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A class trip to the aquarium winds up in the depths of the ocean as Ms. Frizzle's class must escape the jaws of a great white shark! During their adventure, Ms. Frizzle teaches the class about different shark species, including the goblin shark, angel shark, whale shark, and others.

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Sarah Sammis says

Ms. Frizzle the vampire promises her class a normal field trip to the local aquarium only to find that it is closed for repairs. What to do? Of course, transform the bus, endanger the students and take them on a deep sea adventure!

The facts presented in this book are almost identical to Cole's older book, Hungry, Hungry Sharks except now they are dressed up in the trappings of The Magic School Bus. I wouldn't have noticed the similarities if I hadn't read the books back to back.

Both books teach about the different types of sharks. Hungry, Hungry Sharks is presented as a straight up reference book aimed at a first grade reading level. The Magic School Bus book presents the same facts as a fantasy adventure. My son likes both books. He can read Hungry, Hungry Sharks without needing much help but prefers to listen to The Magic School Bus: The Great Shark Escape during story time at school.

K.C. says

K really liked this book.

Adiva says

I would not like to share this book because Arnold got attacked by a goblin shark. What I liked in the book was that Arnold was a hero by detaching the sub from the Mako shark. What I didn't like in the book was that Arnold's whole class even Ms. Fizzle and Mr. Hill, the owner of the Aquarium was a Tiger Shark's dinner. The book was interesting because I learned many facts about sharks.

Heather says

I read this with my son at bedtime last week. He loved it! The Magic School Bus books are terrific at combining the fun of fiction with facts about the topic. I've read many of the Magic School Bus "picture books" but had never read one of the chapter books. I'll definitely be picking up more of these.

Steve says

Lots of interesting facts for kids about sharks set in the familiar magic bus. A little tricky for non native readers of the age this is targeting but perhaps worth a try for the stronger ESL learners in the class.

Jenna says

What I love about Magic School Bus is that children of all age (and even adults) can learn something new by either watching the movies or reading the books. For example, this story was an awesome read because not only did it have an adventurous plot, but I was able to learn new facts about ocean animals that I had never known before. I think The Magic School Bus books should always be a part of a classroom library because they are educational, fun stories that children can connect with easily.

Miss Ryoko says

Actual rating: 2.5

This one is a bit difficult for me to review and rate because while I enjoyed all the great information, Arnold is by far the most annoying character. I don't understand how anyone could be so whiny in Ms. Frizzle's class with all the amazing adventures they go on. And because he was telling the story, it was just a little too whiny for me.

Madison Lakey says

Mrs. Frizzle told her class that they were going to study sea animals. Some of the students had a hard time deciding on a topic, so they all went to the aquarium. When they got there, the aquarium had flooded! The Magic School Bus took Mrs. Frizzle and her class to the ocean. They learned about all different species of sharks, and they had adventures with some of the sharks. This book would be really good to use if your class was going to the aquarium. You could read the book to your students and then go to the aquarium. After the trip students could then pick out what their favorite sea animal was and then have them do a short report on their animal.

Shashvat says

It was a great adventure book (which was somewhat educational) about Arnold and his adventures when they plunge to the deep murky depths of the ocean.

Sophie_M says

This book was really interesting. It tells me a lot about sharks, fish and other underwater species. The magic school bus books always make reading fun for me. I would suggest this book for year 3 and up.

Twyla says

My favorite part was when the shark brought the submarine near to shore because it rescued everyone. The worst part was when they were almost eaten by a shark and stung by a stingray. My favorite character was ms.frizzle because she was the teacher. There was no worst character.

In this book I learned that there are many types of sharks, like lemon sharks, great white sharks, tiger sharks, hammerhead sharks, spiny dogfish sharks, and whale sharks. Most sharks only eat people when the sharks are bothered. Some are very dangerous like great white sharks and bull sharks. Remoras have suction cup things on them and ride on sharks. There are very few remoras eaten by sharks. In a year less than 100 people are eaten by sharks. Auryn 10 years old
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Dolly says

We've read all of the Magic School Bus picture-books that we can find and now we're working our way through the Magic School Bus chapter books too. We just love the Friz and her class; the characters feel like old friends to us.

This story takes us to the ocean to see several types of sharks. It has a lot of factual information about the different sizes, food sources and areas where various sharks live. There's a lot of excitement and danger in this tale and we enjoyed reading it together.

Alison Durbin says

This book was a lot of fun for me, and I can only imagine what fun children would have reading this book. I love how the information was presented in a conversational way and not just spewed everywhere on the page. I also liked how the reader could read snippets of the students' essays for additional information about sharks. I think this would be a great informational text for children to read. Who doesn't like the Magic School Bus!?

Gabriel says

In this book, Arnold escapes from a Goblin shark. The magic school bus traveled inside a Tiger shark. I liked the part when the class saw all the bones inside the Tiger shark's stomach. The smallest shark in the world is the Pygmy shark. It will fit in the palm of your hand! The fastest shark in the world is the Lemon shark. It is called a Lemon shark because of the deep yellow color on its stomach. I liked the part when they escaped from the Great White shark. They escaped by hooking up to another shark that was jumping in and out of the water.

Susan says

This book is excellent and my grandchildren just loved it. They are always wanting to read The Magic School Bus Chapter books! The Great Shark Escape held their attention and they also learnt a lot! These books teach children while being entertaining! I would recommend this book to all children who want to

have fun learning!
