

# Peter Benchley

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I've never been hurt by a sea creature, except for jellyfish and sea urchins.

~Peter Benchley

I believe implicitly that every young man in the world is fascinated with either sharks or dinosaurs.

~Peter Benchley

No, the shark in an updated JAWS could not be the villain; it would have to be written as the victim, for, worldwide, sharks are much more the oppressed than the oppressors.

~Peter Benchley

If man doesn't learn to treat the oceans and the rain forest with respect, man will become extinct.

~Peter Benchley

You're gonna need a bigger boat.

~Peter Benchley

There's nothing in the sea this fish would fear. Other fish run from bigger things. That's their instinct. But this fish doesn't run from anything. He doesn't fear.

~Peter Benchley

I know now that the mythic monster I created was largely a fiction.

~Peter Benchley

Sharks don't target human beings, and they certainly don't hold grudges.

~Peter Benchley

Reputations rise and fall almost as regularly as the tides.

~Peter Benchley

Without sharks, you take away the apex predator of the ocean, and you destroy the entire food chain

~Peter Benchley

Writing is sweat and drudgery most of the time. And you have to love it in order to endure the solitude and the discipline.

~Peter Benchley

The past always seems better when you look back on it than it did at the time. And the present never looks as good as it will in the future.

~Peter Benchley

Since writing JAWS, I've been lucky enough to do close to forty television shows about wildlife in the oceans, and yes, I have been attacked by sea creatures once in a while.

~Peter Benchley

I read very widely, both non-fiction and fiction, so I don't think there's a single writer who influences me.

~Peter Benchley

I don't believe in blaming inanimate objects for anything.

~Peter Benchley

I'm a babe in the woods when it comes to the Internet.

~Peter Benchley

I guess I'm a hopeful optimist, because to be a pessimist is to be suicidal.

~Peter Benchley

Just when you thought it was safe to go back in the water.

~Peter Benchley

Fascinations breeds preparedness, and preparedness, survival.

~Peter Benchley

Without the oceans there would be no life on Earth.

~Peter Benchley

Twenty-five years ago nobody knew much about white sharks.

~Peter Benchley

He would have lied to himself as facilely as an alcoholic lies to himself to justify the 10 a.m. tumbler of vodka : it may be early here, but in Baghdad it's almost evening.

~Peter Benchley

I dive as much as I can.

~Peter Benchley

The great fish moved silently through the night water.

~Peter Benchley

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