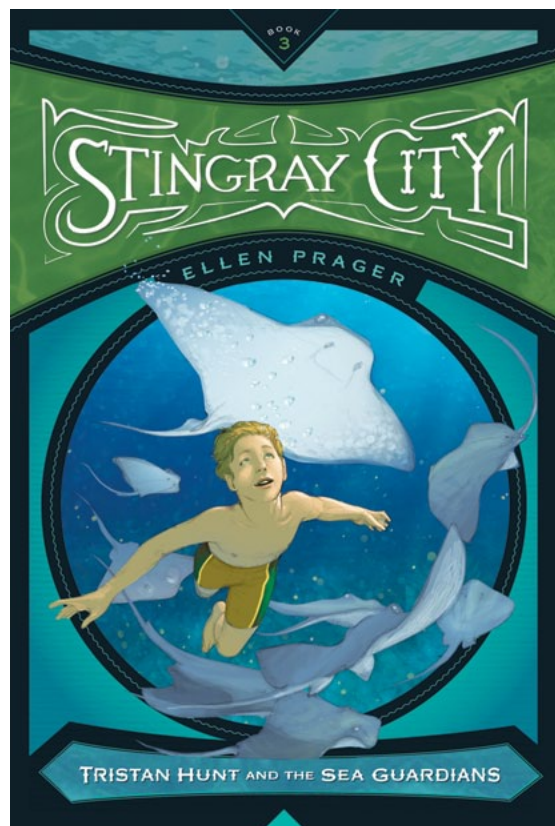


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- ▶ **Author is a nationally recognized marine scientist, public speaker, and published author of nine previous titles**
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Series Info

Tristan Hunt can talk to sharks!

And his friends have even stranger skills. When Tristan is invited to attend an ocean-themed summer camp, he learns how to use his talents in ways he never dreamed. Join Tristan and the Sea Guardians on daring adventures as they fight evil and solve mysteries to protect the ocean and its animals.





Dr. Ellen Prager is a marine scientist and author, formerly the chief scientist at the world's only undersea research station in the Florida Keys. With her ability to make science fun and understandable for people of all ages, she has built a national reputation as a spokesperson on earth and ocean science issues. Dr. Prager has participated in research expeditions to locations such as the Galapagos Islands, Papua New Guinea, Fiji, and throughout the Caribbean. She now acts as the science advisor to the Celebrity Cruise ship *Xpedition* in the Galapagos. She lives in St. Petersburg, Florida.



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“Prager really gets going when she allows sharks and stingrays to get snarky, and when she reveals to us that nothing in the sea will be safe unless everyone, even children, take aggressive action.”

—Nicholas Belardes, illustrator of *New York Times* best-selling novel *West of Here* and author of *A People's History of the Peculiar: A Freak Show of Facts, Random Obsessions and Astounding Truths* and *Lords*

Marketing Information

Audience

- ▶ Children Ages 8 to 12
- ▶ Readers of Fantasy and Adventure, Percy Jackson and the Olympians, and the Waterfire Saga series
- ▶ Readers interested in Marine Biology, Oceanography, and STEM
- ▶ Librarians, Teachers, Parents, and the Homeschool Market
- ▶ National Marine Educators
- ▶ Aquariums, Zoos, Wild Animal Parks, Nature Centers, and Museums
- ▶ Activity Groups, Book Clubs, Educational and Gift Programs

Industry Events

- ▶ PLA 2016
- ▶ Children's Book Week 2016
- ▶ BEA/BookCon 2016
- ▶ ALA 2016
- ▶ ILA 2016
- ▶ Heartland Fall Forum 2016
- ▶ Twin Cities Book Festival 2016
- ▶ NCTE 2016
- ▶ EBMA 2017

Marketing Strategy

- ▶ **Release Date** April 2016 (published to coincide with Earth Day, World Oceans Day, Shark Week, and Shark-Con)
- ▶ **Author Events/Tours** across the Gulf Coast, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, and California, particularly with schools, bookstores, museums, marine parks & aquariums, zoos, and nature centers
- ▶ **Collaboration and Speaking Engagements** with science and marine organizations
- ▶ **Digital Marketing Presence** with interactive series website and new blog tour featuring an excerpted graphic novelization of Book One, *The Shark Whisperer*

Curriculum Standards Alignment

- ▶ **Meets Common Core Standards for English Language Arts** that support figurative language, vocabulary, fact vs. fiction, and language progressive skills
- ▶ **Correlates with Common Core and Next Generation Standards for Science**, introducing children to natural phenomena, plants, animals, the physical environment, and environmental impacts
- ▶ **FREE Downloadable Educator's Guide** with language arts and science activities to enhance and enrich comprehension at home, in school, and in the library

“Appealing characters, non-stop adventure, and a sprinkling of humor blend with ... education about marine life and the ocean in fun and interesting ways.”

—VOYA Magazine, review of *The Shark Whisperer*