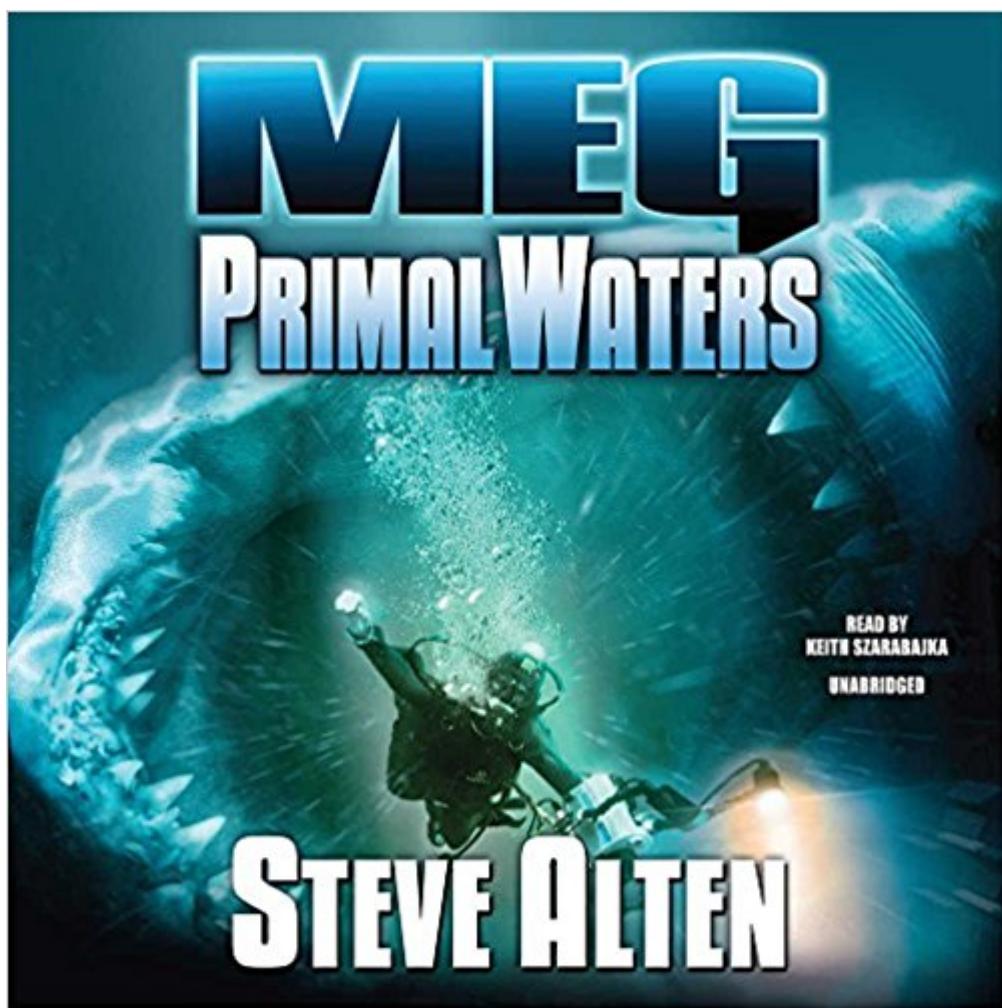


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# Meg: Primal Waters (Meg Series, Book 3)



## Synopsis

[Read by Keith Szarabajka]It was the greatest predator of all time, the most fearsome creature that ever lived -- a seventy-foot, seventy-thousand-pound great white shark. Its jaws, filled with hundreds of seven-inch serrated teeth, could swallow an elephant whole. It could sense its prey from miles away, and if you ever came close enough to see the monster it was already too late.Eighteen years have passed since Jonas Taylor last crossed paths with the Carcharodon megalodon. Now a middle-aged father of two, he is overwhelmed by mountains of bills and the daily strife of raising a family. But life is about to change. A Hollywood television producer wants Jonas to join his new survival series: The Daredevils. For the next six weeks, two teams of crazy daredevils on a South Pacific ocean voyage will try to outperform one another in front of the cameras. Jonas needs the money, and working on the color commentary seems easy enough. But behind the scenes, someone else is pulling the strings. And before it's over, Jonas will again come face to face with the most dangerous creatures ever to stalk the oceans.

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## Customer Reviews

The giant prehistoric shark, carcharodon Megalodon, that put Alten on bestseller lists with his debut novel, Meg (1997), and its follow-up, The Trench, returns in a messy, exuberant, potboiling action thriller. It's 18 years since Angel, spawn of the "meg" in Meg, chomped her way through many humans (as well as through most critics' sensibilities); her nemesis, Jonas Taylor, is now 63 and in financial trouble. For money and perhaps a retaste of youth, Jonas agrees to star

in a top-rated reality series, *Daredevils*, unaware that a meg-lover who's envious of Jonas's fame plans to feed Jonas to a meg lured to the middle of the ocean. Meanwhile, Angel returns to her California hunting grounds and another meg creates havoc on the coast of Washington State. The narrative runs in overdrive from start to finish, as Alten munches on the reality show phenomenon, ocean ecology and family issues (tensions among Jonas, his kids and his wife), but all those are merely the fibers connecting the novel's powerful muscle: the shark attack scenes, which are numerous and exciting and, toward the end, intercut as frantically as an MTV video. This title probably won't sell as well as Alten's first two *Meg* novels, but the novelty of an aging action hero adds general interest, and the author's many devoted fans should devour it. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This latest novel in Alten's *MEG* adventure-thriller series concerns a 57-foot, 64,000-pound prehistoric shark loose in the South Pacific. The "most fearsome creature in the sea," the Megalodon shark has ruled the planet's oceans for millions of years, surviving the cataclysms that wiped out the dinosaurs and adapting to climate changes that devastated other prehistoric marine species. Alten begins with an informative description of the Pacific Ocean and its inhabitants, the Monterey Bay off California, and the islands of New Guinea and its surrounding waters. He also offers a brief history of the Ice Age, setting the tone for the fictional narrative that follows. Now enter Jonas Taylor, who joins the crew in filming a TV survival series called *Daredevils* aboard a replica of a Spanish galleon. Taylor eventually comes face to face with this monster--which, of course, comes as no surprise to readers. Who wins this violent struggle probably won't come as a surprise either, but Alten's imaginative tale will keep readers turning the pages to make certain their guess, intuition, or "readerly" instinct is correct. George CohenCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Not since reading *Jaws* back when I was 12 years old has a book made my heart race and I become so anxiety ridden that I quickly read the next chapter to see who makes it after their encounter with the Meg. I immediately buy the next book in the series so that I can continue the adrenaline pumping good time, almost akin to the *Daredevils*. An old nemesis appears in this book which answers questions from the previous book. Mr. Steve Alten certainly covers ALL his bases where these books are concerned. Well I must be off, the next *Meg* book awaits my enthusiastic attention.

I know most reviews of this book seem to think this is the weakest of the series and I don't agree with them. I really liked the entire series and there's one more to go so hang in there. I bought the books one at a time over the last few years and I have to say they were kind of hard to come by. I hadn't been using then so I was looking for them in the book stores. It all started when I was looking for something kind of science fiction to read and I just happened to see the unique cover and thought it looked interesting. I bought and read the books out of order and after I had them all I went back and re-read the entire series. I was really happy when I found out from the author's website that he had also written a prequel. It was only available from , and only available for the kindle for a whopping 99 cents. I didn't have a kindle and I wrote to the author to kind of complain that I had read all of this series (more than once) and now I wouldn't get to read the prequel.

Surprise...he wrote me back and told me how to download a kindle app for my computer. I did just that and now a few years later I'm in the process of buying all of this series for my new kindle that I got for Mother's day this year. Unfortunately not all of the series is available on eBook yet. I can't wait to get the rest of the series. You won't be disappointed if you get this book. It does stretch the imagination, but come on...isn't that what the whole series is about. I've read reviews that complain about how farfetched and contrived some of the situations are. That's kind of laughable isn't it? This is a book about a 76 foot long Megalodon and it's science fiction so you just need to go with the flow. Hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

I enjoyed MEG and was thrilled with its followup THE TRENCH, but PRIMAL WATERS was a step backward. The story/plot is a product/cash-in of the early 2000's reality show craze (which is apparently here to stay), and it's grating. The reality show plot feels sorely dated now and it affects the enjoyment of the read. Like the previous novels, Alten writes terrible dialogue, but the science, geography and Meg attacks are in top form here. I also enjoyed the development of the son, David, while the daughter was a total throwaway. This time around Terry gets another compelling adventure that's just as interesting (if not more in this book) than Jonas's. Overall, you've gotta read it if you're a fan of the series, and despite the lame reality show backdrop, it's still a page-turner with a few brutal and imaginative scenes that makes for some intense yet easy reading. I've heard HELL'S AQUARIUM is an improvement so I'm looking forward to reading it.

Discovered this author at a library book sale. Became so engrossed with the story that I bought that the rest of the series and donated it to my library so they would have a complete set (after I read

first :) )

Eighteen years have elapsed for the characters since the last book, and twenty two since the first Meg surfaced. Jonas has aged, had kids, and, along with his wife, entered a serious midlife crisis. The book carries the same formula of biology and evolutionary lessons mixed with horror and action scenes. At times the action sequences defy believability, but they keep the overall pace of the book moving rapidly. There's also more color into the lives of the main characters. By the end of the novel you feel more insight into their personalities than the first two books combined. Good story in all. I'd relate this to the first like I'd relate T2 to the original Terminator movie. The first was more of a horror story, while the latter has even more Hollywood elements (more kid involvement and action scenes) in it. The same is true here. With that in mind, I gotta admit I wanted to see what would happen if one of the Megs duked it out with a nuclear submarine. Enjoy!

Love, love, love this book! Best of the MEG books in my opinion. Keeps your interest, develops the relationship between father/ daughter in the series. Do read these in order for better continuity. Very surprised that a series like this can have this many books and not get boring or stale, and this one does not. Steve Alten delivers! And even more interesting new evidence on Nat Geo Channel on TV that Megalodon Species may still exist in the oceans today! Watch that too if you're interested in Cryptid species, really gets you thinking!

A real page turner. Couldn't put it down. Reading the whole MEG series now.

I love Steve and his meg stories, He is my favorite author, and I have waited so long for anything new for this series. Can't wait for a movie. Would see it and buy it for my collection. MEG RULES!~!! I am 72 years old and even old people love Meg...I grew up a commercial fisherman's daughter but still don't want Meg killed off. We must protect our oceans and everything in it. (even Meg). We are destroying our land animals, Steve is showing us we will destroy our oceans and everything in it too. He gives us a view into the minds of sea creatures and their fight to survive. When we intrude into their world and get bitten or killed we know the danger and can't expect for them to allow it. We are food!!! Thank you Steve for your insight..

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