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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

So how bad is this spawn of Meg, which Doubleday declined to publish (albeit perhaps in an earlier version)? About as badAand as goodAas its predecessor. Alten can still write a mean giant prehistoric shark scene, but he flails like a fish out of water at nearly everything else (of his #1 human villain, psycho billionaire Benedict Singer, he writes, "Benedict stood before the window, his arms outspread, emerald eyes blazing as he reveled in his glory"). It's four years after the bloody doings of Meg, and Angel, the daughter of the Carcharodon megalodon of that novel, is now terrifying tourists at a Monterey aquarium. She escapes, however, and starts eating themAmunching on yacht-goers, a kayaker, a submarinerAand swallows other animals, including a media-darling whale named Tootie, before she returns to her home in the Pacific's Mariana Trench. The novel isn't all d?j?-vu shark action, though, since Alten bifurcates the narrative. While paleobiologist Jonas Taylor, who killed Meg, pursues Angel across the seas, his wife, Terry, suffers misadventures galore in the Trench as she tries to uncover exactly what that billionaire (who's in partnership with her father, who owns Angel), is up to 35,000 feet down: nasty work involving nuclear fusion supplies for terrorists, it turns out. Alten's evocation of the Trench and its dangers (including more prehistoric beasts), and of the machineryAsubs, minisubs and a giant underwater stationAthat would challenge them, is evocative and backed by rigorous scientific detail. His human vs. human conflict is screechingly melodramatic and his dialogue littered with exclamation points, but when Angel rolls back her eyes and opens her jaws for the kill, readers will remember with a thrill why they picked up this novel in the first place. (July)

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From Library Journal

The Meg (Carcharodon megalodon, a really, really big shark) is back in this sequel to Meg (LJ 5/1/97), which picks up right where Alten's last killer thriller left off (in the second chapter there's even a two-page synopsis recapping the previous action and plot to bring new readers up to speed). Angel, the female offspring of the Meg killed last time around, is being held in captivity and displayed by hero Jonas Taylor and aquarium-owner Masao Tanaka. But Angel is huge and deadly; when she escapes from the aquarium, the predictable rock 'em-sock 'em mayhem ensues. So Jonas must face death and his own fears once again and return to the Marianas Trench in another attempt to rid the world of this prehistoric menace. Nearly a carbon-copy of Meg, this action-packed technothriller reads like a movie script and won't provoke many thoughts but will satisfy fans of Meg and Peter Benchley. Recommended for most fiction collections.ARebecca House Stankowski, Purdue Univ. Calumet Lib., Hammond, IN

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From [Booklist](#)

Paleobiologist Jonas Taylor has nightmares about the lives lost when he first came upon a gigantic Megalodon shark. He is also troubled that his pride in vanquishing the beast and in the eventual capture of its offspring, Angel, outweighs caution against the danger she represents. His worst fears are realized when Angel smashes through the underwater steel doors confining her to the aquarium and heads home to the Mariana Trench. Jonas reluctantly teams with his father-in-law's partners, the ruthless Benedict Singer and his beautiful and conniving protege, Celeste, to find the white shark. Benedict and Celeste have a sinister hidden agenda. The shark isn't the real objective of the mission but plays well her killer role as she winds her way from Southern California to Alaska. While Jonas struggles with survivor's guilt and the seductive tricks of Celeste, his wife, Terry, fights for her life against the sadistic manipulations of Benedict nine miles beneath the sea. Alten's follow-up of *Meg* (1997) is a fast-paced thriller with many plot twists. *Vanessa Bush*

Users Review

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