

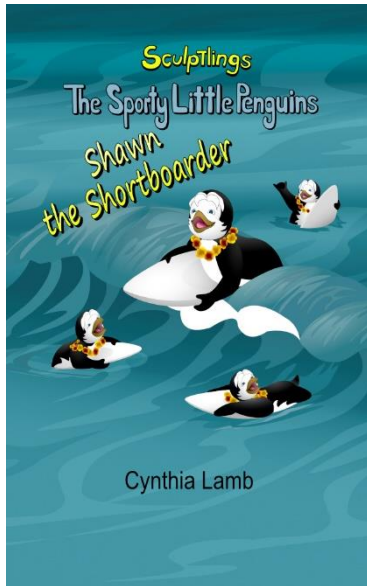


## Topic and Discussion Page

### Shawn the Shortboarder

#### The Sporty Little Penguins Series

Inspirational Book For Kids (Uses Metaphors to describe life's challenges.)



Shawn the Shortboarder is a book full of positive quotes. Shawn helps kids live in the moment and to have a positive mind set about their daily challenges and circumstances with metaphors.

In this story the word wave is symbolic, it is a metaphor used to describe life's challenges or problems. Shawn's encouraging message is about having a positive perspective. He teaches kids to be persistent and determined. He explains what to do when a "problem" or "challenge" comes at you like a "wave". And how to paddle in the current in order to get through situations easier. Shawn uses fear to his advantage and he conquers each "wave" or "problem" by being courageous and brave.

Shawn the Shortboarder is an inspiring message about having a positive perspective on life. An encouraging book for young kids.

#### Book Topics

- Quotes on Thinking Positive
- Uses Surfing Metaphors
- How to Handle a "Wave" or Problems
- How to Overcome Everyday Anxiety and Stressful Situations with a Positive Mind Set

#### Ideas for how to review this book with kids 7-8:

- Discuss what a metaphor is. Review each sentence and what Shawn means by the words that he uses.
- What does the word "Wave" stand for in the story?
- What type of "waves" are there?
- How do you "surf through life" being happy?
- What could the current represent?

#### Tips on Topics and Discussions for Advanced Readers:

- What does Shawn tell us to do when a "big wave" is coming down on us?
- What does Shawn mean when he says "Living in the moment"?
- What does "if you fall down and tumble around once or twice" mean?

#### Compare Books

Try comparing the story Shawn the Shortboarder with other Sculptlings Books, such as Joe the Snowboarder and compare the 2 messages.

- Try comparing the characters and their lessons. How are they different? How are they the same? (Example: Both Shawn and Joe have a positive perspective on life.)