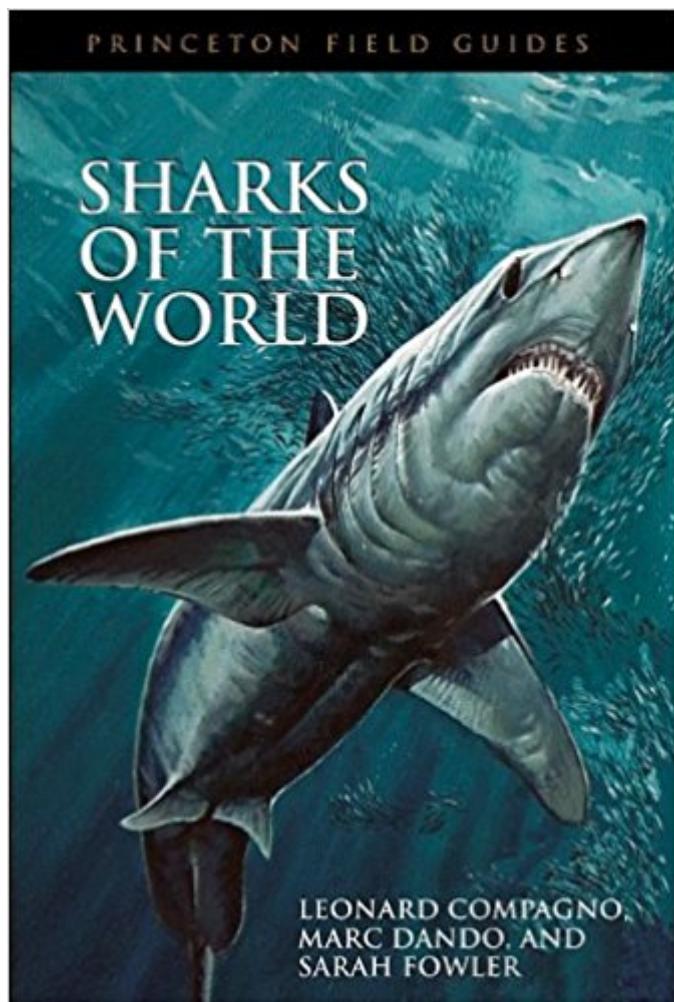


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Synopsis

Everyone's heard of the Great Whites. But most people know little of the hundreds of other types of sharks that inhabit the world's oceans. Written by two of the world's leading authorities and superbly illustrated by wildlife artist Marc Dando, this is the first comprehensive field guide to all 440-plus shark species. Color plates illustrate all species, and detailed accounts include diagnostic line drawings and a distribution map for each species. Introductory chapters treat physiology, behavior, reproduction, ecology, diet, and sharks' interrelationships with humans. More than 125 original full-color illustrations for fast and accurate identification of each shark family. Over 500 additional drawings illustrating physical features from different angles. Clear identification information for each species with details of size, habitat, behavior, and biology. Quick ID guide helpful for differentiating similar species. Geographic distribution maps for each species. For professional and amateur shark enthusiasts.

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"This exceptionally well-produced book, written by the leading authorities on shark systematics and conservation, is the only stand-alone field guide that covers all known shark species of the world. It is therefore an invaluable reference for shark scientists and enthusiasts alike. Nowhere are the identification, distribution, and conservation status of sharks more clearly presented."--Professor Dr. Marcelo R. de Carvalho, researcher of shark and ray evolution, Universidad de São Paulo, Ribeirão Preto, Brazil "The first field guide to cover all species of sharks, Sharks of the World is a welcome addition to the field bags of both professional and amateur naturalists. Filling a role heretofore satisfied only by owning a series of regional field guides, this volume offers one stop shopping for worldwide shark aficionados. Sharks of the World is a must-buy for anyone interested in identifying sharks."--George H. Burgess, Florida Program for Shark Research, Florida Museum of Natural History --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This represents the most comprehensive, well-illustrated, up-to-date and user-friendly guide to sharks yet produced. The introduction- an overview of biology and history- makes fascinating reading for anyone who is not well-acquainted with these awe-inspiring creatures. The species accounts are concise and informative, mostly aimed at ID but also including details of habitat and status, sprinkled with interesting factoids. They are complimented by outstanding line drawings which clearly mark the main features and aid identification. The color plates are well-ordered, attractive and to scale. I have only one minor complaint- the front cover illustration is unattractive and does not reflect the good quality of the artwork inside. This work sets a high standard for other guides to follow and was published at a time when sharks are facing terrible threats from humans and are in greater need of conservation measures than ever before. I can highly recommend this guide that virtually everyone- from the vaguely curious to the most knowledgeable field biologists- will find most accessible and stimulating.

Product arrived quickly and in great condition. I love this book. It's a lot smaller than I expected, but all the information on sharks is available within the pages. I can believe how in depth and comprehensive this book is.

I've never seen any book close to this one on sharks. It is a really good field guide. It lists probably all the sharks in the world-even very ancient looking ones! It even shows what kind of tooth comes from each shark which I think is great for shark tooth collectors like my son. That way you know which shark had which tooth. That's cool. There are no real photographs of the sharks listed though. Only illustrations or paintings of each in a plate section at the start of the book. Then the rest of the book has each shark shown in a line drawing with many details describing each one. There is a drawing for each shark and most of them include the drawings of the teeth that go with each shark. Before the picture section or plate section in the very beginning the book describes the whole anatomy-everything you'd need or want to know about sharks. They also show diagrams or illustrations on the insides of sharks. It is a coooooooooooooool book. I'd highly recommend it to all shark lovers or anyone who just wants to know about them and one who goes shark watching-since it's only a field guide. Actually, my 14 year old son is a shark lover and wants to know more about them. I got this book for him and he loves it. I'm a marine life artist so this book works great for me too. Now I can paint each and every shark there is in the ocean, while I learn about them at the same time. Also I can try to put some science about sharks into my paintings!

A lovely book. I got interested in sharks after watching some nature programs of the deep sea. I wanted to know what other weird, bizarre, beautiful and little known shark species there are and this book introduces them all with very good drawings and color plates. Each shark species, even those that have been seen only a single time, is represented by a color painting and then again in the text by a line drawing. In addition, there is a very nice introductory section on general shark anatomy and biology, also with some superb b&w drawings. The text is sparse, but will tell you basic information (if known) about each species. BTW, the book's cover looked different than the one shown on this page, but that doesn't matter to me. There are no photos, as one reviewer pointed out, but then, these field-guide style books usually don't have those anyways. Most folks will never get to the deep sea, so it's not like you'd need a book like this to take along on your next beach vacation so you can key out whatever washes up on the beach. Then again, if you're a diver or snorkeler, it will help key out the occasional shark or dogfish you see. What this book is best for is to simply open your mind about the incredible diversity and beauty of sharks. Who woulda thunk there were THAT many of them! So sit down and marvel :)

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My husband is a huge shark buff, so this was meant to be a gift for him. I was so excited when it came in that I couldn't wait to give it to him. The book was very informative and great visuals. I think this is his favorite book we've found yet. He's already trying to get our daughter hooked on sharks and calls himself reading it to her haha.

I had been looking for a comprehensive shark guide for my wife for some time. I found this one and the reviews here and elsewhere stated it was the best in its field. My wife was extremely happy with it and pronounced it perfect.

Would have liked if there were some actual photos though. The artist is good, but I will be honest the great white on the cover doesn't look right in the mouth. I didn't pay that much for the book so I am ok with it. It's what i was looking for and actual photos probably would have jacked up the price a lot. It's a good book if you like sharks and are interested in knowing all the varieties.

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