Dive into ocean discovery with ...

Eugenie Clark

Eugenie Clark's **FASCINATION** with sea creatures began in the early **1930s**, when she was just nine years old. Eugenie's mother needed something for her daughter to do while she went to work on Saturday mornings. One day, she dropped Eugenie off at the nearby **New York City Aquarium**. Eugenie was **HOOKED!**

She returned every Saturday, exploring **DEEPER** and **DEEPER** into underwater worlds.

"I brought my face as close as possible to the glass and pretended I was walking on the bottom of the sea."

Eugenie went on to become a **MARINE BIOLOGIST** and learned to **SCUBA DIVE**. This was a very unusual career for a woman at the time.

"I travelled to TROPICAL oceans to study fish. I had to ignore lots of people who told me this was too DANGEROUS for a girl.

Eugenie became well known for the **INCREDIBLE SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERIES** she made, and the **ADVENTURES** she had making them!

Never out of her depth, Eugenie studied creatures considered so **DEADLY** they should be avoided at all costs ...

SHARKS!

"people generally thought sharks were DUMB eating machines. I began to realise that these GANGSTERS OF THE DEEP had gotten a bad rep."

In the **1950s**, Eugenie successfully trained a nurse shark to hit a target. This showed that sharks are intelligent creatures.

In **1973**, Eugenie observed sharks that appeared to 'sleep' in an underwater cave in Mexico. Previously people thought that all species of shark had to swim at all times to breathe.

"The sea should be ENJOYED and the animals in it. When you see a SHARK you should say, 'How LUCKY I am.'"

In **1981**, a brave Eugenie hitched a ride on a passing 50-foot-long whale shark!

Eugenie made her last dive in **2014** – she was **92** years old!

Eugenie became known as the 'SHARK LADY'. She inspired people around the world to learn about our oceans and to respect ALL underwater creatures EQUALLY.