

OCEAN WARRIORS

The Rise of Robo-Shark

Candice Lemon-Scott

Book to Screen Pitch

SUMMARY

In the future, sea life is virtually extinct. Child geniuses, Kai and Emily, are posted to a submarine for summer camp to help restore extinct species. Kai would rather be home playing virtual reality games than restoring the icky sea cucumber.

Until one day he sees an 'extinct' great white shark, and it's a cyborg. No one believes Kai's tale.

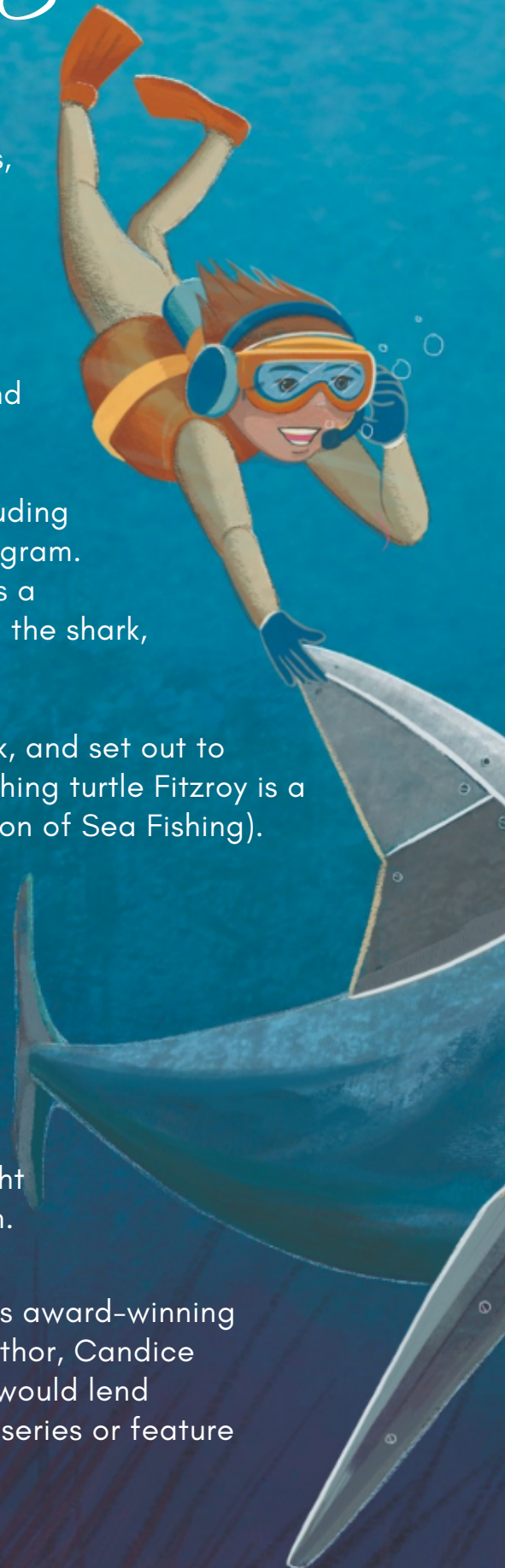
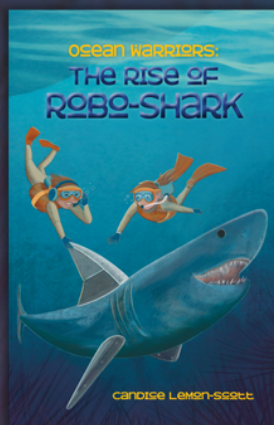
The friends set out to prove the robo-shark exists, including Wendy, head of the Restoration of Extinct Species program. Kai creates a shark communication device and survives a hair-raising attempt to attach it. Able to now talk with the shark, they finally are able to show Wendy it's real.

The kids form an unlikely friendship with the robo-shark, and set out to restore the species. But after learning Kai's bum-breathing turtle Fitzroy is a spy, their operation is shut down by the ASF (Association of Sea Fishing).

In a last attempt to save the species, the kids create a growth accelerator, and the shark embryo is transformed and released in jaw-snapping speed.

With the presence of the robo-shark and a glowing green and growing great white, the goons from ASF lose the battle to stop them, and the apex predator is brought back from the brink of extinction.

A sequel has been written by this award-winning and internationally published author, Candice Lemon-Scott, and these stories would lend themselves well to an animated series or feature with international appeal.



The story resonates with the following films/series:

TITLE

Octonauts
Ocean Girl
Extrapolations

WHY

Aligns with child-centred ethos of ocean care
Deep ecology science fiction
Themes of significant damage to ocean

FIVE KEY STRENGTHS would make this story a visually appealing and successful screen adaptation including:

- Important environmental topics of ocean sustainability and species endangerment and extinction. Educational in that there are themes of overfishing and sharkfinning, as well as respect for apex predators, even if they are big and scary.
- Fun, humorous science fiction themes that kids will enjoy with added narrative driver of mystery.
- Anthropomorphized animals that hold wide appeal for young viewers and appeals to a fascination with sharks.
- STEM themes and education around topics such as stem cell research and species preservation.
- Theme of the individual standing up against big corporations to save the environment (David and Goliath style).

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