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The Shark Book

Jenkins, Steve and Page, Robin

Illustrated by Steve Jenkins

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As it lists many of the common sharks today, *The Shark Book* examines sharks' extinction, history, and individual traits. It compares each shark breed's size to the adult human body, and also examines some of their unique birthing processes, eating habits, and natural habitats. While it acknowledges the danger sharks can pose to humans and lists the number of people individual shark breeds have killed, it minimizes that danger by comparing the statistics with deaths caused by lightning strikes and rip tides. Although *The Shark Book's* graphics are less colorful and largely blues, browns, and grays, it color codes shark images to show which sharks are extinct. Additionally, it provides maps of where in the oceans the shark breeds live, and would be a valuable resource for children fascinated by marine life. For parents and teachers interested in discussing the endangerment of sharks, this book also includes causes of endangerment and contains an index of shark breeds' conservation statuses. **Recommended** *Hannah Smith, Centennial Library Intern, Cedarville University*