

Young Adult



**Words in Deep Blue**

Written by Cath Crowley

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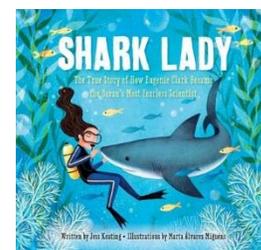
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Not just another teen romance, *Words in Deep Blue* is deceptively layered with a beautiful use of language and a wonderful approach to illustrating why we love books and the meanings they can have for us. The storyline seems straightforward: Rachel is moving back to the town she left a few years earlier to try to recover from the recent loss of her brother. Henry Jones works in his family's used bookstore, which is struggling. Henry and Rachel were best friends before she moved but a miscommunication ended the friendship. Now Rachel ends up working at the bookstore and is forced to interact with Henry, who never understood what happened to end their relationship. Another story is the bookstore itself, including the "letter library", a section of the store where people are encouraged to circle words and sentences, write notes in the margins and leave letters in books for other people to read. The author's use of the letters that are written over the years is a fascinating way to introduce readers to books they may learn to love as well. Yes, in the end it is a love story and a story about loss and grief but it is also a real look into how we deal with change and the realities of life.

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Nonfiction



**Shark Lady**

Written by Jess Keating and Illustrated by Marta Alvarez Miguens

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I have to admit that I had never heard of Eugenie Clark before seeing this title from Sourcebooks. Like all great women, who were told she shouldn't or couldn't pursue her dream, she continued on in spite of what others said. And at a time when promoting science (STEAM, baby!) and female scientists is so critically important, this children's book is SPOT ON! Eugenie Clark is a fabulous role model for young women in science and illustrates



the fact that tenacity and persistence will take you far. What's even better is that this story is told by a fellow female zoologist who has written many animal picture and chapter books.

Now, I would be remiss if I didn't include that I have a 6 year old girl OBSESSED with dolphins, so sharing this book together was a treat. She loved both the story with its main character's tenacity, and that the illustrations really brought Eugenia's imagination to life. She asked so many questions throughout the book, and both my girls have asked to read it again since the first reading, so I'm sure this will be a hit for all the young animal lovers visiting your library. Looking for a read along for marine biology themed events? Search no more!

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