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The little blue Shark

Sharks are gray, but not the little blue shark. He disappears into all the blue. As if everything is blue inside him too.

The little blue shark is different from other sharks. He doesn't fit in. He has the wrong color and the wrong taste. He doesn't like fish, only sea plants. He is alone and invisible.

Author Øyvind Vågnes and illustrator Akin Duzakin invite readers to a colorful world beneath the ocean surface.

The little blue shark is a story about being yourself, about feeling different and about friendship.

A strikingly beautiful little children's book.

- Belinda E. Kjernli, Bokvimmel

Dare to be a blue shark.

- Lena Ramberg, barnebokkritikk.no

The book has beautiful images where soft blues and warm hues illustrate life beneath the ocean surface in a harmonious and captivating way.

- Ida Kornberg, nynorsk bok.no

The little blue Shark is a beautiful and low-key picture book with a message of friendship and consideration.

- Morten O. Haugen

The good thing about the book is that it is suitable for both young and old. Finding friends is important for everyone.

- Live Serinna Vold Sørensen (10), Nytt i Uka

Øyvind Vågnes

Øyvind Vågnes (b. 1972–2025) was an author and writer from Brattvåg in Sunnmøre, living in Bergen. His novels are published by Tiden forlag. For the novel *Ekko* he received the Nynorsk Literature Prize. He was previously on the editorial board of the literary journal *Vagant*, and wrote regularly about music in the weekly newspaper *Dag & Tid*. Vågnes was also a professor of media studies, employed at the University of Bergen and published several



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In 2016 he debuted as a children's book author with the picture book *The little blue Shark*. He has also contributed a story to the anthology *The book of fantasies*.