The Niuhi Shark Saga Trilogy

Series Overview

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| Set in contemporary Hawaii, the Niuhi Shark Saga is a young adult magic realism trilogy appropriate for grades 5 and up. It tells the story of  Zader (Alexander Kaonakai Westin) and his ‘ohana.  In a world where Pacific myths and legends come to life, fans of Disney’s Moana and Lilo & Stitch, The Karate Kid, and the Percy Jackson series will love The Niuhi Shark Saga Trilogy. Told in standard American English, but sprinkled with Hawaiian Pidgin English and Hawaiian in the dialogue, the series paints a vibrant picture of island life where legend and tradition are as much a part of life as eating and drinking.  The Niuhi Shark Saga is published by Makena Press. Books are available in hardback, trade paperback, and eBook from [**AMAZON**](https://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_ss_c_2_12?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=lehua+parker&sprefix=lehua+parker%2Caps%2C426), [**BARNES & NOBLE**](http://www.barnesandnoble.com/s/lehua+parker?_requestid=965368), and other national and international book stores. Each book contains a discussion guide and glossary. Free classroom materials are available for downloading on [**www.NiuhiSharkSaga.com**](http://www.niuhisharksaga.com/?page_id=135) |

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| ONE BOY, NO WATER  I’m doomed.  I’m Zader, the one who sits at the beach pavilion while my brother Jay surfs. It’s not enough that I’m the weird kid allergic to water. I’m the favorite punching bag of the Blalahs, a couple of mouth breathers who terrorize me simply because they can. Being adopted by the Westins made me part of their ‘ohana, but it didn’t make me normal, no matter how hard Jay fights for me.  When Jay and my friend Char Siu go to prestigious Ridgemont Academy next year, I’ll be suffering at Lauele High School. Uncle Kahana is teaching me Lua so I can defend myself, but the Blalahs are determined to catch me when Jay’s not around.  Everybody loves Jay. Me, too. Sometimes I wish I could be him.  But that’s not the worst of it.  In the middle of the night, I dream. There’s a mysterious girl who lives in a magical place and acts like she knows me better than I know myself. We hide from the Man with Too Many Teeth. Some nights I wake up with my heart pounding in my chest and the urge to eat raw meat.  It’s just a dream, right?  But then I saw him, the Man with Too Many Teeth, walking along the reef at Piko Point.  Not even Jay can protect me now.  *One Boy, No Water*  284 pages  ISBN-13: 978-1535411875  ISBN-10: 1535411872  ASIN: B01IWR66MS |

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| ONE SHARK, NO SWIM  It worked.  Jay’s no longer afraid of sharks. In the fall, I’m headed to Ridgemont Academy with Jay and Char Sui for our freshman year. The Blalahs have moved on to new targets. Even my water allergy is under control.  Life’s great, right?  Nope.  I can’t stop thinking about all the questions. How did imaginary Dream Girl’s lei end up in my bed? Who are my birth parents? Are they the ones leaving me strange and expensive gifts on my birthday? Who is the Man with Too Many Teeth, and why is he stalking me?  My dreams are nightmares. I don’t dare fall asleep.  People are lying to me, but I don’t know why. Uncle Kahana doesn’t trust me anymore. He’s training Jay and Char Siu to fight without me. Guro Hari’s supposed to be teaching me Filipino knife fighting, but I’m too scared to come out of the bathroom. Blades are sharp. I’d rather learn Lua and fight in the surf like Jay and Char Siu, but Uncle Kahana won’t let us share what we’re learning. He says it’s for our own safety, but I don’t believe him.  And then there’s Uncle Kahana’s Niuhi stories, Hawaiian myths about sharks in human form. If he’s right, even out of the water, no one’s safe.  I have a knife I call Shark Tooth.  I may have to use it.  That thought excites me.  And that’s the scariest thing of all.  *One Shark, No Swim*  314 pages  ISBN-13: 978-1535413404  ISBN-10: 1535413409  ASIN: B01IWTCYQS |

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| ONE TRUTH, NO LIE  I jumped.  When the ocean wrapped its arms around me, things were never going to be the same. I knew that. But I didn’t know the cost.  Kalei, The Man with Too Many Teeth, gave me an ultimatum. Bite Jay or watch as he murders everyone I love. Kalei will do it. I have no doubt.  Either way I end up alone.  Jay’s anger is going to be white-hot. Without his leg, he’ll never surf again. He’s my brother, but he’ll hunt me down and kill me for this. I know better than to think he’ll ever forgive me.  No matter what they say, I’m not Niuhi. I’m a Westin. I’m a kid. I go to high school and draw pictures and create art. Sharks are creatures of the sea. How can I live without Jay, Char Siu, Uncle Kahana, or Ilima in my life? Just me and my psycho sister Maka roaming the seas forever? No thanks.  There’s got to be more to my life than this. I refuse to believe that I’m destined to be a pawn in someone’s cosmic game.  I’m making my own rules now.  *One Truth, No Lie*  302 pages  ISBN-13: 978-1535413558  ISBN-10: 1535413557  ASIN: B01IWVBL8I |

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