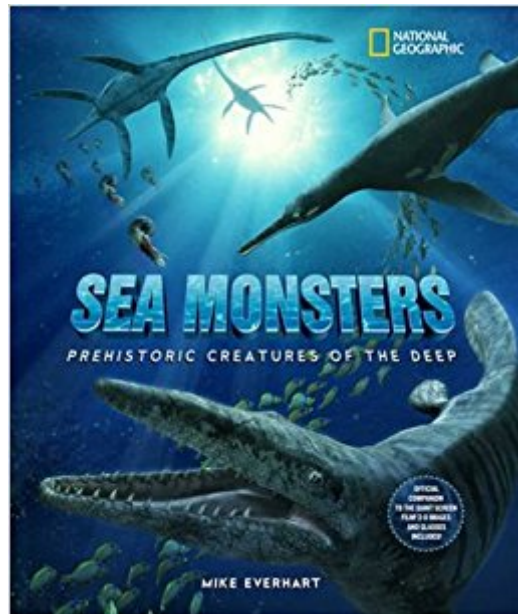


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# Sea Monsters: Prehistoric Creatures Of The Deep



## Synopsis

Sharks and dinosaurs, dinosaurs and sharks, we find them both alien and awe-inspiring, at once utterly inhuman and somehow irresistibly compelling. But forget Jaws and Jurassic Park; nothing can prepare you for Sea Monsters: Prehistoric Creatures of the Deep, an amazing plunge into the Cretaceous oceans of 80 million years ago, a merciless realm ruled by the most ferocious animals ever to stalk the seas of planet Earth. More terrifying than anything known to humankind, it scarcely seems possible that these swift, massive underwater predators actually existed, but they did; and this is their frightening, fascinating, unforgettable story. Featuring incredibly realistic computer-generated images and 3-D film clips; with 3-D glasses; field photography by National Geographic cameramen, and much more, the book interweaves dramatic scenes of the far, far distant past; up-to-the-minute scientific profiles of nearly two dozen sea monsters; and a group portrait of the eccentric Sternberg family, Kansas-bred pioneers of marine paleontology. From giant sharks and fierce reptiles to the fossil-hunters who proved that today's land-locked Great Plains were once submerged, to the cutting-edge Large Format Film technology that made Sea Monsters possible, this book and the movie behind it will forever change how we think about marine predators; and make us look at the oceans of our world with new eyes and a shivery mix of wonderment and ancient, instinctive fear.

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## Customer Reviews

Michael Everhart, author of this book and lead consultant for the film, is former president of the Kansas Academy of Science and current editor of the academy journal. Since 1998 he has been curator of paleontology at the Sternberg Museum of Natural History and presently teaches the subject at the University of Kansas. He is also the author of *Oceans of Kansas: A Natural History of the Western Interior Sea*.

One of the critics of TV is that it distracts people from reading. This might be true in some cases, but for the genre of prehistoric life (outside of dinosaurs), the CGI documentaries on cable and satellite TV have driven the sale of related books. This big, coffee-table book is one such example. Not quite as lavish as the books by Tim Haines, or the *Walking with Dinosaurs* series, this is still an impressive work by National Geographic, and features 3-D 2-page spreads with a pair of 3-D glasses. There is an accompanying movie of course, but the book is quite good by itself. It provides a mix of fossil-hunting documentary, to color illustrations of ancient sea monsters, along with descriptions of possible lifestyles and such. All told, a great book.

### Very informative book

I love this book! I bought it for my 2yr old son who saw the movie for this book and has been watching it every day since.. He loves the movie, and when I saw this book on here for such a great price, I had to pick it up. The book is full of interesting information for me to read and then make it easier for my 2yr old to understand. The pictures are great and my son really enjoys talking about what is "going on" in each picture. I am really glad that I purchased this book for him, and I recommend it for anyone who is interested in learning more about these great sea monsters. It is a great book for a curious 2yr old and their parents as well!

My young son picked this out at the local aquarium. We purchased from , though. The pictures are very vivid and interesting. The 3D isn't really my thing, but I suppose most would think it is cool. I am glad it is only a very small portion of the book. Most of it is normal. The stories are fascinating.

Just OK book, didn't care for the 3D images honestly, also does not include the Megalodon, the biggest, monster of them all!

I bought this book for my 11yo son who is into prehistoric creatures both sea and land and since receiving it he hasn't put it down. I live in Australia and the delivery time was quite reasonable and the price was better than anything I could purchase over here. Overall I have been very happy with the whole experience and will definitely be purchasing more books from this site again

This book is a showcase for the Nat Geo movie of the same name and has little value as a standalone book. It has large 3-d pictures that you must use the little paper framed 3-D glasses to appreciate. This really doesn't work well at all. The images are also printed across two pages in many cases so that they are ruined by parts of the image being buried in the spine. About 20% of the book is tied up with sections on the making of the movie and about the art that they used - pure self promotion. I was very disappointed when I received this and cannot understand how this book got so many high reviews.

my grandson will love this and the movie.

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