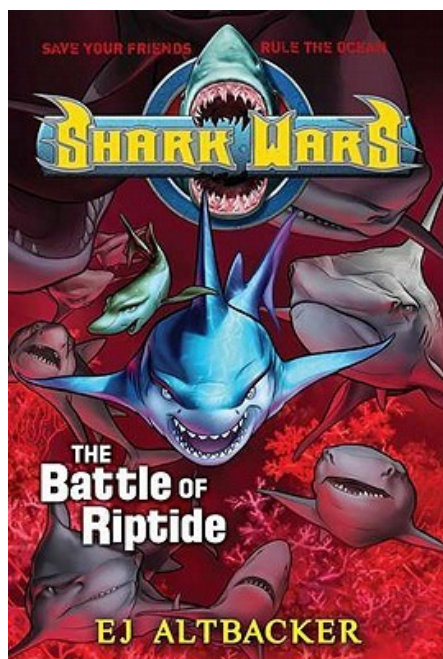




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Ever since Gray, Barkley, and their friends defeated Goblin, an infamous great white, at Tuna Run, life in the Big Blue has become murkier than ever for this young shiver of sharks. Food is scarce. Enemies lurk in every shadow. And Gray still doesn't know what has become of his family - of his mother, Sandy, and the rest of his Coral Reef shiver. Everywhere they swim, currents seem to whisper of a growing threat . . . of a shark who will stop at nothing until he has seized control of the entire ocean.

Now Gray must train with Takiza Jaelynn Betta vam Delacrest Waveland ka Boom Boom, a wise and mysterious fighting fish who has promised to teach his young apprentice the ways of the ocean and the secret of what it means to be a great warrior. That is, if Gray can learn to believe in himself, find the courage to trust his heart, and grow big enough to fight back!

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David says

I think this is a good book because it's interesting and fun I especially like when they went on a spy mission. And there was also the armada they have deal with

Justin says

This book I am currently reading is really intense and exciting all at the same time except with a lot of action in it. Although this book has a little to much talk and less action it is still good. In this book there is a new Shark who wants to rule the Big Blue his name is Finnivus and is worst of the worst shark you ever met. Velenka a mako shark Joined Finnivus. Meanwhile back with Gray Takiza the mystical fighting fish is training Gray to fight like a true warrior. Oynx saved Gray from getting caught and .

Caden Westover says

Ever sense grey and Barkley left the goblin homewaters things have been getting tough. However he meets up with his freinds and try's to defeat goblin. All the while vennika is trying to do the same thing and take over the shiver.

katie says

Fun read-aloud. On to book #3.

Christian Gervais says

I thought it was a really good book so far!!!! I wish it could have been more adventurous.

Jacob Bradley says

very nice like the first one

Rebecca says

As someone who thought the first Shark Wars book had its fair share of storytelling problems (if still a very breezy read and definitely is right for the audience it seeks out), this one is *a great deal* better and fixes a lot of the problems that the first book had and neatly ties up a lot of the loose ends left scattered in the ending of

the very first book. I ended up devouring this book in one sitting after slogging a bit through its predecessor.

The plot goes like this: Indi Shiver, a shiver of sharks that both wear armor and tattoo themselves with sea urchin ink, is being run by a power-hungry tiger shark named Finnivus who wants to rule the entire ocean, and will slaughter any fin that stands (err, swims) in his way. Already he has slain dozens of sharks and ate their carcasses for dinner. Who can stand up to this brute? Why, none other than our loveable team of misfits, the Rogue Shiver and their leader, Gray, the big-cartilaged dope with a heart of gold. Can Gray both fend off this threat and find the whereabouts of his mother?

The first thing it does fix in comparison to the first book is the fact that Gray, while still possessing his main character faults from the first book (he's still whiny, eats a lot, is "big-cartilaged", and makes mistakes by looking for the easy way out), manages to be a lot more likeable this time around. He and the rest of Rogue Shiver are growing as characters and you start to empathize with him and his friends, especially the newer friends he makes from Auzy-Auzy Shiver, a lot more.

The second main thing that The Battle of Riptide does better than the first one is the main villain of this book. While the first book's two rival shark shivers (Goblin Shiver and Razor Shiver) basically read as a gang of thugs and weren't terribly exciting, the Indi Shiver and the crazed self-proclaimed shark emperor Finnivus who gleefully eats the heads of his conquered rivals is a *huge* improvement. His scenes are a lovely balance of ridiculous and creepy. I had the most fun reading about both him and life in the Indi Shiver court as several of the sharks under his command are either starting to have their doubts about his leadership or are vying for better positions in the Shiver through grovelling or subterfuge.

In a way, this book is a lot grimmer than the first one. There are a lot more named character deaths this time around (without spoiling too much, a good number of the threats in the first book are completely wiped out by the new bad guy and there is a pretty grisly betrayal) and the threat to the main characters is a lot more bleak. In a way, it works, and there are still lighter moments and silly moments to keep it from getting too dark. It's just something to keep in mind when comparing it to the first book.

There are some things that I did not enjoy, though. Most of it having to do with Takiza, the betta fish that comes across as being too much of a *deus ex machina* at times like he did in the first book. He hints at a prophecy and then eludes any questions of said prophecy. He knows of things that can instantly save the day. He can perform superhuman (err, superfish) feats of strength.

That, and the plot is very predictable. But then again, sharks aren't known for their nuance. And I realize that I'm not the target audience in saying this.

It's not a classic and it's not subtle, but it's not aiming to be either one of those things.

Overall, this book would definitely be a good book for any young shark lover that has started reading novels. It's a shame that the first book of the series is a lot weaker overall in comparison to the second one. There are moments in the book that are perhaps *too* silly, but it shouldn't deter its reading audience from fully enjoying this and anticipating the next books in this series.

Juan says

This book is awesome because it's about sharks fighting each other for certain reason. It's a great to read when you're in elementary school.

Mamatufy says

Book #2 picks up right where #1 leaves off. Gray & friends are trying to stay away from Goblin Shiver. Unfortunately, there's trouble coming for them when spoiled brat Finnivus comes to their area & begins to takeover the entire big blue. Gray begins training with Takiza, the fighting betta fish, in order to prepare for the coming fight. Lochlan, son of the king of the Auzy Auzy shiver, joins forces with the other shivers to finally defeat Finnivus. A fabulous adventure for younger readers.

Amy says

This review was written by Tommy, age 8:

This was my favorite book in the shark wars series. I liked this book a lot. I liked it a lot because it had a really powerful person with a huge army vs. a small army that's probably not going to win. It also has a lot of suspense. It also has some funny parts in it. I would recommend this book.

Aaron Wildman says

This book was even better than the first one. It was packed full of action, maybe a little too much action. The book was good, but it could use more context and detail rather than action. It was interesting in a sense that it made the good guys look bad. It is almost as if the shark wants to die, because he is always in danger. It is a very gullible story and a very easy read. These books might be a little addictive, depending on what you like. I spent almost all day Monday reading this fantastic book.

Christian says

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Oynx and Barkley are thinking to save Whalem one of Finnivus's best fighters from being prisoner. Later on some sharks came back with a prisoner that only Velenka knew who it was Ripper. Finnivus was confused once the sharks said what his name was then a huge conversation started.

Beka says

Amazing sequel. Continued the story built up in the first one without losing momentum and introducing new characters in stride. The quality was not lost. The various main characters were described more fully with a

little more intellect introduced through them. Gray used more intelligence and was shown growing up at an accurate pace with the books so far, along with the other sharks, especially Barkley. Also, the particular incidences in the first book with highly unlikely and unexplaineable events do not appear in this book, allowing it to make more sense.

Emma Bissonnette says

Shark Wars was an interesting book, but it was suspiciously like Warriors....

Gavin says

this is not as good as book one
