

Shark Beach

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While on a beach holiday with her Samoan relatives, Tausala and her cousins witness a shark attack. The tension mounts when their family dog, Piki, goes to the rescue.

A glossary of Samoan words and a pronunciation guide are provided at the beginning of the book.

**Themes include: Teenage migrant experiences, cultural heritage (Samoan tattoos), friendships and conflict resolution.*

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from the beach because they break along the reef."

Sione explained. "We don't swim here because the lifeguards don't patrol this beach."

"Not many people come here because it isn't safe to swim," said Aunty. "But it's an off-leash beach so it's great for Piki."

"I don't want to see you kids swimming in the ocean," said Uncle. "Sharks swim here,

especially at dawn and dusk. There are strong currents too."

"Malie!" Tausala cried.

"Don't worry about the sharks," Mary laughed. "We can swim in the creek. It's safe there."



At the campground everyone helped to put up the tents. Uncle and Aunty had a large green tent with a big awning on the front. This was where they put the cooking equipment and a table and chairs.