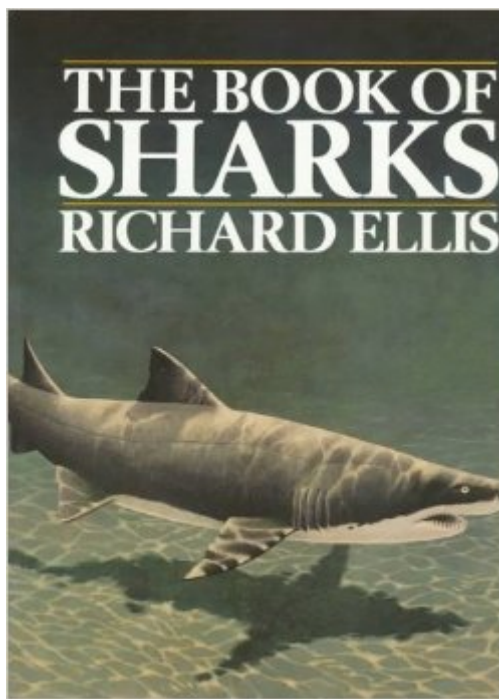


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Synopsis

An exploration of the intertwined destinies of sharks and humankind. The author has drawn together stories and anecdotes concerning the great diversity and mystery of the world of the shark. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

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Mr Ellis has written the most informative, detailed book on every species of shark there is. Anything you want to know about sharks is in this book. I have read many shark books and myself and my husband are shark lovers and we believe this book is superb. Definitely recommendable.

When i was a kid growing up, sharks were (and still are) the greatest thing on earth. This book was the first book i ever read about sharks, although back then all i did was look at the pictures. I own the book still, and now that i am older, i know that is is one of the most thorough, and thought prevoking books dealing with this subject. It is a worthy entry in any shark lovers collection

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I wish people would focus more on learning about these creatures than fishing them out of the ocean and killing them. They have been part of this world for 300 million years, a lot longer than man is likely to be around. They are such interesting, beautiful creatures, and, only a fraction of the 300 + species are so-called man eaters. The color plates in this book are absolutely outstanding. Richard Ellis is a genius in depicting the shark, and, its surrounding environment. If you have an interest in nature, or, in sharks, try this book. I purchased the hardback version of this book in 1975, and, I consider it to be one of my prized possessions. I believe a new hardback version, today, would cost \$300. It would be well worth it. There is also a Richard Ellis 'Book of Whales', another treat for the eyes, and, the brain.

Ellis paintings are awesome, the text way informative, a Must Have for the Sharkophile !!! The prologue battle between swordfish and shark mesmerizing. This book was written about the time Jaws came out so a time capsule of real shark people. Also documentation of the first Megamouth specimen at publication.

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