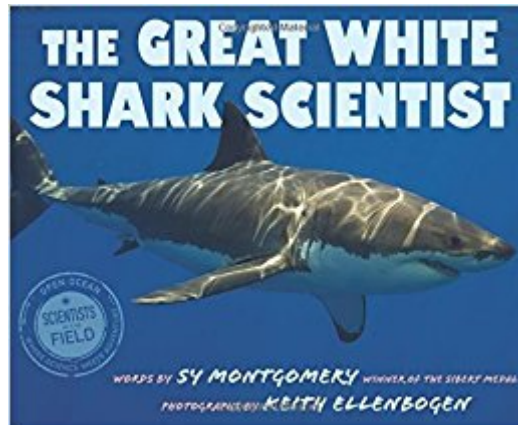




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# The Great White Shark Scientist (Scientists In The Field Series)



## Synopsis

Dr. Greg Skomal, biologist and head of the Massachusetts Shark Research Program, is investigating a controversial possibility: Might Cape Cod's waters serve as a breeding ground for the great white shark, the largest and most feared predatory fish on Earth? Sy Montgomery and Keith Ellenbogen report on this thrilling turning point in marine research and travel to Guadeloupe, Mexico, to get up close and personal with the sharks. This daring expedition into the realm of great whites shows readers that in order to save the planet and its creatures, we must embrace our humanity and face our greatest fears.

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## Customer Reviews

Gr 5-8 • Prepare to be enveloped in saltwater air and dizzying blue water in this latest entry from veteran author Montgomery. A tense opening line delivered by 52-year-old great white shark biologist Greg Skomal is sure to hook readers: "It's pretty treacherous right here." But as they will soon discover, for Skomal and team, the even greater danger is not seeing a great white at all. Montgomery deftly balances information and intrigue without delving into the sensational; the emphasis is always on providing unique insight into the fieldwork of scientists and the absolute

patience and perseverance it takes to locate, identify, gather, and analyze scientific data under challenging circumstances. Her travels with Skomal and her journey into a shark cage with biologist Erick Higuera are evidence of a genuine interest in understanding great whites and reversing negative attitudes about them. Readers will come to learn that the perceived danger surrounding sharks does not always match reality (the prime example offered being the astounding number of Americans injured by toilets in comparison to shark-related deaths in a year) and that these creatures are in desperate need of quality protection and conservation efforts. Ellenbogen's crystal clear photographs range from intimate shots of crew members and aquatic life to large aerial overviews of the inlets and waters they are sailing on. Students will be sure to stop and linger over these gorgeous images. VERDICT Exceptionally written and highly recommended for those looking to give a timely summer boost to STEM collections. Della Farrell, School Library Journal

Kirkus Best of 2016 Nonfiction Detectives: Best of 2016 \* "Exceptionally written and highly recommended for those looking to give a timely summer boost to STEM collections." School Library Journal, STARRED review \* "Readers interested in marine biology in general or great white sharks in particular will find the text informative and the you-are-there immediacy of the writing exciting." Booklist, STARRED review \* "This appreciative introduction to a much-maligned species will thrill readers while it encourages them to see great white sharks in a new way." Kirkus, STARRED review "One minute Montgomery recounts the technical details of shark tracking, the next minute relays the steps she needs to take to be safe on the ocean, and the next narrates an all-out shark chase, as researchers on a boat and in a plane work together in a successful shark identification bonanza. This approach fully immerses readers in the field research experience, as do the excellent photographs of people, sharks, and the environment. In, on, and especially above the ocean, Ellenbogen captures the majesty of the great whites as well as the beauty and impermanence of the Atlantic barrier islands, dunes, and shoreline." Horn Book "Montgomery's play-by-play narration and Ellenbogen's dramatic photos give the scientific excursion a thrilling sense of immediacy that should leave readers feeling like they're along for the voyage." Publishers Weekly "Montgomery goes to great, and often humorous, lengths to put the actual danger of shark-on-human attack into perspective (annual average number of people killed by sharks 11; of sharks killed by people 100,000,000), but when dealing with fish prone to devour their unborn siblings, there's still ample delight for thrill

seekers."•Bulletin

Bought for our ten year old grandson and he loves the book so started reading it immediately.

Great book for 11 year old granddaughter who is fearful about sharks. Terrific information, fun but factual data, nicely told story. Highly credible female scientist. Superior quality.

I bought one for myself...and got another who is a big fan of Greg Skomal

SY Montgomery's books are all gems!

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