

LEARN THE TRUTH ABOUT SHARKS FROM A MAN WHOSE LIVELIHOOD DEPENDS ON THEM.....

What kind of man goes out in a 22-foot-long boat, by himself, to catch 16-foot sharks? What drives him to painstakingly document the behavioral details of every one of the 6,000 sharks he's caught between the beach and six miles offshore?

Spanning four decades, *Sharkman of Cortez* takes the reader through the adventures and perils of Captain Bill, a man determined to make his living from the sea. His tale begins in 1967, when he runs away from the frigid north to a picnic table on the white sandy beach of Siesta Key, Florida. Through the lazy Sixties hippy haze, he gets his first job on a crab boat and begins what he believes will be a life of fulfilling all his dreams. He encounters colorful local characters along the way, while carving out a living and pioneering some of the most innovative ways to capture, view, document, photograph and sell sharks, dead or alive.

"His unbelievable personal encounters with sharks put us right on the boat beside him, while his battles on land with love give a personal view of the life... *Sharkman of Cortez* is a dramatic journey to manhood and a constant struggle to overcome lies, betrayal and the personal demons of The Shark Man."

—Rusty Armstrong, Director, *The Shark Con*

—Steven Pavon, Writer, *The Shark Con*

The inspiration for the documentary *The Shark Con*, Captain Bill Goldschmitt is an advocate of fishermen and hunters worldwide. He has sold live sharks to Marineland, Mote Marine Laboratory, Miami Seaquarium, SeaWorld and the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago. Inspired by Captain Bill Gray, Director of Collections at the Miami Seaquarium, Captain Bill began writing what would become *Sharkman of Cortez* in 1970.



His recent collaboration with Marisa Mangani, an Old Florida specialist, has wrapped his stories, his decades-long research, and his controversial but factual take on the "environmentalist movement" into a poignant and adventure-packed memoir.