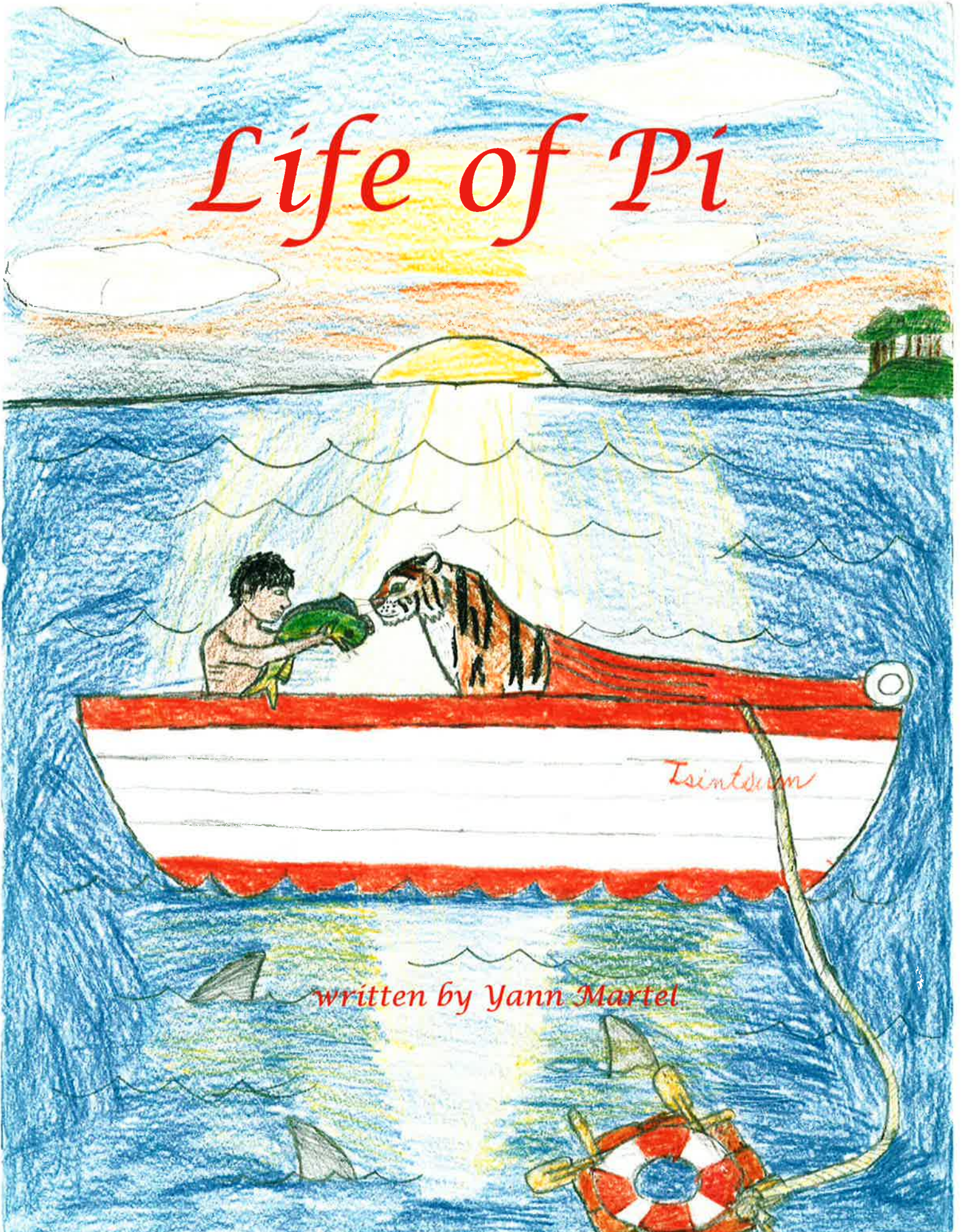


Pi Molitor Patel is a boy whose family owns a zoo in Pondicherry, India. Pi is a born Hindu, but he soon discovers the religions of Christianity and Islam, after meeting a Muslim man and a priest. Fascinated by all of these religions, Pi decides to become a Christian, a Hindu, and a Muslim, despite the fact that everyone around him thinks it is impossible to be all three religions. But Pi does not care that they are different religions, he just wants to love God.

When Pi is sixteen, his family decides to sell their zoo and move to Canada. They board a ship called "The Tsimtsum" with their animals and set sail across the vast Pacific Ocean. A storm hits and kills most of the people and animals on board. Pi survives along with an orangutan named Orange Juice, a zebra, and a hyena, who escape to a life boat. Pretty soon all of the other animals die off except for one stowaway, Richard Parker, a 450 pound Bengal tiger. In order to survive, Pi must learn to live with Richard Parker, survive the vast Pacific, and find and kill ocean animals for food, even though he is a vegetarian. Pi must do all of this on order to survive on a life boat in the middle of the ocean.

Life of Pi



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