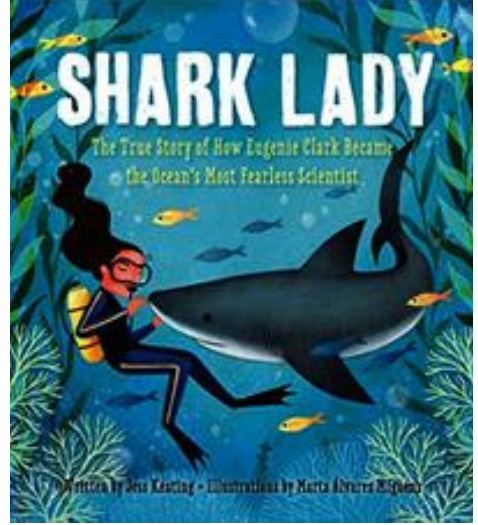




# SHARK LADY

JESS KEATING

Eugenie likes the aquarium. In fact, she loves it. Especially the sharks. She wants to swim with the sharks and learn more about them. Will she be able to do that when she grows up? What happens when you follow your dreams?



## Questions:

1. How do you think Eugenie felt when she was watching the sharks? How do you feel when you watch your favorite animal?
2. Do you think Eugenie maybe looked a little bit silly pretending to walk on the bottom of the ocean? Does it matter if you look silly if you're also having fun?
3. How do you think Eugenie felt when she dove deep in the water and saw all the creatures living there? Is that how everyone would feel seeing that? What might other people feel? Is it okay to feel different ways about the same thing? How should we treat people who feel differently from us?
4. Have you ever loved something so much that you wanted to learn everything you could about it? What was it? Should we make fun of people for loving something that much? Or should we try to understand what it is they love about it and listen when they try to teach us?
5. How do you think Eugenie felt when her mom got her an aquarium? Is that a good gift? What makes something a good gift? Do you have to think about the other person in order to get them a truly great gift?
6. Can women and girls do anything boys can do? Can they be just as good as the boys? Can boys do anything girls can do? Has it always been that way? Should anyone treat people differently based on whether they're boys or girls?
7. If someone is telling you that you can't do something (not just in the rules, but that you specifically aren't capable of something), should you just give up? If you hear someone telling someone else they're not good enough, brave enough, smart enough, what should you do? What about if they say it to you? How would it feel to have someone say that?
8. How do you think she felt when she dove in the open sea for the first time? What about when she discovered new fish? What about when she saw her first shark? How would you feel swimming next to a shark?
9. Do you think Eugenie liked the nickname "Shark Lady"? Would you?



# SHARK LADY

JESS KEATING

## Questions (cont.):

10. Just because someone or something seems mean, does that mean it's okay to hurt them? How do you think sharks feel when they get hunted? Can sharks change their ways and stop eating other fish? If people keep going into their ocean home can they stop biting? Are sharks evil, or do they just want to be left alone?
11. Would it be easy to train a shark? Why did Eugenie do it if it wasn't easy? Would you want to train a shark?
12. Do all animals deserve to be protected? Do all people deserve to be protected?
13. When people are mean, are they doing it because they are happy? Why are people mean? There's a saying: hurt people hurt people. That means that people who are mean, people who bully, are doing it because their own hearts are hurting. If we are all kind and take care of one another, will there be any more bullies?

