

## Great Reads

**GREAT WHITE**

*By Chris Fallows (PQ Blackwell)*

South African wildlife naturalist and photographer, Chris Fallows, relates his journey from penniless shark enthusiast to world-renowned authority.

His pioneering work, particularly with the “flying shark” at Dyer Island, Gansbaai, reveals a deep respect and love for the super-predators of the ocean.

Along with his shark eco-tourism trips, Chris has hosted a number of documentary crews, such as BBC, National Geographic and Discovery Channel, and various celebrities, including the late Peter Benchley, author of *Jaws*.

*Great White* features spectacular photographs of breaching and hunting sharks, but it also reveals a different side to their personalities. Spend some time perusing the images and reading the compelling and informative text, and you're bound to emerge with a new empathy for these much-maligned creatures of the deep.

A compassionate and visually arresting book.

**THE POWER THAT'S OURS**

*By Gary Hirson (Calm in a Storm)*

In this follow-up to *The Magic That's Ours*, photographer and storyteller Gary Hirson sets out to introduce children to the very grown-up concepts of goal-setting, visualisation, and affirmation.

But he does so in a fun and easy-to-understand way, using an interactive adventure tale to lead his readers on a journey into a brave new world of challenges and opportunities.

Aimed at children aged 11 and up, the book includes a number of activities to encourage children to conceptualise and analyse through artistic means. With the emphasis on fun, relaxation and positive affirmation, the book gives readers the power to discuss and create a path to achieving their chosen goals. The exercises can be done alone or in a group, making the book a powerful

tool for teachers to build self-confidence and creativity in the classroom.

**HOW TO SURF**

*Miles Masterson (Penguin)*

This easy-to-read guide gives beginner and intermediate riders of the ocean waves a comprehensive overview of the sport in South Africa.

More than just an instruction manual, it provides readers with all they need to know about the surfing lifestyle in South Africa. The author, a Hout Bay resident, has been surfing for more than 25 years, and it shows in the depth of his knowledge and his easygoing yet informative style.

There are also informative chapters on surf history, surfboards, cross-training, big wave riding, surf-travel and the environment.

The text is accompanied by drawings and sequences by celebrated Jeffreys Bay surf artist, Stephen Bibb. If you've always stood on the shore and watched surfers enjoying their adrenaline-filled sport, this is the book you need to splash right in and Hang Ten with them. 😊