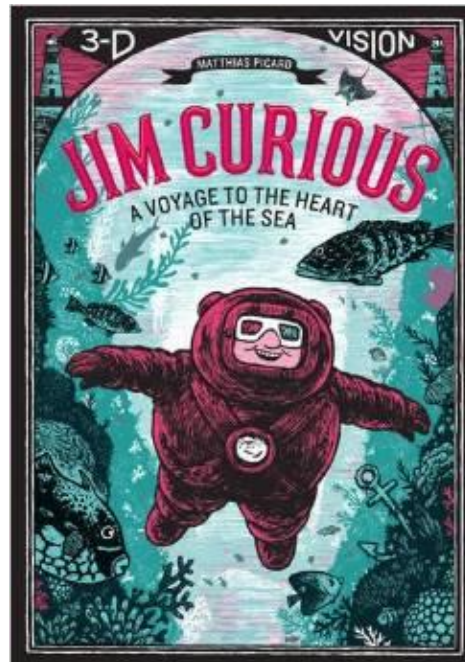


Children and Young Adult Book Review
Elementary School

**Jim Curious: A Voyage to the Heart of the Sea
in 3-D Vision**

Educator Reviewer: Xiaoli Hong

Student Reviewer: Darwin Gutierrez-Martinez



Picard, M. (2014). *Jim Curious: A voyage to the heart of the sea in 3-D vision*. New York, NY: Abrams.

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Educator Review:

After his graphic novel *Jeanine*, the graphic artistic Matthias Picard, who now lives in Paris France, presents another comic-style book, which is wordless, in picture book format and rendered in 3-D version. Readers of this book follow the young boy, clad in an enormous diving suit, into the depth of the sea for explorations. The 3-d experiences make the whole adventure incredible and amazing for readers as they share the boy's journey in meeting various marine animals, being stalked by a shark, seeing a sunken fighter plane, and finding what appears to be the ruins of Atlantis under the sea. The illustration is intricate, detailed and, on occasion, a little too dense. Overall, the comic-book style adds fun to the adventure.

There are two pairs of red-and-blue 3-D glasses at the back of the book, which provide the possibilities of children reading with their friends, parents reading with their children, teachers reading with their students. The glasses offer readers a true immersion into the undersea wonderland. The deeper readers go, the more mysterious it gets.

Originally published in France, this imported book will surely bring much fun to children and adults. Parents can read with their children to explore shipwrecks, sea creatures, and teachers can encourage children to discuss the details and progression of the adventure. Overall, it is a book that holds great pleasure and sophistication of undersea experiences for both children and adult readers as well.

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*The 3-D experiences
make the whole
adventure incredible*

Student Review:

The student who read this book is not yet able to write. After reading the book, he was asked questions and the answers follow.

Can you tell me what this book is about?

It is about an adventure in the water.

Will you tell me what you saw in the book?

I saw a bear, a monster and a shark.*

Why do you think Jim wanted to go on an adventure?

Because it would be fun!

Have you ever been on an adventure?

Yes.

Where?

The beach and the zoo.

If you went on this adventure like Jim did, what would you look for?

If I went on this adventure I would look for fish and [a] shark. The fish don't bite and the sharks do.

What was your favorite part of this book?

The animals (points to different animals in the sea). This (he also points to a fold-out page with all the sea creatures spread across four pages).

Do you think other kids might enjoy this book?

Yes.

Who?

My friends at school.

Is there anything else you want to tell me about the story?

The pictures are colorful.

He lives in the water.

Jim looks happy (he points to Jim smiling).

*There is no bear. Jim Curious, however, in his diving suit facing backwards does look remarkably like a bear.

Darwin Gutierrez-Martinez

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