4- to 94! Read it!!! You will be glad you did.
