

Geographical and Political Areas", "Anatomy, Morphology and Histology", "Angling and Record Catches", Culture and Artificial Propagation", "Life History and Habitats", "Management", "Marking and Tagging", "Physiology and Biochemistry", "Popular Accounts", "Reproduction" and "Toxicology and Contaminants". In addition to this index, descriptive or informative annotations were added to some references in the bibliography itself. These are useful to the reader since they give a general idea of the publication's content without having to hunt for it.

Sharks

Edited by John D. Stevens with illustrations by Tony Pyrzakowski. 1987. Facts on File, New York. 240 pp., illus. U.S. \$29.95; \$40.95 in Canada.

Sharks have a fearsome reputation among the uncritical consumers of movies and sensational newspaper reports, but bee stings and dog bites are more fatal to humans than the maligned shark. Once past this undeserved reputation, sharks are a fascinating group of fishes with a wide variety of body forms, behaviours, physiologies, adaptations, and other features well worthy of yet another book about them.

This particular book has 17 contributors, in addition to the consulting editor and illustrator, ranging from professional ichthyologists to painters, divers, photographers, and science writers with several of these skills being found in a single individual. Some of the information in the text is not merely compiled from other books but is based on experience and original research of the contributors. The aim of the book is to provide the interested general reader with a balanced and comprehensive survey of sharks and their biology.

The book contains 64 pages on shark attacks in different parts of the world. Certainly, sharks will attack people but it has been estimated that well over 50% of attacks are unrelated to feeding, more than 75% of victims were struck only once or twice, and less than 30% of attacks were fatal. People are just not part of the normal diet of sharks, yet the fear of being eaten is morbidly fascinating. Other sections deal with evolution, kinds of sharks,

It is by frequent usage that the qualities and shortcomings of a bibliography become apparent. However, I believe that this publication satisfies all the basic requirements that will make it a useful tool for anybody interested in a fish species allegorically referred to as the "aquatic wolf" or the "tyrant of the waters".

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distribution, biology, senses, ecology, behaviour, legends, uses, encountering sharks and repelling them, and even how to photograph them. The book ends with a checklist, a selected and rather short bibliography of 77 items including books and certain scientific articles, brief biographies of the contributors, and an index.

This is a large format book replete with superb colour photographs and paintings on every page. Text is therefore limited but a very good read. Errors are few and one I noticed was the record of 27 people who suffered a "mass attack" in 1949 with 14 deaths near Ahwaz, Iran. These attacks actually occurred spread over the period 1941-1949, numbered 24 (and possibly 36 or more) with 16 (or more) deaths. The original data is somewhat vague but it is clear that shark attacks in fresh waters draining to the head of the Persian Gulf are common and ongoing based on recent studies by the reviewer for the period 1938-1985.

Layout is generally excellent. Some topics are separated into boxes, further chopping up the text, but I did not find this annoying, perhaps because I dipped into this book at intervals rather than settling to a solid read. The index works well.

This book is warmly recommended as the best available on a well-worn topic.

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Suivi de la pêche sportive dans les eaux de la région de Montréal

Par P. Fournier, M. Beaudoin, and L. Cloutier. 1987. Gouvernement du Québec, Ministère du Loisir, de la Chasse et de la Pêche, Direction générale de Montréal, Service de l'aménagement et de l'exploitation de la faune, Rapport technique no. 06-42. ix + 76 pp., illus. Free.

Sport fishing is one of the most popular outdoor activities in Canada. Being an ichthyologist but also an unconditional adept of sport fishing, I was looking forward to reading this short report. It contains a survey of the fishing activities in the



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